

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN  
NEWSLETTER  
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**IN GOD, WE TRUST**



**AUGUST 3 ~ RIVER CRUISE ON THE SANDPIPER  
AUGUST 8 ~ IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS  
SEPT. 10 ~ HIBERNIAN PICNIC  
SEPT.23 ~ HIBERNIAN GOLF OUTING**



# HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER



Mother McAuley Division

**JULY, 2023**

John P. Kelly Division



## HIBERNIAN RIVER CRUISE ON THE SANDPIPER

**AUGUST 3rd 7 ~ 9 PM Call Sherrie McNeill**

**419 382 3429**



## IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS

We will be joining the good people from Historic St Patrick's Church. The church picked the date as part of their 160th anniversary year. Call the church rectory for tickets



## HIBERNIAN PICNIC AT MATT & TRICIA'S HOME

September 10th at 1:00 PM

495 S. River Road Waterville, Ohio

BYOB and a dish to pass



## HIBERNIAN GOLF OUTING AT CHERRY WOOD

September 23rd 9:00 AM Scrambles

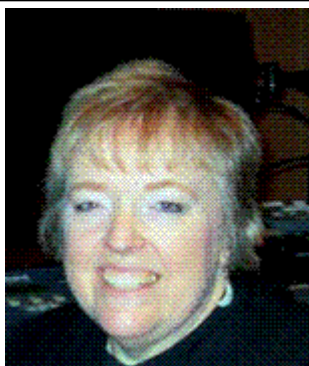
9 Holes with a cart \$30 18 Holes for an additional \$10

Food and refreshments included!!!!

Open event, bring family and friends It's scrambles, so any level of skill and/or experience will enjoy themselves!!! **Men and Ladies!!!**

# JULY, 2023

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## A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Happy 4th of July! Congratulations to Sherri McNeill on her new role as Ohio State Treasurer! Thank you goes out to Tricia and Matt Cassidy for going to the State Convention to represent Lucas County Hibernians. Thank you for doing the nomination endorsement for Sherri! The new slate of LAOH State officers are as follows: President - Nicky Parks-Norris, Vice-President - Cindee Case, Secretary Toni Dodge, Treasurer - Sherri McNeill, Historian - Marie Rizzo, Missions and Charities - Lisa O'Connell-

Paccioretti, Catholic Action - Sarah O'Brien. Please support our newly elected State Board officers and congratulations!

On a personal note, my family has been in turmoil since June 23rd. My sister Jean's son Mitchell was killed in a single car automobile accident. I got the phone call just before 6am on Friday June 23rd. I thought she was calling to wish us safe travel to the convention, but unfortunately it was a parent's worst nightmare. Jean and our family thank all for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support. He was 17 years old. He and his twin Garrett were born on my mom's birthday, July 1st. They were always her best birthday present. We stayed home to be with my sister and her family. We let the convention committee know that they were in our prayers and that we would not be able to attend. My sister needed us more. Sigh....

We have a lot of activities planned for the summer. There will not be meetings in July or August. We will have a group meeting in September at the summer picnic at the Cassidy homestead. I am looking forward to happy times with all of you this summer. Please hug your loved ones and tell them that you love them. God bless you all and thank you for all that you do! Hugs!

Ann Dollman

LAOH President

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

### Thoughts on turning 80



I was at a Toledo Irish American function talking to Tom McCabe. He asked me how I was doing. My reply was; "The doctor told me that I was doing good for my age, but I have some issues that I have to keep an eye on." I told him that I wasn't worried. There is a pretty little funeral director, who told me that when the time comes, she will tuck me in, kiss me on the forehead and send me on my way." Tom's reply was; "When that time comes, there will be one hell of a party " I'm not sure how to take that comment. Don't get your party hopes up just yet. When I turned fifty, I said I was starting the second half of my life. So far so good !! LOL Seriously, I thank God every day for my good life, my wonderful wife and family, not to mention the many wonderful friends, like you!!! .



## A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT , ROBERT MCMAHON

Brothers All,

God be with you in the month of the Precious Blood. Please pray for continued peace in the United States Ireland and an end to war in the rest of the world. I especially want to thank Matt Cassidy for representing our Division at the State Convention. Congratulations to Sherri McNeil for her election to State Treasurer of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. I look forward to seeing those of you that are coming to the Holy Smokes event with Msgr. Vasko on July 13<sup>th</sup> down at St. Patrick's at 6pm. Unfortunately, this is a very popular event, and it is already full to capacity. I am sure Marty Lahey will have another opportunity later in the year.

We have welcomed a few new brothers this year with great enthusiasm and hope to continue the trend. The overall Ohio Hibernian membership was flat but we are starting to rebuild. There were a half dozen brothers that took their Shamrock degree this year so we will be contacting the Major Degree team in Columbus to schedule a Major degree as well as having another Shamrock Degree in October.

I have spoken to the Knights of Columbus in Temperance, MI and asked them to consider working with us to bring back the prelude to St. Patrick's Day party that they held annually in February, but have discontinued since Covid-19. They will be talking about it at their meeting this month and hopefully there will be a new opportunity to expand our visibility in the area.

At our last meeting we discussed a lot of new endeavors for the upcoming year. We are in the exploratory and planning stage of Irish Road Bowling for a possible Spring of 2024 with the Metropark System. Sean Burns is planning to have an Irish wine and spirits tasting and/or traditional "Burns" night in January of 2024 to complement our January American Bowling event.

St. Clement Hall has been secured for St. Patrick's Day 2024 on the Sunday itself. Thank you again to Matt Cassidy for your work on this! March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 Sunday at St. Clement Hall!

There are a great number of Hibernian events coming in August:

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandpiper River Cruise (call Sherri McNeil)

August 4<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Historic Preservation Outing at Belmont (call Robert McMahon)

August 8<sup>th</sup> Irish Night at the Mudhens (call St Pats Historic)

September 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Joint Hibernian Picnic at the Cassidy House (call Matt or Trisha Cassidy)

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Morning Hibernian Fall Golf Outing at Cherrywood 9 or 18 holes and lunch. (call Robert McMahon) \* Notre Dame and Ohio State football teams play that day at 7:30 pm against each other.

October Degree Men only Dinner Night (TBD)

November Toledo Holiday Parade

In Charity

Robert McMahon

Congratulations to

President Denny Parks

Vice President Bruce McPhearson

Secretary Pete Chrystal

Director John Meyers

Director Chris Schulte

## Maurice Collins Studies New Sport, Now Manages Champs



I am humbled and in awe, when I think of my Father leaving home, knowing that he would probably never speak to or hear the voices of his family still in Ireland. No phones and certainly no Internet. Communication was by letter only. (A telegram meant that someone had died.) My Father lived in America for 51 years, but he never lost his love for Ireland or his Irish accent. As a youngster in Ireland he played Irish Football and Hurling. He picked up a sport in his new home, a game called basketball.

A 1934 article in the (Toledo) Blade talks about my Father and his new sport. The article mentions the two sports my Father played in Ireland. He called them Soccer (Irish Football) and Holley ball (Hurling). I'm sure he had a hard time understanding my Father.

The article reads:

### *Maurice Collins Studies New Sport, Now Manages Champs*

*When Maurice Collins came to Toledo from Ireland in 1928, he had yet to see his first game of basketball. Now he is manager and coach of the Irish Five, 1933-1934 champions of the Class AA division of the Toledo Amateur Basketball Federation.*

*His first contact with the new game intrigued him to the point that he obtained books from which he studied the "inside" of the game until he had a thorough knowledge of the theory. Then he assembled the players.*

*The Irish Five is composed of members of St. Vincent de Paul's parish. The players range in age from seventeen to twenty-one years. They are seeking games with Catholic teams of the city.*

*Entered again this year in the Toledo Amateur Basketball Federation, the Irish Five with another round of games yet to be played occupy second place. The record of the team since its organization two years ago is sixty four wins against twelve defeats.*

*Maurice played the game for a while. He soon found his method of play resulted too frequently in the blowing of the referee's whistle. He had been accustomed to playing two of his favorite games of Ireland in which bodily contact of that type did not subject a team to penalty. These games were soccer and holley ball, the latter a form of sport similar to American hockey, except that it is played on a green turf instead of a surface of ice.*

*However, Maurice now prefers the job of managing which allows him to sit close to the line of action and keep a close watch on his players.*

A side note to my Father's athletic ability: he was persuaded to join a couple of friends to play golf. He went to a pawn shop and purchased a set of golf clubs. He showed up on Saturday morning for a round of golf. He discovered that the set of clubs he bought was for a left hander. No problem. He played left handed. The putter was two faced, so he putted right handed.

Rest in Peace Dad. You are remembered with a lot of love.

## SMILE AND BE HAPPY

Young lady: Dad, can you come help me? I have a flat tire.

Dad: Why don't you call your husband?

Young Lady: I did call him. He is not answering his phone.

Dad: Do you have a spare?

Young Lady: Yes, but he's not answering his phone either.

A young man watched an elderly couple walking hand in hand. As they walked past him, he winked and smiled and said to the elderly gentleman; "Have her home by 10 O'clock." The elderly man winked and smiled back at the young man and said: "Don't worry. I will. Her husband comes home at 11.

Mick's wife hit him with a frying pan.

Mick said "What was that for?"

Wife: "I found a piece of paper in your pant pocket with the name Jenny on it."

Mick: "I put a bet on last week and Jenny was the name of the horse."

Wife: "Huh...I'm sorry."

Next day Mick's wife hits him again with a frying pan.

Mick: "Why???"

Wife: "Your horse is on the phone."

A drunken man gets on the bus late one night, staggers up the aisle, and sits next to an elderly woman. She looks the man up and down and says, 'I've got news for you. You're going straight to hell.' The man jumps up out of his seat and shouts, 'Oh no, I'm on the wrong bus, I wanted to go to Baltimore.'

why don't you give up the drinking, smoking and carousing?' said Mrs. O'Leary 'It's too late,' replied Murphy. 'It's never too late,' assured the virtuous Mrs. O'Leary. 'Well, there's no rush then,' smiled Murphy.

An old drunk is on his way into a bar when a nun standing outside the bar suddenly speaks to him. "Your drinking is the easy road to evil and damnation. Drink will pollute your body and soul. Give up the foul spirits and live a better life!" The drunk looks at her and asks, "How do you know that drinking is so bad for you?" The nun looks puzzled and shrugs. The drunk asks, "Have you ever even tried a drink?" The nun admits she hasn't, so the drunk tells her, "Listen, I'll go into the bar and order myself a drink and I'll get one for you too. I'll bring it out here and you can taste it yourself and see that alcohol is nothing bad." The nun reluctantly agrees, but says, "I don't want anybody out here getting the wrong idea about me, so would you mind bringing me the drink in a paper cup?". The drunk agrees to this and goes inside. At the bar he tells the bartender "Give me a double shot of whiskey, and a second half shot in a paper cup." The bartender groans and says: "Is that bloody nun out there again?"

A woman drove a mini-van filled with a dozen screaming kids through the mall parking lot. Looking for a parking space, obviously frazzled, she coasted through a stop sign. "Hey lady, did you forget how to stop?" yelled an irate man. She rolled down her window and said; "What makes you think these kids are all mine?"

Son: "Mom, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady: "Well, son, you have done the right thing." Son; "But, Mom I was sitting on Daddy's lap."



## ROBERT McMAHON CONTINUED

July is the feast and devotion to the Precious Blood

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10 he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

July 1921 was a pivotal moment for Irish independence. In that month, the Irish Republican Army and the British Army reached a truce. The truce, declared on the 11th, ended the War of Independence. This led to the partition of the island and the founding of the Irish Free State, which eventually became the Republic of Ireland.

## A PROUD HIBERNIAN MEMORY



7-18-2009

AOH State President Jim Magee R.I.P. presents  
the Commodore John Barry Award  
to Maury Collins

This is only the second time the award has been  
presented at the State level.