

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN  
NEWSLETTER  
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IN GOD WE TRUST



**Aug. 3 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at The Blarney**

**Aug. 15 ~ Sandpiper River Cruise**

**Aug 15 ~ 18 AOH-LAOH Ohio State Convention**

**Aug. 17 ~ Great Lakes Feis Seagate Center**

**Aug, 18 ~ Glass City Feis Seagate Center**

**Aug. 21~ Toraigh An Sonas session at Logan's**

**Sept. 15 ~ An Gorta Mor Mass @ St. Joseph Shrine**



Mother McAuley Division

# HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

August, 2019



John P. Kelly Division

## HOME OF THE 2019 STATE OF OHIO AOH ~ LAOH CONVENTION AUGUST 15 ~ 18



The Sandpiper cruise is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th. This will be a kick-off for the state convention. Those who decide to come in early are encouraged to attend Mass at St. Patrick's Historic Church at 5:30 followed by the river cruise starting at 7:00 PM. Sunset for that evening is 8:30. We hope to be able to see the sunset and then the lights of downtown Toledo. We will also have an Irish Music session!!!!

A shuttle will be provided to people staying at the Radisson for the convention. Local members are encouraged to attend both events, welcoming the out of town visitors.

The cost is \$30 which includes your meal, entertainment and a chance to meet new friends!!

**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE PLEASE NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES**

Please contact Sherri McNeill [sherrimcneill@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrimcneill@hotmail.com) or 419-382-3429

Checks should be made out to Hibernian Convention



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE STATE CONVENTION?

**Information on page 12!!!! Please sign up!!!!**

I know that many of us will wait until the last moment to sign up for events. If you have never been to a state convention, you are in for a treat. There are a few meetings, but most of the time will be spent meeting new friends from all around. There will be an ice-breaker party Friday evening. The theme is the "Roaring 20s". Dress up in the 20s fashion if you wish. We will have a "Roaring 20s" Murder Mystery. Some of the members have parts. We will have live music by the "Men from the Bog" and food!!! Saturday's events include the installation of new officers followed by a Banquet, again with a "Roaring 20s" theme. An excellent menu and music by a "Mystery Band".

# AUGUST, 2019

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

				1	2 <i>Dublin Irish Festival</i>	3 <i>Session at Blarney</i>
4 <i>Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM</i>	5	6 <b>Ardan Dancers @ Common Space</b>	7	8	9	10
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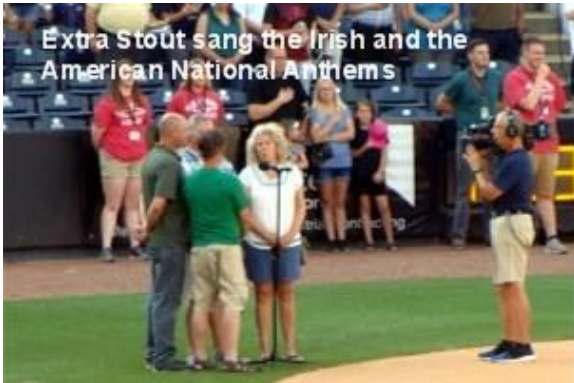
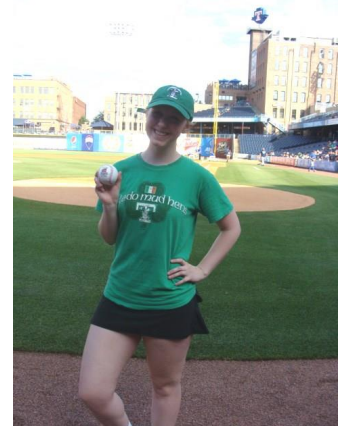


## TOLEDO IRISH ARTICLES

My two articles in the Ohio Irish American News magazine every month. %Toledo Irish+and %When Irish Eyes are Smiling+available for free at various locations including **The Blarney, Shawn's Irish Tavern 2- locations Heatherdowns Blvd & Bancroft street, O'Shea's Irish Bar, St. Patrick's Historic Church, McCarthy's Port Clinton**



# Irish Heritage Night at the Mud Hens Presented by the Ancient Order of Hibernians 2019



A special thank you to the Ardan Irish Dancers for another great performance, to Brenna Kummer for her oFirst Pitcho, to Extra Stout for a fine job singing the Irish and American National Anthems and to Matt Cassidy for the Irish Flag.

Thank you to all who attended. We had almost double over last year!! We had visitors and dancers from Brighton Michigan and Windsor Canada. We are about half way to the totals of 2010 & 2011 despite the fact that many Hibernians stayed away again.

# WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

A client gets his bill from his lawyer and was stunned by the size of it. Furious, he called the lawyer and berated him for trying to squeeze him dry. The lawyer listened for a while and then said, "You're such an ingrate. And to think that I named my boat after you."

Just before a farm boy had his first parachute jump, his sergeant reminded him, "Count to ten then pull the first rip cord. If it snarls, pull the second rip cord for the auxiliary chute. After you land, our truck will pick you up." The paratrooper took a deep breath and jumped. He counted to ten and pulled the first cord. Nothing happened. He pulled the second cord. Again, nothing happened. As he careened crazily earthward, he said to himself, "I bet that truck won't be there either!"

A resourceful missionary fell into the hands of a band of cannibals. "Going to eat me, I take it," said the missionary. "You wouldn't like me." He took out his pocketknife, sliced a piece from the calf of his leg, and handed it to the chief. "Try it and see for yourself," he urged. The chief took one bite, grunted, and spat. The missionary remained on the island 50 years. He had a cork leg.

A hat was passed around the church congregation for an offering for the visiting minister. Presently it was returned to him . . . conspicuously and embarrassingly empty. Slowly and deliberately the parson inverted the hat and shook it meaningfully. Then raising his eyes to heaven, he exclaimed fervently, "Thank thee, dear Lord, that I got my hat back from this congregation."

*After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. She then carefully applied cold cream all over her face except her eyes, which she outlined with a different cream. She then proceeded to put her hair in high rollers. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"*

The parents were listening to their eight-year-old practicing away on his trumpet while their dog loudly howled at his side. Finally, the father said: "Son, why don't you play something the dog doesn't know?"

A golfer set up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing, and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3 wood, he took another mighty swing-the ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead, and killed him. As he approached the gates of heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer?" to which the man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"

The bishop was preaching his heart out but was concerned that because of the acoustics, people were finding it difficult to hear him. "Can you all hear me?" he stopped to ask. "I can," came a voice near the front, "but I don't mind exchanging seats with someone who can't."

What goes putt-putt-putt-putt? A bad golfer.



We are inviting any Hibernian coming to the State Convention on Thursday, to join us for Mass at the Historic Church of St. Patrick and for a two hour cruise on the Sandpiper. Early returns from out of town Hibernians indicate that this will be a fun filled evening. We are providing food and live Irish music. Sunset is at 8:30 on August 15th. We hope for a great sunset and a good view of the lights of Toledo. Call Sherri McNeil 419-382-3429 to reserve your seat!!!! Show the State members the Toledo hospitality!!!! Join us!!!



**Thursday Special**  
 Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation.

There will be shuttle service for the 5:30 Mass at the beautiful St. Patrick's Historic Church in downtown Toledo, followed by



a two hours cruise on the Maumee River with dinner on the

**Sandpiper**

**Cost for the Thursday evening package \$30**



***Glass City Feis***  
**Sunday, August 18, 2019**  
**Seagate Convention center**  
**401 Jefferson Toledo, Ohio 43604**

**Competition begins at 8:30 AM**  
**FREE ADMISSION!!!**



**Sister Feis with the Great Lakes Feis**  
**Saturday, August 17, 2019**  
**Same location**

**Come out to celebrate your Irish Heritage and support the dancers**

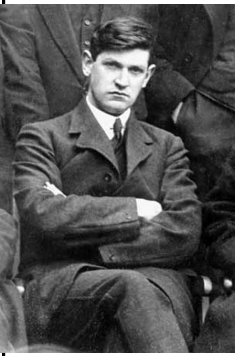
## **AUGUST 1 | LUGHNASA**

The ancient Celts, who were more closely attuned to the natural year than we are, celebrated four annual festivals. These festivals fell at times we now think of as February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Each festival launched a new phase of the agricultural year. Having celebrated the beginning of the growing season around May 1, they were ready to celebrate the beginning of the harvest by August 1.

They called their early August festival Lughnasa in honor of a god named Lugh. Lughnasa rituals involved a hilltop gathering of the whole community and a feast centered on the newly ripened crop. The hilltop had to do with looking down on the landscape that provided the community with its food, and the main food at the original Lughnasa feasts was the local grain.







# Michael Collins

Born: October 16, 1890, County Cork

Assassinated: August 22, 1922, Béal na Bláth

Buried: Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin

In 1919, Collins led the Irish Volunteers, a prototype of the Irish Republican Army, in a widespread and effective guerrilla campaign against British forces. Two years later, a cease-fire was declared and Michael Collins was one of the architects of the historic 1921 peace treaty with Great Britain, which granted autonomy to southern Ireland, after 750 years of occupation. Great Britain agreed to withdraw from the 26 counties of southern Ireland. Within a few months of the treaty, however, Ireland was engulfed in a civil war in which the Irish Free State Army, which supported the treaty, was fighting the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which opposed it.

August 22, 1922 - Michael Collins was assassinated. On the last day of his life, he set out from Cork in a convoy that passed through Bandon, Clonakilty, and Rosscarbery on its way to Skibbereen. He stopped at Woodfield, and there in the Four Walls, the pub situated across the road from the house where his mother had been born, he stood his family and escort to the local brew - Clonakilty Wrastler. On the return trip they again passed through Bandon. Michael Collins had only twenty minutes more to live. Around eight o'clock, his convoy was ambushed at a place known as Beal na Bláth - the mouth of flowers. Only one man was killed--Michael Collins. It is thought that Irregulars did the shooting, To this day, there is controversy about what actually happened. On several occasions Collins assured his advisors "they won't shoot me in my own county". R.I.P.

## *The Monument at Béal na Bláth*



Photos by Maury Collins 2010



# Important August dates in Irish History

August 1st. Today is Lúghnasa; in the old days this was the Feast of the god Lúgh, a thirty-day agrarian celebration with August 1 at the center. It is also the first day of Autumn in the Celtic Calendar

August 2, 1988 - The first Aer Lingus flight with an all-female crew departs Dublin for Shannon. The Shorts 360 commuter aircraft is piloted by Capt. Grainne Cronin and co-piloted by Elaine Egan

August 3, 1916 - Roger Casement, Irish patriot, is hanged by the English in Pentonville Prison, London. He was the last to be executed as a result of the Easter Rebellion

August 6, 1775 - Daniel O'Connell, Irish patriot, is born in Cahirciveen, County Kerry

August 8, 1690 ó First siege of Limerick commences when William of Orange encamps just outside the walls of the old city, with an army of about 26,000; the Irish defenders were similar in number though not nearly as well armed.

August 9, 1886 ó Death of Sir Samuel Ferguson, Irish poet, barrister, antiquarian, artist and public servant.

August 10, 1854 - A statutory provision is made for the establishment of a national gallery of paintings, sculpture and fine arts in Ireland

August 12, 1914 - Death of John Holland, from Liscannor, Co. Clare, designer of the first submarine

August 16, 1977 - The death of the King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley at his Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tenn

August 16, 1981 - U2 plays its first show ever at Slane Castle outside Dublin, and its only Irish show of the year

August 17, 1786 - Birth of Davy Crockett, American frontiersman and son of an Irishman

August 21, 1879 - A Vision of the Virgin Mary is witnessed by 15 villagers in Knock, Co. Mayo

August 22, 1922 - Michael Collins is assassinated. at Beal na mBláth - the mouth of flowers.

August 24, 1999 - Waterford Crystal is chosen to usher in the millennium in the city of New York with a gigantic cut glass Star of Hope ball. The component parts of the six foot diameter sphere, made of 572 crystal panels each consisting of five diamond shapes, will be assembled in New York. It is planned to hang 22 stories high over Manhattan and be lowered down a 77ft high flagpole in time for the stroke of midnight

August 30, 2013 - World-renowned poet and playwright Seamus Heaney dies in a Dublin hospital following a short illness.

August 21, 1879 - A vision of the Virgin Mary was witnessed by 15 villagers in Knock, Co. Mayo

There were people of all ages,  
gathered 'round the gable wall  
poor and humble men and women,  
little children that you called  
We are gathered here before you,  
and our hearts are just the same  
filled with joy at such a vision,  
as we praise your name

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland,  
all my cares and troubles cease  
as we kneel with love before you,  
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace

**PRAY FOR US!**



Plan Ahead!!!!!! Here are some of the chances to enjoy your  
**IRISH HERITAGE!!!!!!**

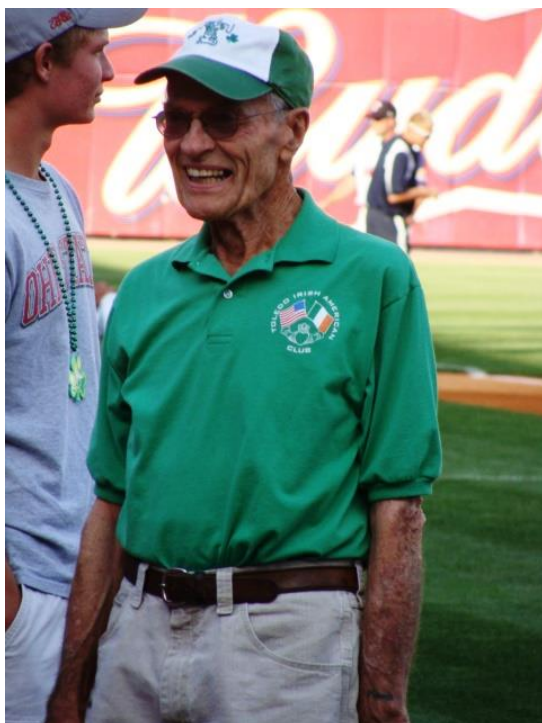
Dublin Irish Festival August 2, 3 & 4  
<http://dublinirishfestival.org/>

Milwaukee Irish Festival August 15, 16, 17 & 18  
<http://irishfest.com/Irishfest.htm>

Pittsburg Irish Festival Sept. 6, 7 & 8  
<http://pghirishfest.org/>

Michigan Irish Music Festival Muskegon September 12, 13, 14 & 15  
<https://www.michiganirish.org>

Annual An Gorta Mor Mass @ St. Joseph Shrine Michigan, September 15



## JIM POLAND, R.I.P.

James "Jim" Arthur Poland, 93, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Manor of Perrysburg. Jim was born March 27, 1926 to Arthur Thomas and Versa Marie Poland in Wentworth, Missouri. Jim worked tirelessly over the years to promote Irish culture. He was a past president of the Toledo Irish American Club. He was in charge of set up and take down for the former Irish American Club Summer Irish festivals. He built the "Shamrock signs" advertising the festivals. He set them up around town and removed them after the festivals. Jim Poland, a good, hard working man. **He was Toledo Irishman of the year in 2011**, taking part in the "First Pitch" ceremony during Irish Heritage night at the Mud Hens that year. Jim Poland, it was an honor to know you

and a privilege to call you friend. Rest in peace.





**2019 OHIO STATE  
HIBERNIAN CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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LAOH

GUEST

**REGISTRATION AND VOTING ONLY \$25.00**

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

ICE BREAKER Friday Aug. 16, \$35.00

CLOSING DINNER Saturday Aug 17, \$65.00

**COMPLETE PACKAGE \$125.00**  **GUEST \$100.00**

**COMPLETE PACKAGE INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND ALL EVENTS**

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C/O Sherri McNeill  
2531-D Heather Hills  
Toledo, Ohio 43614**

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