

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD, WE TRUST



**AUGUST 3 ~ RIVER CRUISE ON THE SANDPIPER
AUGUST 6 ~ DONATION @ HISTORIC ST PAT'S
AUGUST 8 ~ IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS
AUGUST 15 ~ ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
AUGUST 20 ~ GLASS CITY FEIS
SEPT. 10 ~ HIBERNIAN PICNIC
SEPT. 10 ~ AN GORTA MOR MEMORIAL MASS
SEPT. 18 ~ FATHER RAY KELLY REDFORD AOH**



Mother McAuley Division

HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER



John P. Kelly Division

AUGUST, 2023



HIBERNIAN RIVER CRUISE ON THE SANDPIPER

\$30 Food provided BYOB

AUGUST 3rd 7 ~ 9 PM

Call Sherrie McNeill

419 382 3429

The Historic Church of Saint Patrick 160th Anniversary Celebration 2023

Aug 6 - 160th Mass and Brisket Picnic (tickets \$15)

**We will be giving our donation to the
food pantry at the 10 AM Mass Please
attend and wear your sash**



IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS ~ AUG 8th

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.

Tickets are \$10 available after Mass at the Church

AUGUST, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 <i>Donation 10 O'clock Mass @ HSP</i>	7	8 	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Assumption of Mary</i>	16	17	18	19
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In 2007, the small town of Doon in Co Limerick successfully changed its legal Irish name from An Dun, meaning simply 'the fort', to its historical name of Dun Bleisce, a slightly more risqué title meaning 'fort of the harlots'. More than 800 locals signed the petition to revert to the original name.



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Warm summer greetings to all! Congratulations to Sherri McNeill for being elected Ohio State Treasurer! We had planned on attending the convention June 23rd, when I received a phone call from my sister Jean. Her son Mitchell was killed in a car accident. Our world was turned upside down.

Thank you to all for your prayers. The love and support of family and community has meant a lot to our family. Please keep Jean in your prayers. Our sympathy also goes out to the McMahan family. Losing a father is never easy. Prayers for their family.

There are a lot of events coming up for August. We will be presenting the check to Historic St. Patrick's church on August 6th 10am Mass. Fr. Jim from Ireland will be saying Mass. Please join us and wear your sashes. The Mud Hens game and River Cruise are coming up. This is the icing on the cake to be able to gather together and enjoy special events such as this. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Please check the calendar. God bless all and may God hold you in the palm of His hands.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

My sincere thanks for all the prayers received in support of my wife. She is getting quite a lot of rest, which is what the doctors ordered. A couple of months rest and medication should get her back to her normal.

Due to Penny's accident and extended hospital stay, I was unable to attend the funeral for Robert McMahan's father, Michael McMahan. I felt bad for many reasons. I have become friends with Robert and Mike. Long before that, I was friends with their father. We loved next door to each other and our families had a great relationship. Mike was three years older, We both attended St. Ann's school. Mike was a good football player. Over the years, whenever our paths crossed, Mike would be so happy to see me and talk about our families. On Friday evening (the day of the funeral) I received a phone call from Mrs. McMahan (Utz) She wanted to know how Penny was doing. Talk about a class person!!!! When you see and do things with Robert and Michael Sean, you can tell that they were brought up by great parents. Rest in Peace Mike. You are remembered with love. God speed.



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT , ROBERT MCMAHON

Thank you to all Hibernians who expressed their condolences on the death of my dad Michael McMahon. He was a proud supporter of the Irish in Toledo. He looked forward to the annual river cruise as well as the other Irish events. He would sing Irish songs to us as children and the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist were his guiding lights. He will be missed. Please remember also that the feast of the Assumption of our Lady is a Holy Day of obligation this year. Tuesday August 15th.

We had a great turnout of Hibernians for the Holy Smokes with Msgr. Vasko! Brother Marty Lahey did a fantastic job putting on the event and will be hosting another Holy Smokes Thursday September 13th. This will be the same format of heavy appetizers whiskey and cigars. Cost is \$40; you may contact me to pay at any time or at the day of the event. If you do reserve to attend and are not able to make the event we would encourage the donation anyway because space is limited. Please give me a call or grab my ear to let me know if you can attend. We had 9 Hibernians at the last event. It would be great to keep it going. Let's try for double digits next time! Robert 419-902-6559

I am looking forward to the St Patrick's Golf outing at Belmont Friday August 4th. It is a great course. Thank you to all Hibernians for hole sponsorship as well as brothers coming out to the course.

If you have not called Sherri please call immediately to let her know you might be coming to the Sandpiper annual Irish River Cruise. Thursday August 3rd 7-9 pm on the Sandpiper on the Maumee.

I know that we have scheduled our Hibernian Picnic at the Cassidy's on the same day but if you are looking for a short day trip and would like to go to Mass or just visit the an Gorta Mor Shrine in MI. I think it would be great to send a donation for the upkeep of the shrine. Please let me know your thoughts. The annual an Gorta Mor Mass at St. Joseph's Shrine will be held at 2pm September 10th 8743 US 12 Brooklyn, MI 49230. The annual Mass at the shrine to commemorate those who died in the Great Hunger. It is a beautiful spot in the Irish Hills of Michigan. Mass is followed by a short AOH ceremony at the monument. The church Shrine of St. Joseph is a beautiful church and has a wonderful outside stations of the Cross on the banks of the Iron Lake. We would love to show our support from Lucas County.

Our annual Cherrywood golf outing will be September 23rd 9 am Saturday. 9 holes with cart and lunch provided for \$30. Additional 9 holes 10\$ extra. Please call Robert McMahon to reserve. 419-902-6559.

August in Ireland

The apparition in County Mayo in Ireland of Our Lady of Knock is reported to have occurred on the evening of August 21, 1879, the vigil of the octave of the feast of the Assumption. Those who witnessed the miracle ranged in age from five years old to seventy-five.

The apparition was described as follows: "Our Lady was wearing a large, brilliant crown and clothed in white garments. On her right was Saint Joseph, his head inclined toward her and on her left Saint John the Evangelist. To the left of Saint John was an altar on which stood a cross and a lamb." Standing only a few feet off the ground, the Blessed Virgin wore a white cloak and was described by witnesses as being incredibly beautiful. She wore a bright golden crown, and appeared to be praying with her eyes looking toward heaven with her arms bend in front of her with her palms facing inward.

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

Three animals were arguing about who was the best. A hawk he could attack anything repeatedly from above. A lion, claimed because of his strength ... None dared to challenge him. The third, a skunk, insisted he could frighten off any creature without using flight or strength to. As the trio debated the issue, an alligator came along and swallowed them all ... hawk, lion and stinker

There were two evil Irish brothers. They were rich and used their money to keep their way from the public eye. They even attended the same church and looked to be perfect Christians: Then, their pastor retired, and a new one was hired. Not only could he see right through the brothers' deception, but he also spoke well and true, and the church started to swell in numbers. A fundraising campaign was started to build a new assembly. All of a sudden, one of the brothers died. The remaining brother sought out the new pastor the day before the funeral and handed him a check for the amount needed to finish paying for the new building. "I have only one condition," he said. "At his funeral, you must say my brother was a saint." The pastor gave his word and deposited the check. The next day at the funeral, the pastor did not hold back. "He was an evil man," he said. "He cheated on his wife and abused his family." After going on in this vein for a small time, he concluded with..."But, compared to his brother, he was a saint."

As an airplane was about to crash, a female passenger jumps up frantically and announces; "If I am about to die, I want to die feeling like a woman." She removes all her clothing and asks: "Is there anyone on this plane, man enough, to make me feel like a woman?" An Irishman stands up, takes off his shirt and says: "iron this".

Last survivor of a plane crash has wandered the open desert for a week. No water. No food. He's dying. Almost out of life, he stumbles upon a man carrying a trunk. He begs the trunk man for water, to which he replies "Sorry buddy, no food or water. Just these neckties that I make. You want one, they're free?" The thirsty man scoffs and yells "I don't want a damn tie, I want water!" Trunk man tells him that if he can make it, there's a restaurant about ten miles south. The man is exhausted. Starving. Thirsty. Dying. He manages to crawl the ten miles, sees the restaurant in the horizon. With his last burst of energy he crawls to the restaurant door, knocks with his last bit of strength, door creaks open slowly revealing a large bouncer. "Can I help you?" the bouncer asks. "Please," the man whispers, "water..." Bouncer stares at the broken man, raises a brow and says "Sorry buddy. Nobody gets in here without a tie." Closes the door.

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text that said, "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile, if you are eating, send me a bite, if you are drinking, send me a sip, if you are crying, send me your tears." The husband, typically non-romantic, replied, "I'm on the toilet. Please advise."

Old man O'Toole and his wife were sitting on their patio watching the sun set. He says "I love you". His wife had not heard those words in a while asked, "Is that you talking, or is that your beer talking?" O'Toole replies, "I'm talking to my beer."

Paddy was an inveterate drunkard. The priest met him one day, and gave him a strong lecture about drink. He said, "If you continue drinking as you do, you'll gradually get smaller and smaller, and eventually you'll turn into a mouse." This frightened the life out of Paddy. He went home that night, and said to his wife, "Bridget....if you should notice me getting smaller and smaller, will ye kill that blasted cat?"

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

Father Theobald Mathew and “The Pledge”



If you hop on the "number seven" bus to get to the middle of Cork city. Clearly written on the front of that bus is the word "Statue" - meaning you were travelling in the right direction - towards the center of the city. The "Statue" in question was the final stop for most buses before they turn around and head back to the suburbs. In fact, the "Statue" in question did not need a name - it marked the center of the city and was the statue of a priest called Theobald Mathew who lived back in the early 1800s.

Theobald Mathew was born in 1790 in Thomastown, County Tipperary. His family were comfortably well-off for the time and he received a full education - eventually being ordained in 1813 as a Roman Catholic priest in the Capuchin order. He started his ministry in Kilkenny but after a short time moved to a friary in Cork city. He appeared to have thrived in Cork almost immediately. He learned Irish to hear confession from the poorest of his parish, built local schools for both girls and boys and opened dedicated burial grounds for Catholics within the city. He became the local head of the provincial order and laid the foundation stone for the new Holy Trinity church - a church that is still in use today.

Around the time Father Mathew was becoming a leadership figure in Cork city, alcohol temperance societies were gaining in popularity across Ireland. These societies lacked support from Catholics and Mathew was approached to help encourage membership among his own parishioners. Eventually the idea of "total abstinence" from alcohol had become a cornerstone belief of these temperance movements. In 1838, Mathew became the president of the "Cork Total Abstinence Society".

Members of the society had to take a pledge to abstain from alcohol and cleverly received a medal to proudly show off that pledge. In less than nine months 150,000 had taken the pledge. The work of the society spread throughout Ireland. By the early 1840s the movement had probably reached much of the population - enrolling over 3 million people to take the pledge - effectively half of the adult population of Ireland.

However, the movement was losing its impetus by the time of the Great Famine in the mid-1840s. In fact, consumption of alcohol even grew as the population declined in the most rural parts of Ireland during those terrible times. Father Mathew diverted all of his own energy to supporting famine relief, called out profiteers and used his international reputation to fund-raise around the world. Although he suffered a stroke in 1848, this hardly diminished his energy for long. He died in 1856 and is buried in St Joseph's cemetery - the cemetery that he founded - in Cork.

There is no doubt that Theobald Mathew inspired respect and affection in many of the people of Ireland. He also inspired them to take steps to control their own lives in even a minuscule way.

A statue dedicated to Father Mathew was sculpted and placed on a stone pedestal in the center of Cork City in October of 1864 - that same statue that guides the bus to the center of the city. It seems fitting that a man who dedicated his life to the people around him and had his heart in the right place, should now occupy a space at the heart of one of Ireland's most vibrant cities.



**GREAT LAKES FEIS
SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH**



**GLASS CITY FEIS
SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH**

**Glass City Center (formerly Seagate Convention Centre)
401 Jefferson Avenue**

Dancers start at 8:30 AM

Volunteers welcome

**The Lucas County Hibernians have a tradition of donating
to the Historic St Patrick's outreach program.**

**This year's donation will be presented at the 10 O'clock
Mass on August 6 as part of St Patrick's 160th anniversary**

**Please attend!!!! Wear your sash!!!! If you don't have a
sash, wear a big smile!!!!**



**THERE IS ALSO A BRISKET PICNIC
(WHATEVER THE HECK THAT IS)**

AFTER MASS COST \$15

THE IRISH ORIGINS OF "BRITISH" RACING GREEN.

Mike Collins Letter from Ireland

Cast your mind back to the start of the 20th century - about 120 years ago. The automobile became established in parts of the world and the paved road system improved year by year. Along with everyday transport uses for the motor-car - a potential for "automobile racing" became quite exciting to groups of well-to-do individuals and potential sponsoring companies across the world.



One of these "well-to-do" individuals was called James Gordon Bennett - born in 1841 of an Irish mother (surname Crean) and a Scottish father who happened to own the New York Herald Tribune. Bennett Jr. moved to Europe in 1877, Paris to be exact, to head up a European edition of the family paper. His world was a glamorous one and he saw the potential of combining his leisure and business interests by sponsoring yacht races, high-society gatherings and races involving that relatively new piece of transport technology - the automobile. "The Gordon

Bennett Cup Race" was scheduled in 1900 for the first time. It was held on a closed road circuit in France - essentially a forerunner for the Grand Prix and Rally Car races we see today. The French roads were the best in the world at the time and the French automobile manufacturers dominated for the first two years. However, in 1902 a British team won which meant that the 1903 race would be held in Britain to honor the winning team. However, there was a problem staging the race in England in 1903. The reputation of the race had built up over the previous 2 years - and it was seen as a "health and safety" concern if held on the newly-evolving English paved road system. However, Ireland was considered a suitable alternative. It was (still) part of the United Kingdom and had a more lenient view of health and safety on the roadways.

A road circuit was closed off between the towns of Kildare, Kilcullen, Monasterevin and Athy in counties Kildare and Carlow. All of the entries in the race were required to paint their cars a shade of green that was close to what we call "emerald" or "kelly" green today. It was christened "British Racing Green" and intended to honor the home country of the race hosts that year. It must have been quite a sight - watching those cars pass in a blur along an Irish country road, each car almost the same color as the fields around them!

The 327 mile race was won by a German racer in a Mercedes in a time of six and a half hours (the average speed was 49.2 mph for those who enjoy those sorts of facts). As a result, the following year the race was held in Germany but the British entrants continued to use "British Racing Green" on their cars. The Gordon Bennett race continued until 1905 - the same year as the first Grand Prix race was held in France.

Over the years, "British Racing Green" has deepened in shade to what we call a "forest green" but it is still associated with many heritage British brands of car such as Jaguar, Aston Martin, Lotus, Land and Range Rover. Can you picture any of these cars without a "British Racing Green" offered as a paint option?

So, each time you see the color that has become a symbol of British automotive engineering and design - remember its origins on the country roads of Counties Kildare and Carlow in 1903.

We all know it should really be called "Irish Racing Green"!

Fairies in Irish Mythology



In Irish mythology, fairy was a broad term used to describe Fairies in Irish mythology magical creatures. There are two types of fairy classifications, namely the Aos Sí (good fairies) and lone fairies. The Aos Sí were actually descendants of the Ancient Gods of Celtic Ireland, known as the tribe of Danu or the Tuatha de Danann.

The story goes that the people of Ireland descend from a race called Milesians. Milesians were once part of the Gaels tribe, but they had left Ireland and travelled the world for centuries. They eventually returned to Ireland to reclaim their home from the Gods at power. According to legend the Tuatha de Danann could make prophecies (The Morrigan had the gift of foresight for example) and knew they would not win this war, so they agreed to reside underground in the Otherworld while our ancestors remained above ground.

Over time the Gods became the Aos Sí (which means people of the fairy mound) and were known as fairies. They retained their human features for the most part and were creative and generally kind beings.

Alternatively, Irish mythical monsters more commonly derive from the lone fairy category. This classification has

many more sub categories but in general, these fairies or Irish monsters are smaller, with less humanoid features and are generally more mischievous than the Aos Sí. Lone fairies include everything from Leprechauns to the Dullahan.

In Ireland, fairies are not just part of Irish history and mythology. Belief in the 'Little People' is still alive and well. Fairy Trees (lone Hawthorn trees), burial grounds and water were some of the ways for fairies to travel between our world and the Other world. Fairies can meet at Ring Forts or "Fairy Forts" Ancient monuments that dot all over the Irish countryside. They are 60,000 of them in Ireland including dolmens, hill forts, ring forts, and stone circles. Fairy trees in Ireland are Hawthorn trees or Ash trees. What makes these Irish Fairy trees different from other trees is their location. They stand alone in the center of the field, usually with large stone circles surrounding their base.

When Celtic Christianity was formed (by merging Celtic customs with Christian ideals) some things were easy to adapt as they were positive, but more myths and creatures were either left out of Irish folklore altogether or portrayed as purely evil. Magical creatures for example were either phased out of beliefs systems or presented as evil.



OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The evening of Thursday, 21 August 1879, was a very wet night. At about 8 o'clock it was raining as Mary Byrne, who was from the village, was going home with the priest's housekeeper, Mary McLoughlin. Byrne stopped suddenly when she saw the gable of the church. She claimed she saw three life-size figures. She



ran home to tell her parents and soon others from the village gathered. The witnesses said they saw an apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist at the south gable end of 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, with angels. A farmer, about half a mile away from the scene, later described what he saw as a large globe of golden light above and around the gable, circular in appearance. For nearly two hours a group that fluctuated between two and perhaps as many as twenty-five stood or knelt, gazing at the figures. It was raining. Those identified as witnesses (and relatives) were Mary Byrne/Margaret Beirne, aged 29, and her

mother Margaret Beirne, aged 68, her younger adult sister Margaret Beirne, her younger adult brother Dominick Beirne, her eight-year-old niece Catherine Murray, and Dominick Beirne, who was an elder cousin, Dominick's five-year-old nephew John Curry, and Patrick Beirne, who was possibly also a relative. It was 11-year-old Patrick Hill who is thought to have given the most detailed description of the vision.

The vision of Mary was described as being beautiful, standing a few feet above the ground. She was described as wearing a white cloak, hanging in full folds and fastened at the neck. She was described as "deep in prayer", with her eyes raised to heaven, her hands raised to the shoulders or a little higher, the palms inclined slightly to the shoulders. Saint Joseph was described as wearing white robes and standing at the Virgin's right hand. His head was described as bent forward from the shoulders towards the Blessed Virgin. Saint John the Evangelist stood to the left of the Blessed Virgin. He was dressed in a long robe and wore a mitre. He was partly turned away from the other figures. Some witnesses reported that Saint John appeared to be preaching and that he held open a large book in his left hand. Others did not. To the left of Saint John some said there was an altar with a lamb on it with a cross standing on the altar behind the lamb.

Those who witnessed the apparition stood in the rain for up to two hours reciting the Rosary. When the apparition began there was good light, but although it then became dark, witnesses said they could still see the figures. They said the apparitions did not flicker or move in any way. The witnesses reported that the ground around the figures remained completely dry during the apparition although the wind was blowing from the south.

The entire apparition wall was soon torn apart by pilgrims chipping out the cement, mortar, and stones for souvenirs and to use for cures.

HIBERNIAN PICNIC AT MATT & TRICIA'S HOME



September 10th at 2:00 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!!!**



**An Gorta Mor
MEMORIAL MASS
Sept. 10th 2:00 PM
St. Joseph Shrine
8743 US-12,
Brooklyn, MI 49230**



FATHER RAY KELLY @ REDFORD AOH HALL

25300 5 Mile Rd Redford, MI 48239

SEPT. 18TH 3:00 PM TICKETS \$25