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NEWSLETTER
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May 1 ~ Beltaine - 1st day of the Celtic Summer

May 9 ~ Happy Mother's Day!!!!!!

May 31 ~ Memorial Day



Mother McAuley Division

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A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT MCMAHON

May begins with the Feast of St Joseph the Worker and the month entire is devoted to Mary; customarily May Crowning will be in the first week followed by First Communions and often Confirmations. Our Catholic faith and fraternal practice teach us the importance of the family and work and new life in Christ especially in Spring when new life is beginning all around. As we progress to Ascension Day the fields and animals are blessed, and prayers are said for the successful planting. It is no wonder that the Pagan Feast of Beltane also celebrated in a similar way before Christianity arrived. Thank you to everyone who attended the Division meeting in person or on Zoom. I am very happy that the new technology is helping us to stay connected.

Thank you also to those I spoke to who could not attend the meeting. Thank you also to the Bavarian Sports Club for offering the use of their facility at no charge to us.

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A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Warm Greetings & Happy Mother's Day to all! May 27 the LAOH is going to try for an in person meeting at a restaurant that has outside dining. Please watch for an email for location. If you are interested please email me at anndollman@yahoo.com and I will add you to our list. June 25-27 is the Ohio State convention. I am hoping to attend so we can have representation and I can bring back any new ideas. We are hoping to do the Sand Piper Cruise down the Maumee river in August and a possible Hibernian Fun night in June. Please keep Linda's return to health in your prayers. Let's keep each other in our prayers. Stay healthy and God bless each of you. In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Ann Dollman, Lucas County LAOH President



A Message from the crazy editor, Maury Collins
Heidi will celebrate her tenth birthday on May 25th
WOOF!!!!!!

FULL CONVENTION INFORMATION:
<https://ohioaoh.com/2021-state-convention>

MAY, 2021

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MAY 1 - BELTAINE - FIRST DAY OF THE CELTIC SUMMER

Beltaine was a time of fertility and unbridled merrymaking, when young and old would spend the night making love in the Greenwood. In the morning, they would return to the village bearing huge budding boughs of hawthorn (the may-tree) and other spring flowers with which to bedeck themselves, their families, and their houses. They would process back home, stopping at each house to leave flowers, and enjoy the best of food and drink that the home had to offer. In every village, the maypole—usually a birch or ash pole—was raised, and dancing and feasting began. Festivities were led by the May Queen and her consort, the King who was sometimes Jack-in-the-Green, or the Green Man, the old god of the wildwood. They were borne in state through the village in a cart covered with flowers and enthroned in a leafy arbor as the divine couple whose unity symbolized the sacred marriage of earth and sun.

A Mother's Love Is A Blessing

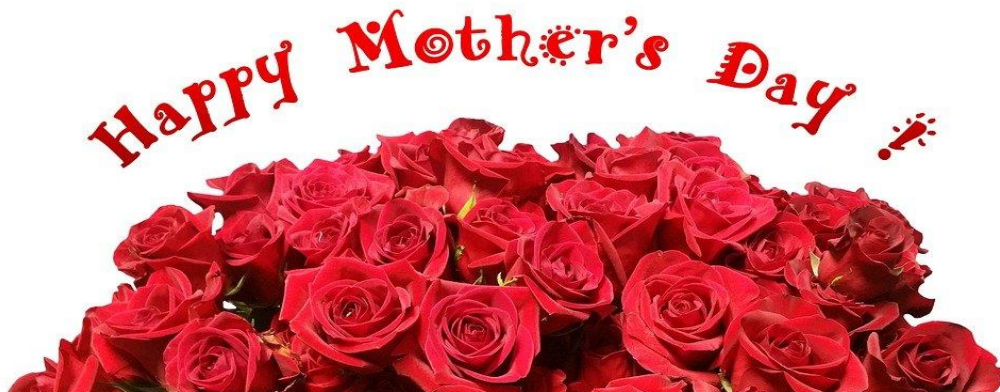
[Susan McCann](#)

As an Irish boy was leaving
Leaving his own native home,
Crossing the broad Atlantic waves,
Once more he wished to roam,
And as he was leaving his mother,
While standing on the Quay,
She threw her arms around his waist
And this to him did say:

A mother's love is a blessing,
No matter where you roam.
Keep her while she's living,
For you'll miss her when she's gone.
Love her as in childhood,
Now feeble, old and grey,
For you'll never miss your mother's love
'Til she's buried beneath the clay.

And as the years grow onward,
He'll settle down in life,
He'll choose a nice young Irish girl,
And he'll take her for his wife.
And as the kids grow older,
They'll play up on his knee
Sure he'll teach them the very same lesson
That my mother sure taught to me:

No you'll never miss your mother's love
'Til she's buried beneath the clay.



IRISH INVENTIONS

HORSE-RACING



The racing of horses over fences is known as 'National Hunt Racing' and originated in Ireland in the early eighteenth century. The original 'pounding races' involved cross-country treks where the animals were required to jump over ditches and hedgerows and whatever other obstacles they met along the way.

A very early record of such a race is from the year 1752 and records a race between Buttevant and Doneraile in County Cork, some 4.5 miles, about the same distance as the modern 'Grand National' race at Aintree. Together with the 'Gold Cup' at Cheltenham these two races form the pinnacle of the National Hunt Racing calendar. The race in Cork was marked at the start and finish by a Church and it is thus that the term 'steeplechase' was born.

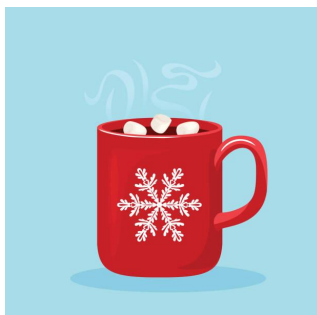
WHISKEY



The distillation of alcoholic liquid from fermented grain mash has been documented as far back as the Babylonians four thousand years ago. But the moment the word Whiskey came into being is actually pinpointed as being the year 1405 in the 'Annals of Clonmacnoise' of Count Offaly, in the very heart of Ireland. The word 'Whiskey' is an expanded anglicized form of the Irish word 'uisce' meaning

'water'. The Gaelic words for Whiskey are 'uisce beatha' meaning 'water of life'. Uisce is pronounced 'ish-keh' so it is easy to see how this could transform into the modern pronunciation of Whiskey that we know today.

HOT CHOCOLATE



The sweet elixir known as hot chocolate that is the love of children and adults the world over was actually invented by Hans Sloane (1660-1753), who was born at Killyleagh in County Down in Ulster. As a young man he studied Botany and Pharmacy in London. He travelled to Jamaica as a physician to the Governor of Jamaica, expanding his botanical knowledge greatly, recording over 800 new species of plant-life.

He noted that the local population would drink cocoa powder in water, a taste he found very displeasing but found a new way of enjoying the drink by mixing it with milk and sugar. He returned to England and it was not long before the famous Cadbury Brothers were selling 'Sloane's Drinking Chocolate', later known as 'hot chocolate' or 'cocoa'.



MEMORIAL DAY ~ MAY 29



**We walked among the crosses
 Where our fallen soldiers lay.
 And listened to the bugle
 As TAPS began to play.
 The Chaplin led a prayer
 We stood with heads bowed low.
 And I thought of fallen comrades
 I had known so long ago.
 They came from every city
 Across this fertile land.
 That we might live in freedom.
 They lie here 'neath the sand.
 I felt a little guilty
 My sacrifice was small.
 I only lost a little time
 But these men lost their all.
 Now the services are over
 For this Memorial Day.
 To the names upon these crosses
 I just want to say,
 Thanks for what you've given
 No one could ask for more.
 May you rest with God in heaven
 From now through evermore.
 C. W. Johnson**

THE TUROE STONE



The Turoe Stone sculpture is a masterpiece of Irish Iron Age art and normally stands in the village of Bullaun near Loughrea, Co Galway. It had been moved in the 1850s from its original location near the Rath of Feerwore, an Iron Age ring-fort structure, at nearby Kiltullagh.

ōTuroeö derives from ōCloch an Tuair Ruaö meaning ōThe Stone of the Red Pastureö. This white phallus-shaped monument, standing 1.68 metres high, is sculpted and decorated in the La Tène Celtic art style (strongly influenced by Etruscan and Greek art) and is considered to be an important example of Irish sculpture influenced by Celtic culture of the late Iron Age. Its complex decorative patterns seem to be part of a Celtic artistic tradition that was earlier responsible for the carvings at Newgrange, and later responsible for the High Cross sculptures of the Irish Medieval Christian era, under the influence of missionaries and monasteries after the collapse of Rome.

The Turoe Stone is carved from granite and covered with intricate La Tène designs produced in low relief to a depth of about 1 inch. In fact, it has been hailed as one of the finest examples of La Tène art in Europe, and in its Irish context, the art is assignable

to the Iron Age, and specifically the last three centuries Before Christ. The abstract artwork consists of a continuous series of curved lines, including circles, concentric spirals and other curvilinear motifs such as trumpet-ends and triskeles. A number of key-designs are also visible.

During the mid-nineteenth century, the stone sculpture was moved from its original position at a local Iron Age ring-fort known as the Rath of Feerwore, (ōRathö meaning fortified farmstead, ōFír Mhórö meaning great men). The precise function of the Turoe Stone at this Iron Age fort remains unknown, but the amount of craftsmanship and artistic skill lavished upon the sculpture suggests that it possessed enormous religious, ceremonial or ritualistic significance. Some Iron Age historians believe that the word ōRedö in the place name ōTuroeö indicates its use as a place of human or animal sacrifice, while other archeologists believe the particular La Tène artistry indicates that the stone was originally carved in France by Celtic sculptors and later moved to Ireland. Even so, the stone marks an important step in the history of Irish art, exemplifying the creativity of the Ancient Celts.

Several other Iron Age La Tène sculptures have survived: they include the egg-shaped Castlestrange Stone, in Co Roscommon, the Killycluggin Stone in Co Cavan, the Mullaghmast Stone in Co Kildare, the Derrykeighan Stone in Co Antrim, and the famous Navel Stone at Delphi, in Greece.

The stone is now positioned on the lawn in front of Turoe House in the town of Loughrea, Co Galway. The stone is set in a concrete base and metal grille to prevent grazing cattle using it as a scratch post.

History of Memorial Day



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States.

In 2012, the New York Times reported that as many as 25 different places claimed to have begun Memorial Day. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. as the birthplace of Memorial Day, where the village held an event on May 5th 1866. It is known that other informal observations took place before that, such as on May 1st 1865 (two weeks before the end of the Civil War), newly freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina, held a ceremony reburying fallen Union soldiers with a proper burial.

While there is some dispute as to the origin of the day, the first Decoration Day was observed on May 30th 1868, under proclamation by General John A. Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first official observation involved placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery with Pre-President James Garfield delivering a speech.

Some believe General Logan planned the first Decoration Day for May 30th, because both Northern and Southern states would have flowers in bloom by then, though others say the date was chosen because it didn't coincide with the anniversary of any battles.

In 1868, about 5,000 people decorated graves at Arlington National Cemetery's first Memorial Day ceremony. About the same number of people still gather there annually.

By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30th up to 1971 when the National Holiday Act of 1971, designated the last Monday in May to be the Federal holiday.

Since the late 1950s, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

Each year, the president requests that all governors of the United States direct the flag to be flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels. U.S. citizens are also asked to display the flag at half-staff from their homes before noon.

HOWTH PORTAL TOMB

Aideen's Grave

Located on the grounds of Howth Castle are the remains a huge megalithic monument. The quartzite capstone, which has slipped, weights an estimated 75 tons. Only Brownes Hill Dolman in County Carlow is larger. The portal tomb is aligned South East and the two portal stones, each one an estimated 2 1/2 metres high, and door stone still remain. The weight of this massive block long ago splayed out its uprights and broke its supporting stone; the capstone collapsed at its rear, embedding itself in the ground.

Fionn MacCumhaill began the legendary lineage of Iron Age warriors, and his son Ossian was the poet and chronicler of these Fianna. Ossian had a son, Oscar, who inherited the entire splendid battle prowess exhibited by his father and grandfather. He was known as the bravest of all the Fianna; he killed three kings in his first foray into battle.

Oscar's wife was the daughter of Angus who lived at Ben Edair (the Hill of Howth). The legends tell us that Oscar was treacherously slain by King Cairbre in 284 CE, after ferocious fighting at the Battle of Gavra, near the Hill of Tara in Co. Meath. It was this battle that spelled the end of the army of the Fianna

after the news of the battle reached Aideen, staying at her father's mansion at Howth, she was stricken with grief and died. Ossian and those of her husband's comrades who survived the slaughter were so moved by the dual tragedies that they built the cromlech at Howth, which we see in a collapsed state today.



WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Paddy is in the bedroom with his wife and says, "In the pub tonight I met the neighbor of ours, Mr. O'Reilly who lives opposite. He says he has just bought a telescope and it is so powerful, he can see the rings around Uranus!" "That's why we should always close the bedroom curtains when we are naked!" replies his wife.

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, an Irishman answered his door to find two grim-faced constables. "We're sorry, Mr. O'Flynn, but we have some information about your dear wife, Maureen," said one of the officers. "Tell me! Did you find her?" O'Flynn asked. The constables looked at each other and one said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?" Fearing the worst, Patrick said, "Give me the bad news first." The constable said, "I'm really sorry to tell you, sir, but early this morning we found your poor wife's body in the bay." "Lord suffering Jesus and Holy Mother of God!" exclaimed O'Flynn. Swallowing hard, he then asked, "What could possibly be the good news the constable continued, "When we pulled the late, departed poor Maureen up, she had 12 of the best-looking Atlantic lobsters that you have ever seen clinging to her. Haven't seen lobsters like that since the 1960s, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch." Stunned, O'Flynn demanded, "Glory be to God, if that's the good news, then what's the really great news?" The constable replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow!!"

Well, our lovely 90-year old Miss O'Leary is at it again....she was certain her horse would win the big race at the track, because the bookie told her it would start at twenty to one and the race didn't begin until quarter past.

A lady walked in to find her husband standing on the bathroom scale, holding his stomach in. "That won't help" she said. "Yes it will" her husband responded, "that's the only way I can see the numbers."

It is the first day at the kindergarten in Dublin when the children are no longer allowed to use baby words, but only words that adults use. "Sarah," says the teacher, "what did you do at the weekend?" "I went to visit my nana," replies Sarah. "No," says the teacher, "we don't say nana any more, what do we say?" "My grandmother," says Sarah. "And what did you do at the weekend, Pdraig?" asks the teacher. "I went for a ride on a choo-choo." "No," says the teacher, "we don't say choo-choo any more, what do we say?" And the little boy answers, "Train!" "Very good," says the teacher. "And what about you, Patrick?" asks the teacher. "I read a book." "Very good," says the teacher, "What was the name of the book?" Patrick replies, "Winnie the Sh*t!".

The nurse called back to the doctor, saying there was a man in the waiting room, who claimed that he was invisible. The doctor replied; "Tell him, I can't see him today."

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.' 'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?' The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.' Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?'

Did you hear about the Irish boomerang? It doesn't come back..but sings sad songs about how much it wants too.

Have you ever heard the story of
How Ireland got its name?
Well, I'll tell you so you'll understand
From whence old Ireland came.

No wonder that I love
That dear old land across the sea
For here's the way my dear old Father
Told the tale to me...

A little bit of heaven fell
From out the sky one day
And it nestled on the ocean
In a spot so far away.

And when the angels found it
It looked so sweet and fair
They said, "Suppose we leave it
For it looks so peaceful there."

So they sprinkled it with stardust
Just to make the shamrocks grow
'Tis the only place you'll find them
No matter where you go.

Then they dotted it with silver
To make its lakes so grand
And when they had it finished
And they called it Ireland!

A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

Jacob Keirn Brennan

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**2021 Hibernian
Ohio State Convention**

June 25-26, 2021
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Please make checks payable to **Ways and Means**.

Completed registration forms and payment can be mailed to:

Ways and Means, 26559 Chapel Hill Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070



History of the Easter Lily The Easter Lily (Irish: *Lile na Cásca*) is a badge in the shape of a calla lily flower, worn at Easter time by the Irish as symbol of remembrance for Irish republican combatants who died during or were executed after the 1916 Easter Rising, as well as, to honor all those who have given their lives in the cause of Irish freedom in 1916 and in every decade since. The first Easter Lily badges were originally designed in 1925 by the republican women's organization, Cumann na mBan. At that time, the dual purpose of the badge was to raise money for the Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund and to honor the sacrifice made by the men and women of the 1916 Rising. The original Easter Lily badge was hand-made by republicans, who sold it

often at great risk throughout the country. Traditionally, Easter Lilies were sold outside church gates on Easter Sunday and worn at republican commemorations. Today, republicans continue to honor the heroic sacrifice made in 1916, when republican revolutionaries, outnumbered and ill-equipped, took on the might of the British Empire and asserted in arms Ireland's right to freedom. Everyone is encouraged to wear the Lily at Easter time as an emblem that promotes the ideals of those Irish patriots who gave their lives that Ireland might be free. Mike Finn

If anyone would like to Purchase one of these pins to wear on your lapels please call Robert McMahon 419-902-6559 aohjohnpkellydivision@gmail.com. I have a few extra available at cost \$5.

SPRING CLEANING

We are planning to visit our storage shed in May and decide what we would like to keep and what we might be able to donate to a charitable group or member. We pay jointly with the Ladies for the unit, and it may not be necessary. Our hope is that we can eliminate this monthly expense. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ann Dolman or Robert McMahon 419-902-6559 aohjohnpkellydivision@gmail.com.



I was very excited to hear the financial secretary report from John McNulty. He told us that this year's dues collections showed good improvement so far compared to the previous year and some brothers are now reinstated. Thank you to all brothers who have paid your dues and commitment to our Order! This Spring is especially hopeful for many reasons. Not only has Christ Risen at Easter, but with more and more vaccinations perhaps we will be able to begin again our fraternal work. The biennial state convention will be held June 26-27 in Westlake near Cleveland. This is to be an in-person convention and we are planning to have a delegation attend to vote. If any brother has additional questions do not hesitate to contact me. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions on seating and groups,

there will not be an Irish night at the Mud Hens this year. Beyond the June convention, we are planning to have a joint picnic with the Ladies in July, a Sand-Piper River Cruise in late August, and a halfway to St. Patrick's Day Festival around September 17th. Dates and times are not yet set. Please continue to pray for our elected officials to value the lives of the unborn. Please also continue to pray for Ireland and that the recent unrest due to Brexit and Covid-19 may come to a peaceable and just end. May God Bless us all. In Charity, Robert McMahon

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