

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN  
NEWSLETTER  
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**June 11, 12 & 13 Riverfront Irish Festival**

**June 20 ~ Happy Father's Day**

**June 20 ~ Summer Solstice**

**June 25 & 26 Ohio State AOH~LAOH Convention**



# HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER



June, 2021

Mother McAuley Division

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## A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT MCMAHON

Having just celebrated the Feast of the Trinity on May 29<sup>th</sup>, we are reminded of the gift of St. Patrick's use of the Shamrock to explain the mystery. It was his work in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people throughout the world that inspired St. Columba whose feast is 9 June. St Columba founded many monasteries and in turn inspired many men and women to serve Christ. He is famous for bringing the Gospel to new places and being a holy man who would help bring people together. June is also the month of the Summer Solstice *Litha* and *St. John the Baptist Day*, beginning the time for the light to "decrease" until Christ's birth. *Newly wed couples were encouraged to jump through the Litha Fire and in general all peoples encouraged to light bonfires, and enjoy the changing of the seasons. As Hibernians it is important to celebrate with family and friends the changing of the seasons. Let us be inspired by these men to spread the Gospel as well as celebrate our Irish heritage. We are planning a joint picnic in July with the LAOH to help us celebrate. We are also planning to have a contingent attend the State convention in person this year. If you are interested please contact me. I would like have an in person/Zoom meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Bavarian Sports Club 2102 Lagrange Street Toledo. I know that this is not our usual day and time to meet, until we are again allowed to meet at other venues, it does provide a great space to meet as well as a great refreshment while meeting. In Charity, Robert*



## A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

I write this on Memorial Day weekend and thank all who have given of themselves for our country. Our gratitude is never ending. Happy Father's Day to all the men who inspire, care for and love us! The Ohio State Convention will take place June 25-27. Officers are needed at the State level for those who are interested, give me a call and I will help guide you through the process.

We have started meeting in person! YAY! Caed Mille Failte Jenna! We installed a new member at our first meeting back also! We voted to start a LEGACY membership. This would give a female family member their first year of membership FREE to try out being a LAOH member. You would be installed as a member and have your first year's due free of charge. Think of your daughters, the AOH wives, sister, moms, or aunts that have talked about joining. Now it is their chance to join! We look forward to meeting family members of our members and share our Irish heritage with them!

Our next meeting will be June 17th, Thursday, at 5:30pm at the Swan Creek picnic shelter off Airport Highway. If it rains or is inclement weather we will meet at Kathy and Mike Moeller's home. \*\*\*This is a Bring your own Brown Bag!\*\*\* meeting. Sunday,

August 1st at noon will be a picnic at Matt and Tricia Cassidy's home for members and family.

The Sand Piper River Cruise will take place Thursday August 19th, 7-9pm. Cost \$30 per person, please RSVP to Sherri McNeill 419-382-3429.

We are so happy to be able to get together! Looking forward to lots of friendship and fellowship once again.

# JUNE, 2021

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## Summer solstice 2021 in Northern Hemisphere will be at 11:31 PM on Sunday, June 20



It is the longest day for the Northern Hemisphere. Shortest day for the Southern Hemisphere. the Sun travels the longest path through the sky, and that day therefore has the most daylight. When the Summer Solstice happens in the Northern Hemisphere, the North Pole is tilted about  $23.4^\circ$  ( $23^\circ 27'$ ) toward the Sun.

Summer Solstice celebrations date back to ancient Ireland, over 5,000 years ago and it's still celebrated today! In order to banish any evil spirits that might harm their crops, the ancient Irish would light bonfires. Traditionally bonfires were lit in celebration atop the sacred hills of Ireland, the most important being on The Hill of Tara, the ancient seat of the High Kings of Ireland. This was a time of singing, dancing and feasting. It was customary for lovers to clasp hands and jump over bonfires. This was thought to bring luck to their relationship.

## WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Two elderly friends, Colleen and Maureen, hadn't seen each other in a while, but met while shopping. Colleen inquired, "And how is your husband?" "Oh! Paddy died last week." He went out to the garden to dig up a cabbage for dinner, had a heart attack and dropped down dead, right there in the middle of the vegetable patch! Colleen was shocked by the news and said, "Oh dear! I am so very sorry. What did you do?" Maureen replied, "I opened a can of peas instead."

Katie, Kelly and Colleen were sitting together in their retirement home, reminiscing about the good old days when they were much younger. Katie recalled going shopping at the green grocers, and demonstrated with her hands, the length and thickness of a cucumber she could buy for a penny. Kelly nodded in agreement, adding that onions used to be much bigger and cheaper back then, and demonstrated the size of two big onions she could buy for a penny a piece. Colleen, who is stone deaf, remarked, "I can't hear a word you're saying, but I remember the guy you're talking about."

As a young lad Paddy asked Grandpa Sullivan, "Grandpa, how did you ever get so old?" "Well," replies the grandfather, "every morning, I pour a teaspoon of gunpowder into my coffee, and I guess that's the reason." So the Paddy begins drinking coffee and doing the same. 90 years pass and Paddy finally dies having reached the age of 102. He left behind 5 kids, 18 grandkids, 43 great grandkids, several million dollars, and a 60 foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

After a long day of Christmas shopping in big city Dublin, Patricia Muldoon was driving home on a cold lonely country road when she saw an elderly woman walking along the side. Patricia stopped and asked the woman if she would like a lift. With a silent nod, the woman climbed into the car. Patricia tried in vain to make conversation with the woman, but was unsuccessful. The old woman looked closely at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a red gift bag on the seat next to Patricia. "What's in the bag?" asked the woman. Patricia responded, "It's a bottle of whiskey that I got for my husband." The old Irish woman was silent for a moment or two, then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, "Good trade."

Jack was getting up in his years and has slowed down both mentally and physically so he and his children decided it was time for him to move into assisted living. After much research and deliberation the siblings selected a home that they believed would provide loving care for their father. After a few days a nurse noticed Jack leaning to the right so she propped a pillow on the left side of his chair. Later that day the nurse noticed him leaning to the left so she propped a pillow on the right side of his chair. Not long after that the nurse noticed Jack leaning forward in his chair so she strapped him to the back of the chair. That night Jack's daughter came to visit him. "How do you like this place?" she asked. "It's not bad," Jack replied, "except they won't let me fart."

A young man, Fergus O'Hara, was walking through a supermarket to pick up a few things when he noticed an old lady following him around. Thinking nothing of it, he ignored her and continued on. Finally he went to the check-out line, but she got in front of him. "Pardon me," she said with misty eyes, "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look just like my son, who has since passed on. You two would have been about the same age." "That's a shame," replied Fergus, "is there anything I can do for you?" "Yes," she said, "as I'm leaving, can you say 'Good bye, Mother!' It would make me feel so much better." "Sure," answered Fergus. As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "Good bye, Mother!" As he stepped up to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was \$127.50. "How can that be?" he asked, "I only purchased a few things!" "Your mother said that you would take care of her bill," said the clerk.

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



**2021 Hibernian  
Ohio State Convention**

**June 25-26, 2021**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel**  
**1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, OH 44145**

**Sponsored by:**  
**AOH Boland Berry Division**  
**AOH Bluestone Division**  
**LAOH Our Lady of the Rosary Divisions**

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

AOH     LAOH     Guest

Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and Voting Only:** \$25.00

**Social Events:**

Ice Breaker—Friday, June 25: \$70.00   
*Open bar, appetizers, and entertainment by Kennedy & Riley*

Dinner Dance—Saturday, June 26: \$75.00   
*Dinner and Dancing with the Portersharks*

Choice of Entrée:  Braised Short Rib  
 Chicken Milanese  
 Vegetarian Strudel

Each Dinner Entrée Includes: Salad, Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable and Dessert

**Full Package** (includes registration and all events):

Member: \$170.00

Guest: \$145.00

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2021**

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

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## IMPORTANT JUNE DATES IN IRISH HISTORY

June 9, 2001 - Cetacean experts head for Cork harbor after the arrival of three stocky killer whales in the estuary. The black Orcas with distinctive white markings create a huge stir in the Cobh area where the promenade is lined with people from early afternoon until near darkness as the whales circled the waters

June 9 ~ today is the feast day of St Columcille, one of the spiritual giants of the early Christian church, and one of Ireland's three patron saints. Born in Donegal, he founded the city of Derry - it was originally called Doiré Colmcille - and went on to establish many monasteries including Iona, the centre from which Scotland was converted to Christianity.

June 13, 1886 - Molly Malone reputedly "dies of the fever". The famous song, "Sweet Molly Malone" is a tribute to the memory of a real person who was a fishwife selling cockles and mussels in the streets of Dublin. A statue representing Molly Malone was unveiled on Grafton Street by then Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ben Briscoe, during the 1988 Dublin Millennium celebrations, when 13 June was declared to be Molly Malone Day. In July 2014, the statue was relocated to Suffolk Street, in front of the Tourist Information Office, to make way for Luas track-laying work at the old location.



Statue of Molly Malone and her cart at the current location on Suffolk Street, Dublin

June 13, 1865 - Birth of W.B. Yeats in Dublin

June 16, 1904 - Today was when James Joyce had his first date with Nora Barnacle; ultimately, it became the date on which everything takes place in his masterpiece, Ulysses



June 17, 2008 - More than 1200 people bare all at Blarney Castle in Cork for a naked photo shoot by the US photographer Spencer Tunick. 'Dare to Bare' is part of the Cork Midsummer Festival and proves a stunning success with the turnout taking even the most optimistic of the organizers aback.



June 23 1704 - The Registration Act comes into force requiring all Catholic priests in Ireland to register in court, to furnish two £50 bonds for good behavior, and not to leave the county in which they are registered

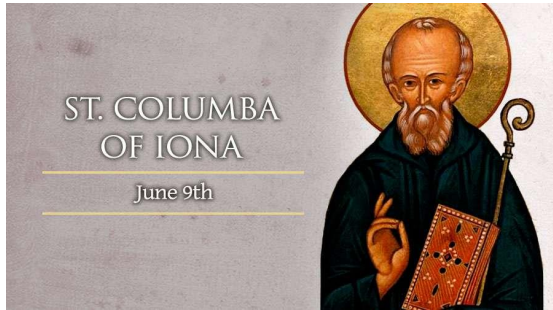
June 28, 1922 - The Provisional Government of the Irish Free State bombards the Four Courts in Dublin, and the Civil War begins

June 29, 1969 - Ireland enacts exemption from income tax for creators of works of 'cultural or artistic merit'



## St Colmcille – the Irish patron saint who was banished from Ireland for starting a tribal war

Irish Post



His feast day is June 9, the day he died in the year 597 AD at the impressive age of 75. Colmcille was born on December 7, 521 in Gartan, near Lough Gartan in Co. Donegal. He was also known as Columba, a Latin version of Colum. The 'cille' suffix that was added to the end of his name means 'of the churches'.

On his father's side, he was great-great-grandson of the famed Niall of the Nine Hostages ó an Irish high king of the 5th century. The modern day Donegal village of Glencolmcille is named in his honor. St Colm-

cille is also the patron saint of the city of Derry ó where he founded a monastic settlement in 540 AD.

A young Colmcille entered the priesthood at the age of 20 when he became a pupil at Clonard Abbey, situated on the River Boyne in modern day Co. Meath. When a prince cousin gave him some land at Derry, he decided to start his own monastery. This allowed him to travel throughout Northern Ireland teaching the pagans about Christianity. Colmcille founded some 30 monasteries in just 10 years, inspiring many people with his personal holiness. Nevertheless, Colmcille was no angel. His strong personality and forceful preaching ruffled feathers and in 563 AD he was accused of starting a war between two Irish tribes.

After the death of Prince Curnan of Connaught ó who Colmcille was meant to protect ó a number of clerics and scholars threatened to excommunicate him. Instead, Colmcille was sentenced by the high king never to see Ireland again, and was exiled to Scotland with 12 companions. He settled on a bleak Scottish island called Iona where he would spend most of his remaining years.

In 575 Colmcille was persuaded to visit Ireland to mediate a dispute between the high king and the league of poets. Insisting on remaining faithful to the terms of his exile, that he never see Ireland again, he traveled blindfolded. His considerable reputation was respected by everyone in Ireland. He spoke to the assembled nobles and clergy with such force and authority that the king was persuaded to calm hostilities.

Colmcille spent the rest of his life on Iona praying, fasting, and teaching his monks to read and copy the Scriptures. He was a renowned man of letters and wrote several hymns and has been credited with having transcribed over 300 books and manuscripts. Colmcille died on Iona and was buried in 597 by his monks in the abbey he created. In 794 the Vikings descended on Iona and plundered much of the relics Colmcille had procured in his life.

On August 22, 565, St Colmcille is said to have encountered the Loch Ness Monster ó which has been interpreted as the first ever reference to the mythical Scottish beast. Traveling in Scotland, Columba had to cross Loch Ness, but Nessie had other ideas. Raising his hand to make the sign of the cross, Colmcille commanded the beast, saying, "You will go no further, and won't touch the man; go back at once." At the voice of the saint, the monster fled as if terrified, "more quickly than if it had been pulled back with ropes." The local pagans were amazed and converted to Christianity based on the miracle.

A number of miracles have been attributed to St Colmcille ó such as healing people with diseases, expelling malignant spirits, subduing wild beasts, calming storms, and even returning the dead to life. He is also said to have performed agricultural miracles that would hold a special significance to the common people of Ireland and the British Isles, such as when he cast a demon out of a pail and restored spilt milk to its container.



## JUNE

By Francis Edward Ledwidge

Broom out the floor now, lay the fender by,  
 And plant this bee-sucked bough of woodbine there,  
 And let the window down. The butterfly  
 Floats in upon the sunbeam, and the fair  
 Tanned face of June, the nomad gipsy, laughs  
 Above her widespread wares, the while she tells  
 The farmers' fortunes in the fields, and quaffs  
 The water from the spider-peopled wells.  
 The hedges are all drowned in green grass seas,  
 And bobbing poppies flare like Elmo's light,  
 While siren-like the pollen-stained bees  
 Drone in the clover depths. And up the height  
 The cuckoo's voice is hoarse and broke with joy.  
 And on the lowland crops the crows make raid,  
 Nor fear the clappers of the farmer's boy,  
 Who sleeps, like drunken Noah, in the shade  
 And loop this red rose in that hazel ring  
 That snares your little ear, for June is short  
 And we must joy in it and dance and sing,  
 And from her bounty draw her rosy worth.  
 Ay! soon the swallows will be flying south,  
 The wind wheel north to gather in the snow,  
 Even the roses spilt on youth's red mouth  
 Will soon blow down the road all roses go.

Francis Edward Ledwidge (19 August 1887 – 31 July 1917) was an Irish war poet and soldier from County Meath. Sometimes known as the "poet of the blackbirds", he was killed in action at the Battle of Passchendaele during World War I.



## DID YOU KNOW?

In Ireland, many place names can trace their origins to Gaelic names. Including a river in Galway called **Sruffaunoughterluggatoora** and **Muckanagherdauhaulia** holds the longest name for a town in Ireland, Co. Galway.

It takes 119.5 seconds to pour a perfect Guinness

The **Céide Fields** in County Mayo are the most extensive Stone Age site in the world. It contains the oldest known field systems in the world (6,000 years old) and Europe's most massive stone enclosure

Did you know? In Irish, there is no word for YES or NO. However, you can say Tá sin ceart ó That's right.

Only about 9% of people in Ireland have natural red hair, contrary to popular belief.

Over 40 million Americans are of Irish descent, which is seven times more than Ireland's population.

Irish Castles are scattered across the island in vast amounts, and numbers point to a total of around 25,000 castles and ruin. Some of the castles are open for tourists to stay in.

Montgomery Street in Dublin was once the largest red-light district in all of Europe.

New York City's Central Park gets all the hype about being a huge city park, but Phoenix Park in Dublin is actually twice the size of Central Park.

In Co. Cork, Ireland, there is one pub for about every 500 people

Puck Fair is one of Ireland's oldest fairs. It takes place annually for three days on the 10th, 11th and 12th of August in Killorglin, County Kerry. A goat is crowned king for three days and hoisted on a 40-foot pedestal.

There is a village in Limerick, Ireland, called Hospital. It does not have a hospital

In 2004 Ireland was the first country in the world to introduce a countrywide ban on smoking in the workplace and pubs/restaurants.

Ireland is responsible for many inventions such as Color photography, Whiskey Distilling, Ejector Seat, Guided Missile, Guinness, Hypodermic Syringe, Modern Tractor, Tank, Transatlantic Calls, Flavored Crisps, Portable defibrillator, Rubber-soled shoe

In 1844, Irishman Francis Rynd invented the hollow needle for syringes.

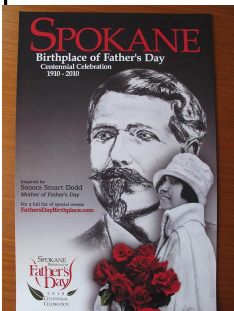
Limerick won the 2020 All Ireland Hurling Final

It is believed that the game of hurling, which is believed to be the world's fastest game played on grass, was created in Ireland over 3,000 years ago!

## The Man Who Inspired Father's Day Was a Single Dad and a Civil War Vet

William Jackson Smart was a twice-married, twice-widowed father of 14 children.

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William Jackson Smart was a twice-married, twice-widowed Civil War veteran and father of 14 children, one of whom dedicated her life to the creation of Father's Day in honor of her devoted and selfless dad.

The story goes that William's daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, was attending one of the first official Mother's Day services in 1909 at her church in Spokane, Washington, when she had an epiphany if mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers?

When Sonora was 16, her mother Ellen died, leaving William as a single father to Sonora and her five younger brothers. And by Sonora's account, he performed brilliantly. "I remember everything about him," Sonora said many years later to the Spokane Daily Chronicle. "He was both father and mother to me and my brothers and sisters."

Sonora's mother Ellen, herself a widow, had three children from a previous marriage. On top of that, William had also been married and widowed before he met Sonora's mother. William had five children with his first wife, Elizabeth, who were already grown when William became a widower for the second time.

In 1910, Sonora brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize the courage and devotion of all fathers like William on June 5, her dad's birthday. The local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service, but couldn't pull something together so quickly, so they settled for June 19, the third Sunday in June.

On that first Father's Day in 1910, church sermons across Spokane were dedicated to dear old dad, red and white roses were passed out in honor of living and deceased fathers, the mayor of Spokane and governor of Washington issued proclamations, and Sonora found her calling. She would spend much of the next 60 years pushing for the official recognition of Father's Day as a national holiday.

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me." - Jim Valvano

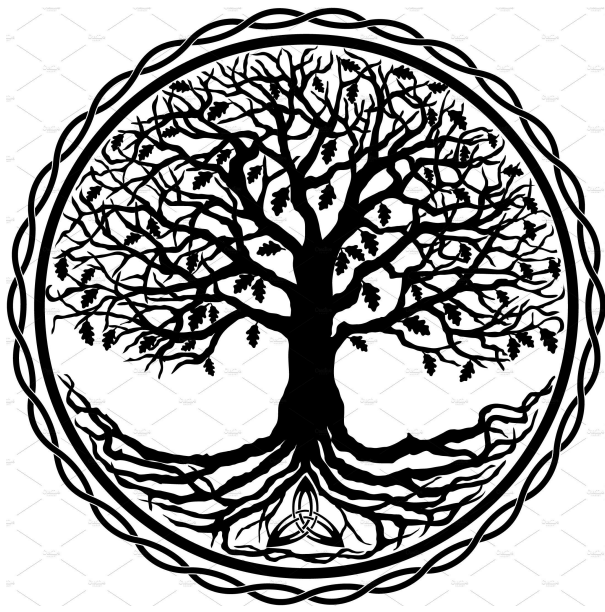
"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." - Sigmund Freud

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be." - Steve Martin

"Daddies don't just love their children every now and then, it's a love without end." - George Strait



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



*"The Celtic tree of life is the Oaktree. It was the most sacred tree of all, which represented the centre of the world. **The Celtic name for oak, Daur,** is the origin of the word door- the root of the oak tree was literally the doorway to the **Otherworld,** the realm of Fairy."*

## **The Celtic tree of life (in Irish Crann Bethadh)**

The Tree of Life symbol represents life and how as we move through life our knowledge, experience and wisdom grows just as the tree does, becoming stronger every day. The tree of life symbolizes the forces of nature are coming together in perfect harmony to maintain balance in the universe.

Countless Irish legends revolve around trees. One could fall asleep next to a particular tree and awake in the fairy realm. The Celts derived the meaning of rebirth from the seasonal changes they would see each tree go through (Summer to Winter and so on). Rituals were often performed on the basis of birth and death and rebirth.

It was believed that the roots of the tree penetrated depths of the lower world, branches of the tree reached out and stretched out to the heavens, and the trunk remains on the earth's plain.

It was believed that the tree was able to bless people with prosperity. The towering height of Oak trees is associated with qualities such as endurance and nobility. Basically, the bigger the tree the more fertile the land and the more the settlement would thrive from.

The Oak tree is also known to attract lightning, this characteristic of the tree is considered to be of great importance by Celts and in Celtic symbols.

It is known that when a new settlement was formed in Ireland, a tree was planted in the middle of the plantation known as Crann Bethadh (basically meaning Tree of Life) The Celts believed that their enemies would be rendered powerless if their sacred tree was cut down.



## A Message from the crazy editor, Maury Collins

**Treat yourself to a fun Irish festival**  
 Riverfront Irish Festival Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
 2050 Riverfront Parkway June 11, 12 & 13

<http://www.riverfrontirishfestival.org>



**Picnic August 1st at Matt & Tricia Cassidy's home**  
 Details to follow in the July newsletter!!!!

## **REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS????**



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th 7 -9 PM**

**Cost: \$30 per person**

**RSVP to Sherri McNeill 419-382-3429**