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HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

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John P. Kelly Division



September and the Feast days associated with it in Ireland and the United States are a perfect way to share our gift of Hibernian Charity, Fraternity and Unity. In the United States we take a day to remember the struggle that nearly all of our ancestors faced when leaving the old country for the new. Labor Day has and will continue to be a testament to their hard work and solidarity through the discrimination and hardship they faced each day. We should all take the opportunity to be grateful for the work we do and share that gratitude and Fraternity with our co-workers and employers, many of whom have also benefited by the diligent work of Hibernians for generations. September has both the feasts of the Nativity of Our Lady and the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom/Mercy that remind us that as hard as we may work there is someone working and praying for us in a supernatural way to be United with her Son that he may give us the strength to do our work. It is also the quarter day Sep 29 of Michaelmas known in America as Feast of the Angels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. Traditionally the end of harvest and of hiring days in Ireland. In Charity after accounts were settled a feast was given often an extra goose was cooked as well as sweets from the last of the berries. For this month I ask all Hibernians in these difficult times to each take the gift of excess food you may be able to provide and take it to the Food Pantry of your choice. The Claver House at St Martin de Porres as well as Deacon Tom's Food Pantry at Historic St Patrick's are always in need of food to help those in need. Consider this above and beyond the support you normally give. Especially if you have never given food before, take a moment to consider what your gift might have meant to those who came through the Hunger times and how grateful the recipient will be. Thank you.



My September column of Toledo Irish News in the Ohio Irish American News is about the twenty year run of the Hibernian St. Patrick's Festival! Available at the Blarney, Sr, Patrick's Historic, Shawn's Irish Pub on Heatherdowns and on Bancroft and <https://ohioirishamericannews.com/>



A Message from LAOH President Ann Dollman

Greetings! You have all been in my prayers. I miss you all! Robert McMahon and I have been talking about what it means to be a Hibernians in pandemic times. We are an organization that is Irish and Catholic. We have always reached out to those in need. We share what we have. Without being able to gather together to do philanthropic activity, we thought we can as a group do charity independently and yet together. We are suggesting each Hibernian donate to a food bank of your choice and let us know that you did it! I know St Patrick of Heatherdowns has the St Vincent de Paul food kitchen. Historic St Patrick has a food Pantry. Food donation is a way for us Irish to make sure no one goes hungry.

I am also asking everyone to pray at least one rosary in the month of September for all who have been affected by Covid, fires, or hurricanes. Let us also pray for each other. Again, I miss all of you and will rejoice when once again we are able to join each other safely.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ann Dollman


LAOH Lucas County President



Food and supplies are accepted
anytime by the Deacon Tom
Outreach Program.

There is a tradition of bringing
items to the Mass on the first
Sunday of each month.

SEPTEMBER, 2020

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6 <i>Echo's of Ireland</i> WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	7  Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
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Wherever they went the Irish brought with them their books, many unseen in Europe for centuries and tied to their waists as signs of triumph, just as Irish heroes had once tied to their waists their enemies' heads. Where they went they brought their love of learning and their skills in bookmaking. In the bays and valleys of their exile, they reestablished literacy and breathed new life into the exhausted literary culture of Europe. And that is how the Irish saved civilization.+

— *Thomas Cahill, American scholar and writer.*

When Irish Eyes are Smiling

A lady is having a bad day at the roulette tables. She's down to her last 50 Euros. Exasperated, she exclaims, "What rotten luck I've had today! What in the world should I do now?" A man standing next to her suggests, "I don't know... why don't you play your age?" He walks away. Moments later, his attention is grabbed by a great commotion at the roulette table. Maybe she won! He rushes back to the table and pushes his way through the crowd. The lady is lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her. The man is stunned. He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?" The operator replies, "I don't know. She put all her money on 29 and 36 came up. Then she just fainted!"

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

The Three Paddies find a leprechaun, who brings them to the top of his rainbow. "Slide down the rainbow, and shout out something, and you'll find it at the bottom," He says to them. Paddy the Englishman slides down and shouts gold and he lands in huge pot of gold. Paddy the Scotsman slides down and shouts silver and he lands in a huge pot of silver. Now, Paddy the Irishman hadn't been listening too well, and so he got on the rainbow, began sliding, and shouted "WEEEEEEEEEE!"

He's walking around town when he sees a 'help wanted' sign outside the blacksmith shop. So Paddy goes in and tells the blacksmith that he's here for the job. The blacksmith asks; have you ever shoed a horse before? Paddy thinks for a bit and then replies, No.....but I told a donkey to take off once.

Ireland's on lock down due to the virus!! Paddy and Murphy have just been signed up by the army. They are given a rifle each and told... "Listen up men! We are on the lookout for Virus Curfew offenders. Martial law has been declared! Anyone caught out after 6 PM it's SHOOT TO KILL!!" On their first day, they are sitting on a rooftop when Paddy lets off 3 rounds and kills a man who is walking along the pavement! Murphy shouts "JAYSUS PADDY WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IT'S ONLY 5.45 PM!" Paddy replies: "I Know where he lives..... He'll never make it home by 6!!"

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.'

Labor Day



Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation." Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.

~Adam Smith

Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential to take time off and to make sure that your most important decision in the day simply consists of choosing which color to slide down on the rainbow.

~Douglas Pagels, *These Are the Gifts I'd Like to Give to You*

Penny and I will miss marching with family this year.



Louis MacNeice (Sep. 12, 1907 ~ Sep. 3, 1963)

Louis MacNeice was born in the month of September and he also died in September. His passing in 1963 was unexpected. In August of 1963, on location with a unit of the BBC, he went down in a mine-shaft. The 'cold' he caught was not diagnosed as pneumonia until it was too late. He died a month after at 55 years old. One of his poems, 'Dublin' shows that he was a prophet as well as a poet.



Dublin by Louis MacNeice

Grey brick upon brick,
 Declamatory bronze
 On somber pedestals -
 O'Connell, Grattan, Moore -
 And the brewery tugs and the swans
 On the balustraded stream
 And the bare bones of a fanlight
 Over a hungry door
 And the air soft on the cheek
 And porter running from the taps
 With a head of yellow cream
 And Nelson on his pillar
 Watching his world collapse.



On March 8th in 1966 Nelson's Pillar, the 121 foot high column that stood tall in Dublin's O'Connell Street was blown up by the IRA. No one was hurt in the explosion, but many people remember and tell stories about where they were when the bomb exploded.

The front page of the Irish Times on 8 March 1966 read:
 The top of Nelson Pillar, in O'Connell street, Dublin, was blown off by a tremendous explosion at 1.32 o'clock this morning and the Nelson statue and tons of rubble poured down into the roadway. By a miracle, nobody was injured, though there were a number of people in the area at the time.

The pillar was first erected in the capital's main thoroughfare in 1808, dedicated to British navy man, Admiral Lord Nelson. The pillar commemorated Admiral Nelson's victories at sea. On top of the column stood a 13 foot high statue of Nelson.

The Millennium Spire, completed in 2003, now stands in the same spot that Nelson's pillar once did. The monument stands at over 395 feet.



IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES IN IRISH HISTORY

September 1, 1830 - The 'Wild Colonial Boy' is shot dead in a gun battle with police at Cambelltown, Sydney. Contrary to the popular song, 'The Wild Colonial Boy' was John Donohue, transported from Ireland in 1824

September 1, 1999 - Van Morrison becomes the first inductee to The Hot Press Irish Music Hall of Fame.

September 5, 1998 - President Clinton follows in the footsteps of John F. Kennedy and becomes a Freeman of Limerick. Today marks the end of his three-day visit to Ireland

September 5, 2001 - The violent scenes of sectarian hatred witnessed at the Holy Cross school in Belfast make headlines in newspapers all over the world

September 6, 1831 - Birth in Rosscarbery, Co. Cork of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, one of the founders of the Fenian Brotherhood

September 7, 1948 - Taoiseach John A. Costello declares the Irish Free State a Republic

September 7, 2001 - It is announced that US President George Bush is sending his special envoy, Richard Haass, to Northern Ireland to sound out parties on the ailing peace process.

September 9, 1845 - The arrival of the potato blight in Ireland is reported in the Dublin Evening Post

September 11, 1998 - British troops are withdrawn from the streets of Belfast in response to the ongoing republican and loyalist cease-fires

September 11, 2002 - In a gesture of support and solidarity, schools, shops and businesses come to a symbolic halt at 1.46pm - the precise moment, Irish time, that the first terrorist hijacked plane hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center in NYC one year ago

September 12, 1907 - Louis McNeice, poet and classical scholar is born in Belfast

September 12, 1999 - It is announced that every household in Ireland is to receive a millennium candle to light when the sun sets on New Year's Eve

September 13, 1803 - Death of John Barry, a native of Ballystampson, Co. Wexford, Commodore in the US Navy and renowned as the Father of the American Navy

September 21, 2000 - Gardaí arrest a man in connection with the bombing of Nelson's Pillar in O'Connell Street, Dublin, 34 years ago

September 29, 1979 - Pope John Paul II arrives in Dublin for the first ever papal visit to Ireland

September 29 - In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of St. Michael, the Archangel

Arthur's Day - "a Celebration of Substance"

by Bridget Haggerty



All around the world, starting at 17.59 on a designated day in September, fans of the black stuff celebrate what has come to be known as the Feast of St. Guinness, i.e. the remarkable life and legacy of "Uncle Arthur" - Sir Arthur Guinness, entrepreneur, visionary, philanthropist and the founder of the world-famous brewery. He was born in Celbridge, County Kildare on September 28, 1725. There is much debate as to Sir Arthur's birthdate. Many sources say September 24, although there is no evidence to support that claim. Charles Mosely of 'Burke's Peerage and Baronage' says that March 2nd was the date Arthur made his debut. To end all the speculation, in 1991 the Guinness Company chose September 28th. To confuse matters further, in 2009, Guinness celebrated its 250th birthday; but it would appear that many people are interchanging the birth of the stout with the founder of the company who makes it. No matter. Whatever the date, Arthur's Day is cause for a celebration with substance.

How it all began

It seems that Arthur first learned the art of brewing from his father Richard, whose job as a land steward included brewing beer for workers on the estate of Dr. Arthur Price, later Archbishop of Cashel. In 1759, craft learned and career aspirations in place, at age 34, Arthur signed a 9000-year lease for the St. James's Gate Brewery, Dublin, at an annual rent of £45. The brewery was only four acres in size, disused, and had little brewing equipment. But in just 10 years, despite competition from imported English beers, Arthur began to export his beer to England. By the 1830s, St. James's Gate Brewery was the largest brewery in Ireland. and by 1914 was the largest in the world, covering 64 acres. Although no longer the largest brewery on the planet, it is still the biggest brewer of stout. It's a remarkable legacy and the reason that in 2009, the company created a special Arthur's Day to mark the 250th anniversary of when the lease on St. James's Gate was signed. During the inaugural event, thousands of fans across every continent enjoyed over 60 live music acts while raising millions of pints of Guinness in a celebration with substance. Ireland's mail service An Post also marked the anniversary with the release of a special 82 cent stamp.

Beyond the past and the toast

There's even more to Arthur's Day than just the party that begins with the traditional toast to his memory at 5.59 pm in whatever time zone you happen to be. In 2009, to ensure Arthur's philanthropical legacy would continue, the Arthur Guinness Fund was established with an initial investment of more than €6.5m. Since its founding, the fund has raised millions of euros and has become an investment vehicle that supports the big ideas and the passion for community of social entrepreneurs - people with business heads and social hearts. Each is making a significant difference by delivering measurable, transformational change to communities in Ireland and worldwide. According to the company: "The Arthur Guinness Fund is designed as a springboard to enable social entrepreneurs to take their initiatives to the next level, and further expand their vision for making a real difference to the people around them."

In summary, Ronan Beirne, Guinness Global Marketing Manager, said: "Arthur's Day is a celebration with substance designed to recognise and honour the legacy of Arthur Guinness and the Guinness brand he brought to the world. We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating this again with people all over the world on Arthur's Day, and I am personally looking forward to raising a Guinness to toast a truly inspirational man."

To Arthur and to the next 250 years: "Sláinte!"

September 13th Commodore John Barry Day!!!



The Commodore John Barry Memorial inside the Barry Gate at Annapolis

Few Americans are well-acquainted with the gallantry and heroic exploits of Philadelphia's Irish born naval commander, Commodore John Barry. Obscured by his contemporary, naval commander John Paul Jones, Barry remains to this day an unsung hero of the young American Republic.

As most naval historians note, Barry can be classed on a par with Jones for nautical skill and

daring, but he exceeds him in the length of service (17 years) to his adopted country and his fidelity to the nurturing of the American Navy.

Indeed, Barry deserves the proud epithet, "Father of the American Navy," a title bestowed on him, not by current generations of admirers, but by his contemporaries, who were in the best position to judge. In the space of 58 years, Barry, born in County Wexford, rose from humble cabin boy, to senior commander of the entire United States fleet.

Intrepid In battle, he was humane to his men as well as adversaries and prisoners. Barry's war contributions are unparalleled: he was the first to capture a British war vessel on the high seas; he captured two British ships after being severely wounded in a ferocious sea battle; he quelled three mutinies; he fought on land at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton; he captured over 20 ships including an armed British schooner in the lower Delaware; he authored a Signal Book which established a set of signals used for effective communication between ships; and he fought the last naval battle of the American Revolution aboard the frigate *Alliance* in 1783.