

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
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September 5 ~ Labor Day
September 10 ~ LAOH Irish Tea Party
September 11 ~ Firefighter's Mass at St. Pat Hist
September 14 ~ Aoife Scott Concert in Detroit
September 15 ~ AOH Meeting Maumee Library
September 17 ~ TIAC Sandpiper river cruise
September 18 ~ An Gorta Mor Mass at shrine
September 22 ~ Autumn Equinox
September 25 ~ Father Ray Kelly Concert



Mother McAuley Division

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SEPTEMBER, 2022



John P. Kelly Division

A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN



Greetings!

You are invited to an Irish tea party at Clara J's at 219 West Wayne Street Maumee, Ohio September 10, 2022 at 11:30am. Clara J's is having a "Hibernian" type of tea just for us! The cost is \$26. The choices are the "Tea Room Sampler" which includes petite scone, Devonshire cream, Half of a Ribbon & Cucumber sandwich, Warmed Quiche Bite, Freshly made sweet, Seasonal fruit and two hot teas or an iced tea. The other choice is the "Quiche" This includes a vegetarian crustless quiche topped with pie crust cut-out, finest cheeses & vegetables, seasonal fruit, slice of tea bread and two hot teas or an iced tea.

RSVP is a MUST to Ann Dollman 419-250-0288 or anndollman@yahoo.com

Looking forward to celebrating my Birthday with all of you at the tea!

This will be our meeting for September!

-*-*- Are you interested in doing the Fort Meig's ghost walk October 28th?-*-*-

December 3rd will be our Christmas party at St. Pius Hall.

Keep Friday March 17th open for our festival!!!

Thank you & see you at the tea!

Ann Dollman

LAOH president

A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS



Father Ray Kelly will perform on Sunday, September 25th at St. Patrick's Historic Church starting at 5:00 pm I have been called crazy because: I being an international star to Toledo and take no money for myself. I charge only \$15, when other places charge much more. Here is my explanation. My friendship with Deacon Tom goes back over 60 years to when we served Mass together at old St. Ann's!!! Monsignor Chris Vasko is Chaplain for the Toledo Hibernians and is always available when we ask. The price per ticket is because we want to have as many people as possible come in and see our beautiful Church. A bonus is the wonderful people from Michigan, St. Louis and Pittsburgh, who have come to each Father Ray concert in Toledo. Father Ray, himself, is a wonderful entertainer and as nice and as humble as any priest I have ever met. Come on down. Bring the family. Bring a friend. I am counting on each of you. Historic St. Patrick's Church is counting on you!!



A MESSAGE FROM AOH DIVISION PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Sandpiper cruise. The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

Men's MONTHLY MEETING 7PM Thursday 15th September MAUMEE LIBRARY
501 River Rd, Maumee, OH 43537

There are two Masses this month of special note. St. Patricks Historic will have their Firefighters Mass on 11 September at the 10am Mass. It will also be livestreamed.

The following week there will be the annual An Gorta Mor Memorial mass in the Irish hills at the St. Joseph Shrine. The Mass will be at 2:00p.m. St. Joseph's Shrine 8743 U.S. 12, Brooklyn, Michigan 49230, followed by the short memorial ceremony at the monument and light refreshments. The Shrine church and cemetery grounds there are quite beautiful. The memorial was created by the Adrian AOH Division. The memorial continues to need maintenance and would greatly appreciate our support.

Last year we had a gathering for Ghost stories in October and this year we are looking to have another similarly themed event. Ft. Meigs is having ghost walks 21,22,28,29 October. The walk is about 90 minutes and tours begin starting at 6:30 We are thinking of walking together Thursday 28th October preceded by or proceeding to fellowship afterwards. Please let me know if you are interested. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are timed. see <https://fortmeigs.org/ghostwalk/> for more details. "Each summer during Fort Meigs' living history encampments, strange lights and sounds, along with the appearance of soldiers long dead have been reported by staff, volunteers, and visiting re-enactors. These phenomenal occurrences have never been accounted for or explained...Guided by lantern light, experience ghostly tales around campfires within the walls of this historic fortification. Adults \$15 Seniors (60+): \$12 Children (6-17): \$10* Note: This program is not suitable for children 5 and under"

The Toledo Irish American Club is having a Halfway to St. Paddy's Day Sandpiper Cruise Saturday Sept 17th 3:00 pm. Check out TIAC Facebook for more details. or call Kelly Zawierucha 419-343-8273

Fr. Ray Kelly will be coming to Historic St. Patrick's on September 25th. Maury Collins has made all the arrangements and all proceeds go to benefit St. Patrick's. It is sure to be a wonderful program of sacred and secular music.

Celebrating St. Michael's Day in Old Ireland

by Bridget Haggerty

Throughout the Celtic lands, Michaelmas - September 29, marked the end of the harvest. This was the time that farm folk calculated how many animals they could afford to feed over the winter and how many would have to be sold or slaughtered and salted down in order to preserve the meat.

In addition to livestock fairs, rural folk attended hiring fairs which were especially important for farm laborers looking for winter employment after the harvest.

Michaelmas was also one of the regular quarter-days for settling rents and accounts; often, since this was also the time of the "geese harvest", many a farmer paid off his accounts with a brace or more of plump birds from the flock hatched in the spring. Traditionally, on St. Michael's Day, Irish families sat down to a roast goose dinner.

Michaelmas also marked the end of the fishing season, the beginning of the hunting season, the traditional time to pick apples and the time to make cider. In County Waterford, it was also the end of the tourist season. This gave rise to a strange custom observed by those in the holiday trade - they held a procession to the beach and cast an effigy of St. Michael into the sea as a symbolic protest against loss of earnings.



In many parts of Ireland, farmers gave geese as gifts to the poor and sold the down as fillings for mattresses and pillows. In several towns, Michaelmas was the day to elect a mayor. As the story goes, it was the tradition that the Mayor of Dublin could not be sworn in until after his counterpart in Drogheda. Where this custom came from, no-one seems to know.

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How 9/11 Became the Deadliest Day in History for U.S. Firefighters

The firefighter deaths on Sept. 11 amounted to more than a third of the approximately 1,000 emergency personnel at the scene.

PATRICK J. KIGERMAY 20, 2019



At 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2001, hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. Six minutes later, the first contingent of New York City firefighters—two ladder and two engine companies—had arrived at the stricken building. They had just begun to climb a stairwell in an effort to reach people trapped on the upper floors, when another hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175, struck the south tower at 9:03 a.m.

The 9/11 attacks not only became the single deadliest terrorist attack in human history, they were also the deadliest incident ever for firefighters, as well as for law enforcement officers in the United States. The New York City Fire Department lost 343 among their ranks, while 23 New York City police officers and 37 Port Authority officers lost their lives, according to the 9/11 Commission that investigated the attacks and emergency response. "We had a very strong sense we would lose firefighters and that we were in deep trouble, FDNY Division Chief for Lower Manhattan Peter Hayden later told the commission. "But we had estimates of 25,000 to 50,000 civilians, and we had to try to rescue them."

On the ground, fire department officials quickly realized that there was no hope of controlling the blaze. Instead, they focused on the desperate mission of evacuating the office workers who were inside the two massive buildings. Though they surmised that the twin towers had suffered structural damage and the fire-suppression systems might have been rendered inoperable, they had almost no solid information about the situation inside. So the firefighters rushed into the unknown. But probably no one realized just how bad it would be. Among the 2,753 people killed at the World Trade Center site on 9/11, 343 were FDNY fatalities.

Two decades later, there isn't an official account of precisely where firefighters were when they died. But a 2005 New York Times analysis, which was based upon eyewitness accounts, dispatch records and federal reports, suggests that roughly 140 firefighters lost their lives in or around the south tower, while around 200 died inside the north tower or at its base. NIST estimated that about 160 firefighters were outside the two buildings when they met their deaths, probably from being struck by pieces of the buildings.



Climbing the stairs clad in heavy protective clothing and carrying equipment was a grueling task, even for physically-fit firefighters. Exhaustion quickly set in, and some became separated from their units, according to the national 9/11 commission's report. To make things even more difficult, radio communication became difficult as they ascended higher inside the buildings. There would have been no way to prepare for what happened at 9:59 a.m., when the south tower suddenly disintegrated, collapsing into itself in just 10 seconds. There was

no time to flee, and the collapse killed all the firefighters and emergency personnel inside the building, according to the 9/11 commission report. After being crushed under a mountain of rubble—250,000 tons of steel, concrete and furnishings—some of their bodies weren't recovered until months later.



About a minute later, FDNY officials, realizing that the north tower might soon collapse as well, got on the radio and issued a command to all firefighters in the north tower, telling them to evacuate. But with the breakdown in radio communication and the confusion of the disaster, some firefighters didn't hear the evacuation order, according to the 9/11 commission report. Many who weren't near windows didn't even know that the south tower had collapsed, even though they had felt the powerful jolt and the rush of wind pushing the debris cloud up into the north tower.

Without a sense of the impending peril they faced, firefighters inside the north tower who heard the command didn't uniformly respond and get out of the building as quickly as they could,

according to the 9/11 commission report. Some units delayed their own evacuations to help civilians who were having trouble getting out, while others lingered to look for other firefighters so they could descend together. Others stopped to rest on the way down.

But once five FDNY companies reached the lobby of the north tower at 10:24, another problem developed, according to the 9/11 commission report. There weren't any chiefs waiting for them, so they stood for more than a minute. Finally, one firefighter who had seen the south tower's collapse from a window told the rest that they should leave. But before they all could get out of the lobby, the north tower began to collapse at 10:28 a.m., killing some of them.

Among those who died on the outside of the north tower was Chief of Department, Peter J. Ganci, FDNY's highest-ranking uniformed officer, who was working the radio and commanding rescue efforts. Just moments before, he had spoken with then-mayor Rudolph Giuliani, according to the New York Times.

Though the FDNY paid a terrible price that day, firefighters' heroic efforts undoubtedly saved thousands of lives. As it turned out, far fewer people were in the towers that day than feared—an estimated 17,400, according to NIST—and 87 percent of them were safely evacuated.



*The annual celebration
of firefighters in a
Mass of thanksgiving
will be held on Sunday,
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Smile and be happy

Little Johnny's mother, in an attempt to get him to stop sucking his thumb, told him that if he continued to do so, his stomach would get bigger and bigger until it burst. Later that day, they went to a grocery store, where Johnny saw a very pregnant lady. Noticing that he was staring at her, the lady said; "You don't know me, you shouldn't be staring at me." Johnny replied; "I may not know you, but I know what you've been doing."

Mickey applied for a job at the super market and said that he had experience, having previously worked at another supermarket. When the interviewer asked why he had left, Mickey said, "I was fired for spending too much time with the meat slicer." The interviewer was baffled and said; "That doesn't sound like a serious offense to me." "Well they must have thought so," replied Mickey, "They fired her, too."

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies. So, this was his first time approaching a field during the nighttime. Instead of making any official requests to the tower, he said: "Guess who?" The controller switched the field lights off and replied: "Guess where?"

A policeman brought four boys before a judge. "They were causing an awful lot of commotion at the zoo, your Honor," "Boys," said the judge sternly, "I never like to hear reports of juvenile delinquency. Now I want each of you to tell me your name and what you were doing wrong. "My name is George," said the first boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen. "My name is Pete," said the second boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Mike," said the third boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Peanuts," said the fourth boy.

A women's lib speaker was addressing a large group and said, "Where would man be today if it were not for woman?" She paused a moment and looked around the room. "I repeat, where would man be today if it were not for woman?" From the back of the room came a voice, "He'd be in the Garden of Eden eating strawberries."

All the good knights were leaving for the Crusades. One knight told his best friend - "My bride is without doubt one of the most beautiful women in the world. It would be a terrible waste if no man could have her. Therefore, as my best and most trusted friend, I am leaving you the key to her chastity belt to use should I not return from the Crusade." The company of knights were only a mile or so out of town when they noticed a cloud of dust approaching. Thinking it might be an important message from the town the column halted. A horseman approached. It was the knight's best friend. He yells - "Hey, you gave me the wrong key!!"

Margaret is very upset as her husband Albert had just passed away. She went to the undertakers to have one last look at her dearly departed husband. The instant she saw him she starts crying. One of the undertakers strides up to provide comfort in this somber moment. Through her tears she explains that she is upset because her dearest Albert was wearing a black suit, and it was his dying wish to be buried in a blue suit. The undertaker apologizes and explains that traditionally, they always put the bodies in a black, but he'd see what he could arrange. The next day she returned to the undertakers to have one last moment with Albert before his funeral the following day. When the undertaker pulls back the curtain, she manages to smile through her tears as Albert is resplendent in a smart blue suit. She says to the undertaker "Wonderful, wonderful, but where did you get that beautiful blue suit?" "Well, yesterday afternoon after you left, a man about your husband's size was brought in & he was wearing a blue suit. His wife explained that she was very upset as he had always wanted to be buried in a black suit," the undertaker replied. The wife smiled at the man. He continued, "After that, it was simply a matter of swapping the heads"

An elderly gentleman went to the local drug store and asked the pharmacist for the little blue "Viagra" pill. The pharmacist asked, "How many?" The man replied, "Just a few, maybe a half dozen. I cut each one into four pieces. The pharmacist said, "That's too small a dose. That won't get you through intimacy." The old fellow said, "Oh, I'm past eighty years old and I don't even think about intimacy much anymore. I just want it to stick out far enough so I don't pee on my new golf shoes."

THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX



In 2022, the autumnal equinox—also called the September equinox or fall equinox—arrives on Thursday, September 22. This date marks the start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. During an equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the “celestial equator”—an imaginary extension of Earth’s equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun’s center passes through this line.

For those in the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south, this marks the autumnal equinox; when it crosses from south to north, this marks the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, it’s the reverse.

After the autumnal equinox, days become shorter than nights as the Sun continues to rise later and nightfall arrives earlier. This ends with the winter solstice, after which days start to grow longer once again.

The word “equinox” comes from Latin *aequus*, meaning “equal,” and *nox*, “night.” On the equinox, day and night are roughly equal in length.

the full Moon that occurs nearest to the autumnal equinox is always called the “Harvest Moon!” Unlike other full Moons, this full Moon rises at nearly the same time—around sunset—for several evenings in a row, giving farmers several extra evenings of moonlight and allowing them to finish their harvests before the frosts of fall arrive.

In Ireland, with the change of the seasons from the haze of summer to the cool of fall, comes the Celtic autumn equinox festival, called Mabon. (pronounced MAY-bone)

It’s part of the annual sacred Celtic celebrations, which date back to ancient times. Celts and pagans used the autumn equinox to give thanksgiving to nature/Mother Earth for giving a good harvest, and to pray to their gods and goddesses that the crop would last throughout the winter.

Mabon was originally a harvest festival when farmers gathered hearty foods such as gourds, pumpkins, grapes, and apples. Modern Mabon celebrations are a time to express gratitude to Mother Earth for her abundance, both literally and spiritually.

This is also known as *Mea’n Fo’mhair* by the Druids, and it honors the Green Man, the God of the Forest, by offering libations to trees. Offerings of cider, wine, herbs, and fertilizer are appropriate. Mabon (like Ostara) emphasizes balance because it is one of the few times during the year when true balance can be observed in nature. There is no distinction between day

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Hibernian Christmas Party

St. Pius Hall

Saturday Dec. 3rd 6-9 PM

Coming Fast Mark it down!!



Plans have begun for the 2023

Hibernian Family Friendly Celebration of St. Patrick's Day

FRIDAY, March 17th

St. Clement Hall

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES IN IRISH HISTORY!!

Sept 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

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

Sept. 3, 1850 - Charters are granted to colleges in Belfast (now Queen's University), Cork (now UCC) and Galway (now UCG), under the Universities (Ireland) Act

Sept. 8, 1798 - Battle of Ballinamuck - last major battle of "The Year of the French"; after a short fight, Humbert surrenders

Sept. 8, - In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast day of St. Disbode, a 7th century Irish missionary. According to German legend, the Irish saint founded the German wine industry when wine started pouring from his pilgrim's staff.

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

Sept. 9, In the liturgical calendar, this is the feast day of St. Kieran, founder of the great monastery at Clonmacnois. He dies on this date in 545.

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

Sept. 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

Sept. 14, 2001 - Following the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, as many as 15,000 Irish people are stranded in the US and Canada awaiting flights to Ireland

Sept. 14, 2001 - The Irish government declares a national day of mourning; schools, businesses and shops are shut down in an unprecedented gesture of sympathy following Tuesday's attack on the World Trade Center.

Sept. 15, 1999 - The Corrs, the Cranberries and the Chieftains take the lion's share of £15.6 million collected by the Irish Music Rights Organisation (IMRO) on behalf of Irish song writers

Sept. 19, 1880 - Parnell delivers his famous speech at Ennis in which he introduces the term for non-violent protest - boycotting. Parnell asked his audience, 'What are you to do with a tenant who bids for a farm from which another has been evicted?' Several voices replied, 'shoot him!' Parnell answered: "I wish to point out a better way, a more Christian way which will give the lost man an opportunity of repenting. When a man takes a farm from which another has been evicted, you must shun him on the roadside, on the streets, in the shop and even in the place of worship by putting him in a "moral Coventry." You must show him your detestation of the crime he has committed"

Sept. 27, 2000 - Thirty-three years after it was made, censors lift the ban on a film adaptation of James Joyce's epic novel Ulysses

Sept. 29, 1778 - Birth in Dublin of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy

Sept. 29 ~ In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of St. Michael, the Archangel



**September 25, 2022
5 PM**

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