

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



August 2 ~ TIAC takes over the Blarney
August 4 ~ Sandpiper River Cruise
August 6 ~ Traditional Irish music at the Blarney
August 18 ~ Joint Meeting at Glanzman Library
August 20 ~ Lake Erie Feis
August 21 ~ Glass City Feis
August 28 ~ Derek Warfield Concert
September 25 ~ Father Ray Kelly Concert



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AUGUST, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN



Welcome to August! I am looking forward to being with everyone on the Sandpiper this Thursday! Please let Sherri know you will be joining us. You can bring friends, it is a beautiful trip up the Maumee River.

The National Convention in Pittsburgh was fabulous! It was wonderful having a hotel filled with Irish from across the nation. Ann Jeffers, a past state of Ohio president was awarded her National Life Membership. We have a new slate of National officers-

President - Marilyn Madigan (Ohio)

Vice-President - Mary Ann Lubinsky

Secretary - Sandi Swift

Treasurer- Cathay Turk

Historian- Peggy Cornish

Office of Missions and Charities - Natalie Peterinelli

Office of Catholic Action - Kathleen Jordan Aiolis

One of the items talked about was the restoration of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" memorial in Washington DC. This is in honor of the various orders of sisters who comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, and were the nurses on the battlefields and hospitals during the civil war. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians took upon themselves in 1924 to honor these long-dead heroines of the battlefield. They were the first nation who recognized the services of the sisterhoods. Currently the LAOH is restoring this memorial. The 100 year memorial anniversary will take place in 2024. If you go to Washington DC it is across from the cathedral of St. Matthew.

New committees were added. Political Education supports values:

Disability Rights - disabled should not be marginalized and access should be available.

Environmental Justice - Clean air, clean water are the goal of all. Support efforts to prevent climate change

Gun Safety - Gun safety should be a concern for all.

Racism - We should strive for a more inclusive role to combat racism.

Maternal and child healthcare - Care must be actively supported for this group.

Migration/Immigration - social justice is a concern for our organization.

Special Speaker at the convention was Michelle Gildernew, MP from Ireland. She spoke of keeping the Good Friday Agreement. With Brexit there has been a lot of turmoil in the North of Ireland. She said the support of the Irish in the United States helps make things happen in Ireland in a positive way.

BACK IN TOLEDO...

August 18th - 6:30pm meeting at Glanzman Library. We will be watching the Freedom for All Ireland information video at this meeting.

September 10th the ladies would like to have a tea lunch at Clara J's in Maumee. Please let me know if you are interested. This will be RSVP to me to hold a seat for you. Leave me a message or text me at 419-250-0288 or email me anndollman@yahoo.co

More information I learned at the convention to come!

Please stay safe and keep all of our members in your prayers.



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

The National Hibernian Convention in Pittsburgh was a very informative and comprehensive experience for me, and I cannot wait to share with you all of the great projects that brothers are doing everywhere to share our ideals of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity throughout the country. It seems that Hibernians really punch above their weight when it comes to trying to help others. In just one example, Hibernian brothers and sisters in the USA last year fed over One Million people nationwide. The Irish are acutely aware that hunger will never be completely eliminated, and we must continue to do our part in helping all those in need. Our St. Patrick's Day festivities continue to help us support the Deacon Tom Food pantry at Historic St. Patrick's and I want to thank everyone again for all that you do to help.

August is the month of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary or Dormition of Mary on 15th August. Our Lady always remembers us, let us not forget to remember her and get to Mass. For those who may be interested, one of our brothers Marty Lahey prays a public Rosary at his business every Monday at 7am. If you are in the downtown area stop in on your way to work.

Thank you to everyone that came out for Irish night at the Mudhens. It looked like everyone who went had a great time.

We have a few great events coming up in August. The Toledo Irish American Club is sponsoring the Blarney Pub takeover for the Byrne Brothers Band. See the TIAC facebook page for more information. The Irish Sandpiper boat ride on Thursday 4th August. Please give Sherri a call if you are interested. 419-382-3429. Also the Great Lakes Feis and the Glass City Feis put on by brother Dr. Tom McCabe. These are wonderful opportunities to see Irish Culture in action for Irish Dancing and Music. Saturday 20 August - Sunday 21 August at the Glass City Center. (Formerly the Seagate) Volunteering is a great way to get involved. There are still some spots where they need help from beginning to end. <https://greatlakesfeis.org/> and <http://www.glasscityfeis.com/> I hope to see you all soon. In Charity,

Irish Saint of the Month

The month of August opens with the feast day of an enigmatic Irish hermit, known only as 'Pellegrino' (pilgrim) who pursued the eremitical life in Italy.

Pellegrino, 'Pilgrim' was born in Scotia, the son of a king named Romanus, who had already been converted to Christianity; he renounced his right of succession to the throne, distributed his substance to the poor, and set off incognito for Palestine; after making the round of the holy places, a prompting from Heaven then directed his course towards Italy; he was thrown into the sea by a ruffianly crew during a storm, but with great presence of mind converted his cloak into a raft, his stick into a mast, his wallet into a sail and seven days later floated into Ascona. He then visited the tombs of the Apostles in Rome and St. Nicholas in Bari, and the shrine of St Michael in the Gargano.

After twelve years of terrifying ordeals he succeeded in clearing the wood of evil spirits and retired to live in a cave on a diet of herbs and dew with only the wild beasts of the neighbourhood for company. After living this life for a number of years 'Pilgrim' quitted his cavern to discover in a place called 'Thermae salonis' a stately age-old tree with a hollow trunk. He clambered in and made his home.

A certain Peter, who lived with his wife Adelgrada in a village in the neighbouring country of Frignano, had a revelation of the death of the holy anchorite. Husband and wife, with the assistance of an angel, climbed the mountain together, came upon the body, learned the history of the saint from a parchment held fast in his hand, and gave the saint an honourable burial. The news of the precious discovery spread on both sides of the Apennines and Tuscans and Lombards together climbed the hill to possess themselves of the remains. A riot would have broken out had not the bishops present suggested that the body should be placed upon a cart, the cart yoked to a pair of wild oxen, one Tuscan the other Lombard, and the oxen allowed to go as their fancy dictated. The suggestion was greeted with applause and forthwith carried into effect. The oxen departed so quietly as to give the impression that they were tame and came to a halt on the border between Tuscany and Lombardy, more precisely at 'Thermae Salonis'. The building of a basilica in honour of the saint was forthwith taken in hand, and the canonisation and translation took place simultaneously with the dedication of the basilica on 1st August, 643. God immediately began to perform countless miracles through 'Pilgrim's' intercession, and such was the affluence of the faithful that a hospice had to be erected for their accommodation near the church. The first persons to render assistance to those who undertook the pious journey were Peter and Adelgrada. The feast has been fixed ever since on 1st August.

Fra Anselmo Tommasini, O.F.M., *Irish Saints in Italy*, translated J.F. Scanlan, (London, 1937), 346-7.

AUGUST, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 TIAC at the Blarney	3	4 <i>River cruise Sandpiper</i>	5	6 <i>Session ay the Blarney</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Joint Meeting</i>	19	20 <i>Lake Erie Feise</i>
21 <i>Glass City Feise</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Derek Warfield</i>	29	30	31			



A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

It was a Latin Requiem High Mass funeral for Johnny Mackin. St Joseph's church in North Toledo was filled. A fitting send off home for a good and humble man. God speed John.

Jim Goebel is recovering well after multiple surgeries. You can't keep a good man down.

A year ago Doug Kummer was diagnosed with Colon Cancer. He is now Cancer free and enjoying an Alaskan Cruise with Chris. A well deserved break for them. God bless

John Connolly enjoyed a visit to Ireland with family. It was great to see him on Facebook with big smiles after all the things he has been through the last couple of years. While John was there, Limerick secured the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship titles for the third time in a row, Limerick defeated Kilkenny in Croke Park. 1-31 to 2-26 Good for you John!!!!

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Smile and be happy

An Irish fella left the pub late one night, and since it was late he figured to cut through the cemetery. As he walked through it, he fell into a fresh cut grave.. Try as he could, the loose dirt allowed no hold, and he kept slipping back into the hole.. Finally, he decided to wait till morning and let the caretakers help him out, so he sat in a corner and went to sleep. A little later in the night, another Irishman made the same shortcut, and he too fell into the grave site.. As he scrambled at the sides to no avail, the other drunk woke up.. "You can't get out, I've tried", he said.. He got out...

Paddy takes his new wife to bed on their wedding night. She undresses, lies on the bed spread-eagled and says, "You know what I want, don't you?" "Yeah," says Paddy. "The whole darn bed by the looks of it!"

"Push harder!" Sullivan shouted to his wife while she was in labor. "Shut your gob you sorry eegit!" she screamed back at him. Sullivan thought that was a bit harsh; it wasn't his fault the car broke down on the way to the hospital.

Two kids went into their parents' bathroom and noticed the scale in the corner. "Whatever you do," said one youngster to the other, "don't step on it!" "Why not?" asked the sibling. "Because every time Mom does, she lets out an awful loud scream!"

Mother: Why are you crying? Mark: Dad hit his hand with a hammer. Mother: I'm surprised you're not laughing. Mark: I did.

A rookie police officer was assigned to ride in a cruiser with an experienced partner. A call came over the radio telling them to break up a group of people loitering. The officers drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on a corner. The rookie rolled down his window and said, "People, move off this corner!" No one moved, so he yelled, "Get off this corner now!" Intimidated, the group of people began to leave, looking puzzled. Proud of his first official act, the young policeman turned to his partner and asked, "Okay, how did I do?" "Not too bad," replied the veteran, "especially since this is a bus stop."

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her funeral 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."

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.

A fisherman accidentally left his day's catch under the seat of a bus. The next evening's newspaper carried an ad: If the person who left a bucket of fish on the number 47 bus would care to come to the garage, he can have the bus.

Kim said to her friend, "I just don't understand the attraction golf holds for men." "I know!" Rachel responded. "I went golfing with Roger one time, and he told me I asked too many questions." "I'm sure you were just trying to understand the game. What questions did you ask?" "Oh, just things like, 'Why did you hit the ball into that lake?'"

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was tremendous bolt of lightning and a massive clap of thunder, followed by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the priest and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

"Blind Woman Gets Kidney from Dad She Hasn't Seen in Years"

Our Lady of Knock—Witness to Hope

Approved by the Catholic Church – December 18th, 1954

Feast Day is August 21st

The apparition featured Mary (clothed in a long white cloak, with her eyes and hands raised upward as if in prayer), Saint Joseph (to Mary's right, also wearing a white cloak, and looking at Mary), Saint John the Evangelist (to Mary's left, wearing white bishop's clothing, and holding an open book in his left hand), and, behind them and to the left, a plain altar featuring a cross, a lamb, and angels flying around the altar in adoration. Even though no words were ever spoken at the apparition, the symbolism of the images presented were worth thousands of spoken words!

On the evening of Thursday, 21 August 1879, at about 8 o'clock, fifteen people, whose ages ranged from five years to seventy-five and included men, women, teenagers and children, witnessed what they stated was an apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and Saint John the Evangelist at the south gable end of the local small parish church, the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Behind them and a little to the left of Saint John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross and a lamb (a traditional image of Jesus, as reflected in the religious phrase The Lamb of God) with adoring angels. The witnesses watched the Apparition in the pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although they themselves were saturated not a single drop of rain fell on the gable or vision. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged in age from just 5 years old to 74 years old. Each of the witnesses gave testimonies to a Commission of Enquiry in October 1879. The findings of the Commission were that the testimonies were both trustworthy and satisfactory.



Who killed Michael Collins?

Historians, film-makers and forensic scientists try to answer question once and for all as centenary nears



It is the shot that a century later still echoes around Ireland as an unanswered question: who killed Michael Collins? On this much, everyone agrees: a bullet to the head killed the revolutionary leader on 22 August 1922 near Béal na Bláth, in County Cork, during Ireland's civil war. Who did it, and why, remains a source of controversy and speculation that now bubbles as strong as ever.

The upcoming centenary, and the discovery of new evidence about a suspect, have prompted historians, film-makers and forensic scientists to reinvestigate Collins's death – with some calling for another autopsy. “We should exhume the body and find out the nature of the wounds, otherwise we'll be talking about this for another century,” said Paddy Cullivan, an academic turned film-maker.

Collins was a leader of the original Irish Republican Army (IRA), a guerrilla force that fought British forces to a stalemate during Ireland's war of independence from 1919 to 1921. He signed a treaty with the British government that granted 26 of Ireland's 32 counties de facto independence as the Irish Free State. IRA hardliners rejected the treaty, leading to a bitter civil war. Collins was leading the provisional Irish government to victory over the anti-treaty side when his convoy was ambushed at Béal na Bláth. He dismounted and was firing back when he was shot and killed, aged 31. An information vacuum opened up: there was no inquiry, no death certificate and the autopsy report was lost.

Most people accept one of the ambushers fired the fatal bullet, but there is dispute over the identity of the shooter and whether the shot was a fluke, a ricochet or the work of a skilled sniper given it was fired at dusk, in poor visibility, from more than 490ft away. There is also dispute over whether the anti-treaty leader Éamon de Valera, who was in the area at the time, knew of the ambush. Neil Jordan's 1996 biopic, *Michael Collins*, depicted him as complicit. De Valera went on to lead Ireland as taoiseach and president.

Another version says Collins's own comrades in the convoy fired the fatal shot, possibly in an alcohol-fueled blunder since some had been drinking, or as part of a conspiracy by government figures to remove a rival. Yet another theory claims British intelligence orchestrated the killing to stop Collins subverting Northern Ireland, which remained under British rule. The state broadcaster, RTÉ, has lined up detectives, academics, psychologists and the retired state pathologist Prof Marie Cassidy to examine the evidence in an upcoming documentary, *Cold Case Collins*.

In the 1980s a former IRA member endorsed longstanding rumors that the shooter was Denis “Sonny” O'Neill, a marksman who served in the British army during the first world war before joining the anti-treaty IRA. But Cullivan recently combed German and British archives that said O'Neill returned home from the trenches with a 40% disability to his right arm, casting doubt on his assassin credentials.

Cullivan has made a documentary, *The Murder of Michael Collins*, that leaves the shooter's identity unresolved. “It's incredible that the most important man in Ireland at that time doesn't get an inquest or a death certificate. The whole thing is beyond strange.”

The historian doubts the theory that Emmet Dalton, one of Collins's senior aides, killed his chief, accidentally or on purpose, and covered it up. “He must have been a hell of an actor to carry that lie. He was in awe of Collins and became a keeper of the flame.”

Ferriter said debate over the shooter's identity distracted from the more important task of understanding a conflict that scarred Ireland. “There's an awful lot of silence around the civil war, a lot of trauma internalized.”

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES IN IRISH HISTORY!!

August 1 ~ 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 1, 1915 - Nationalist Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa is buried in Glasnevin cemetery, Dublin

August 3, 1823 - Thomas Francis Meagher, nationalist and transportee; journalist and lecturer; brigadier-general on Union side in US civil war, and Governor of Montana, is born in Waterford

August 12, 1922 - Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein, dies of a cerebral hemorrhage

August 15 ~ In the liturgical calendar, today is the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. It is also the feast day of St. Daga, 6th century Bishop of Iniskin, Dundalk.

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, 1846 - John Keegan Casey, Fenian, poet and writer of "Rising of the Moon" is born near Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

August 22, 1922 - Michael Collins is 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 mBláth - the mouth of flowers. Only one man was killed--Michael Collins. It is thought that Irregulars did the shooting, but some say that it might have been his own men. To this day, there is controversy about what actually happened

August 23, 1170 - Strongbow, a henchman of Henry II, arrives in Waterford at the behest of Dermot McMurrough, an event described in the Annals of Ulster as "the beginning of the woes of Ireland"

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. Mr Heaney was awarded numerous prizes over the years and won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995. He was born to a farming family at Mossbawn near Bellaghy in Co Derry on 13 April 1939 and was the eldest of nine children born to Margaret and Patrick Heaney.

His upbringing often played out in the poetry he wrote in later years. Educated at the St Columb's College Catholic boarding school in Derry, he later studied at Queen's University Belfast, before making his home in Dublin, with periods of teaching in the United States. Among the academic posts he held were professorships at Harvard and Oxford universities. Mr Heaney was an honorary fellow at Trinity College Dublin and last year was bestowed with the Seamus Heaney Professorship in Irish Writing at the university, which he described as a great honor. The writer is survived by his wife Marie and children Christopher, Michael and Catherine Ann.



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Robert McMahon Continues

One of the events that our brothers are doing elsewhere in the state is called road bowling. I think it sounds like a lot of fun. I would like to know if anyone has any interest. I think this might be an event that even non Irish would love.

Rules and Terms Irish Road Bowling

Rules/Style

A 28 ounce iron and steel cannonball the size of a tennis ball (a “bowl” or “bullet”) is hurled down a country lane. The player or team with the fewest shots to the finish line wins.

A “road shower” stands ahead of the thrower, feet apart, to show the best line or path in the road.

The thrower runs to the throwing mark and, in the Northern or County Armagh style, extends the arm and bowl behind him as he runs. At the throwing mark the arm is snapped forward by arching the back and shoulders, releasing the bowl underhand before stepping over the mark.

In the Southern or County Cork style, as the thrower runs to the mark the arm and bowl are lifted up and back, then whirled downward into an underhand throw, releasing the bowl before stepping over the mark.

Wherever the bowl stops (not where it leaves the road surface), a chalk mark is made at the nearest point on the road and the next throw is taken from behind that mark. It is marked as Team number and shot. Ex. 4/3. Team 4 shot 3

Over tight curves, or corners where two roads meet, the bowl may be thrown through the air (lofted). The loft must strike the road or pass over it. If the loft fails to reach the road, it counts as one shot, and the next throw must be taken again from the same mark.

If two players or teams approach the finish line with equal shots, the winner is decided by which throw goes farthest past the finish line.

Irish Terms

A Score – a match. (Years ago, players were given 20 shots each, the winner determined by who went the greatest distance.)

A Shot – a throw.

Bol~Chumann na hEireann – Irish Road Bowling in Gaelic

Bowl of Odds – when one bowler is one full shot fewer than his opponent, i.e., when a bowler is equal to or farther in distance than his opponent but has thrown one less shot.

Bowl or Bullet – the 28-ounce small cannonball used in Irish Road Bowling.

Bullets or Long Bullets – the County Armagh term for road bowling.

Butt – the throwing mark on the road. To step over the mark before releasing the bowl is to “break butt.”

Clear the Road – to get spectators out of the road in front of the thrower.

Corner – a sharp curve in the road or a corner where two roads meet.

Faugh a Ballach! – traditional Irish battle cry (Clear the Way!).

Get Sight or Open the Corner – to throw so deeply into the curve that the next throw is a straight shot out.

Kitter-Paw – a left-handed thrower.

Loft – to throw through the air.

Sop – a tuft of grass placed in the road at a spot where the bowl should first strike the surface. An experienced bowler can “Split the Sop.”

Stylish Bowler – a bowler with a smooth well-coordinated delivery.