



# Seanachai

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Largest Irish Organization  
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## President's Message



St. Patrick's Day is a wrap! Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, a beautiful, sunny day for the parade and a full house at the Irish Family Reunion. Thank you all for coming out and enjoying the day with us.

I have several people I want to thank, Ron O'Brien, Dennis Moriarty and the rest of the Moriarty family for overseeing the parade route. Thank you to PP Richie Clemons for coordinating the day at the Convention Center, to PP Karen Komatsu for handling table sales, to PP Mary Grady Strickland for achieving the goal of a \$10,000 50/50 payout and all the wonderful volunteers who worked the tickets sales.

We have two meetings in April. Our General Membership Meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup> and on April 14<sup>th</sup> we will be holding elections from 12:00pm-3:00pm followed by our membership meeting. I urge everyone to take time to read the information in this Seanachai on each candidate that is running for office and cast your vote. Every vote is important.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your continued membership and support of the Club. It has been an honor to serve as your President this past year.

I hope to see you soon.

Nancy Murphy, President 2024

## Chaplain's Comments



I think we can agree that this celebration of St. Patrick's Day was a huge success! Even in spite of the rain. President Nancy and all the officers, as well as all of those who headed up committees or worked in any capacity are to be congratulated on a wonderful celebration! We have much for which to be thankful.

Coming up fast is election of new officers for the Shamrock Club. It's very important that voting members take time to come down to the club and vote. Information on how to do this is contained in this issue of the Seanachai. These members will lead our club in the coming Club Year, so it's important to take this responsibility very seriously.

Spring is coming – my crocuses came up very early and the daffodils are up in their yellow glory, Hyacinths are poking their flowers slowly through their leaves, trees are beginning to blossom and the rebirth of nature is everywhere apparent! Springtime should remind us that the cycle of life continues, and the beauties of nature are a testimony to the goodness of God who delights us each Spring with colorful flowers and blossoms; the greening of the grass and the leaves on trees serve as a reminder of the importance of renewal in our lives and especially in our spiritual lives. With all of this taking place in nature it would be

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### Chaplain's Comments, cont.

good for us to turn our attention to prayer, to thank God for the goodness in creation, and to renew our appreciation of our important place in that creation, and our responsibility to care for our common earthly home.

Springtime blessings,

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, Chaplain



STAPLETON

## THE SHAMROCK CLUB OF COLUMBUS 2024 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Social Hour begins at 6:30pm

4S Club

281 East Whittier Street Columbus, OH 43206

Catering by Dempsey's Food & Spirits

Entertainment by the McIans

\$60 per person

Reservations can be made online through

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starting Sunday, April 14, 2024

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Shuttle service from the Schiller Park parking lot,  
compliments of South Wind Motel, begins at 6pm



DEMPSEY

**Officers**

**President:** Nancy Murphy  
**Vice-President:** Megan Dempsey  
**Secretary:** Patrick Conley  
**Treasurer:** Doug Dempsey  
**Chaplain:** Msgr. John K. Cody  
**Director:** Jim McDonald  
**Director:** Megan Kelly  
**Director:** Molly McCandless  
**Director:** Jamie Porter  
**Sg-At-Arms:** Rich Finn

**Office Administrator**

Tina O’Grady

**Pub Supervisor**

James Moriarty

**Seanachai News**

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as an attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at [jjcasey973@gmail.com](mailto:jjcasey973@gmail.com)  
 The **deadline** for articles is the **21st of the month**.

**Seanachai Information**

1. The electronic version will be delivered to the members every month by the meeting date.
2. The printed version will be delivered whenever the USPS gets around to it.
3. The **deadline for articles is the 21st** of the month preceding the month of publication.
4. The articles should be submitted as an Email, a Word attachment to email or as a jpeg.
5. The preferred font is Times New Roman, 11pt or 12pt.
6. No handwritten articles will be accepted.
7. **Seanachai ad prices are:** \$300 per year, \$175 per six months and \$50 per one month .

**MarkYour Calendars**

**Shamrock Club Meetings**

<b>April 7th</b>	
<b>April 14th (Elections)</b>	
<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>April 5th</b>
<b>Music in the Pub (Hooligans)</b>	<b>April 26th</b>
<b>Installation Dinner</b>	<b>April 27th</b>
<b>Flag Day</b>	<b>June 14th</b>

**Golf Outing**

**July 26th**

**E. Board Meetings**

**3rd Mondays**

**Coed Darts**

**2nd & 4th Mondays**

**Men’s Darts**

**Wednesdays**

**Women’s Darts**

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**

**Co-Ed Corn Hole**

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**

**Quiz Nights**

**2nd Fridays**

**Shamrock Club Officer Elections, April 14th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM**

**Candidates for Secretary**

**Jamie Porter**

My name is Jamie Porter and I am running for the position of Secretary for the Shamrock Club of Columbus. I am currently in the middle of my second term as a member of the Executive Board. I decided to run because I want to follow through on the initiatives that this board has been working on this past year- lowering expenses, increasing revenues and memberships and creating more opportunities for Irish cultural events at the club. I am very serious about transparency on club business in all matters and for all members. This is your club and you have the right to know what your dues are going towards. I am retired from the Columbus Police Department having spent the last 25 years of my career as a homicide detective, I believe that my work experience has given me strong organizational skills and a thorough attention to detail. Please vote on April 14th and I appreciate your consideration.

**Rich Finn**

My name is Rich Finn and I am running for the office of Secretary because of my dedication and loyalty to the Shamrock Club.

I have been a member of the Shamrock Club for over 25 years. In 2009 my wife and I were Shamrock Club Members of the Year. In 2019 I was Shamrock Club Irishman of the Year. This year my wife and I were the Clann na nGael Honorees. I am currently Shamrock Club Sergeant at Arms. I'm an officer with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Associate Member of the Emerald Society and a staunch supporter of the Daughters of Erin and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

I recently retired from the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus where I worked for 42 years, the last 30 as Director of Cemeteries and I served on the national Catholic Cemetery Conference Board as a Director and on the Catholic Cemeteries of Ohio Board as President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. I graduated from Bishop Watterson High School and The Ohio State University with a degree in Finance.

My wife, Karen, and I have spent endless hours enjoying the many great events that we have down here at the club. We have also spent many hours volunteering our time to work at these events and assist in their success. We enjoy the feeling of family that we get when we are here. We love to bring our immediate family and friends here to enjoy the special events that we have. I believe that I possess the skills, knowledge and experience to be of value to accomplish this goal.

I think the Club has a good, competent Executive Board and I would like to be a contributing member on that board for the next few years to help the Club move forward. But my fellow members, no one Board can do it alone. They need the help of the membership and it is vital that the membership make an effort to support the Club.

I respectfully ask for your to vote to be the next Secretary of the Shamrock Club!

Slainte'!

**Shamrock Club Officer Elections, April 14th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM**

**Candidates for Director**

**Kathy Redmond**

Fellow Members,

My name is Kathy Redmond and I am running for the Executive Board as Director. I've been a member of the Shamrock Club for 18 years. In those years I've chaired many events including the Family Picnic and Golf Outing. I volunteer for the events sponsored by the Shamrock Club, which earned me Member of the Year in 2012. I volunteer and support for other Irish Organizations events such as the Emerald Society Fish Fry, LAOH Cookie Sale and the DOE Adopt a Family.

I feel the time is right for me to throw my hat into the ring as Director, lending my experience and enthusiasm to the position and to the rest of the Executive Board. I welcome the chance to contribute to the success of the Club.

I've chosen a slogan, if you will, Honoring our past, strengthening our future, this represents how I feel about our Club. I promise to do the best job I can, and with your help I know we will continue to make the Shamrock Club the premier Irish organization it has always been.

Thank you for your support and I would appreciate your vote on April 14.

**James Feeney**

My name is Jim Feeney, and I would like to announce my candidacy for Director on April 14. As a lifelong resident of Columbus, I have deep roots in the Irish Catholic community and a strong commitment to the well-being of our club.

I am a proud graduate of Bishop Ready Catholic High School and hold a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio Dominican University. For the past two decades, I have dedicated myself to public service, serving diligently at the Franklin County Clerk of Courts.

One of my core values is fostering unity within our club. I believe that by working together collaboratively, we can achieve great things and make a positive impact on The Shamrock Club. If elected, I pledge to bring this spirit of unity to our club and to serve its members with integrity, dedication, and transparency.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote. With your trust, I am confident that I can represent our club effectively and work tirelessly to fulfill its mission. Together, let's build a brighter future for our club!

Thank you for considering me as your candidate for Director.

### Sunshine Committee Report

Longtime member Norma O’Neil passed away. Please keep the Bob Clemons family in your prayers on the loss of his wife and Richie Clemons mother, Jean Clemons. Please keep Ken Bowen & family in your prayers on the loss of his mother Joan Brady Bowen.

Continued prayers for Lois O’Reilly, Dort Byrne, Dan Fitzpatrick, Kim Conley and Cowboy Brian Morris.

Happy birthday Carol Mcconahay, Patti Ardrey, Richie Clemons, Madeline McPherson, Mike Redmond and all you March babies.

Thank you Msgr. John Kelly Cody and members for the two beautiful masses we shared together on March 3rd & the 10th at the Shamrock Club.

Another Malloy baby, Roselina Inez, born February 14th. Congratulations to Keene & Caitie Byrne Marstell in the birth of their son Keene Marshall IV on March 12th.

If you would like to send a card:

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### Shamrock Club Paddy’s Half n Half Raffle 03-17-2024

Our goal was a \$10,000 prize to the winner based on selling all 2,000 sheets.

Thank you to everyone who helped us **achieve our goal of \$20,000 with \$10,000** going to the winner. The winning number was 0928052 and was sold by Shamrock Club executive board member Jim McDonald.

We appreciate all your help we couldn't have done it without you!

Mary Grady Strickland 2018, Rich Clemons 02

### **Membership Report**

Membership activity through March 9, 2024 (delivered at the March 10 meeting)

- 801 total members (+84 from last report)
- 584 renewed members
- 217 new members

571 full-rights voting members (not including lifetime members)

Membership by category

- 279 family (including children)
- 143 general
- 178 pub (29 pub\*)
- 201 senior

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the membership activities for 2024. We are a club of volunteers and I couldn't do it without your support.

Membership cards for 2024 are here. If you have questions about yours, ask me. You can also contact the Shamrock Club office. Tina will relay the message to me and I'll get you the information you seek.

Submitting your membership application online is the most efficient way for the club to process your application (new or renewal). You are at your peril asking me to decipher your hasty handwriting.

Julie Fulton, [julie.m.fulton@gmail.com](mailto:julie.m.fulton@gmail.com)

### **Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums**

The Pipes and Drums welcome new members at any time. Practices are on Monday evenings at the Shamrock Club of Columbus at 60 West Castle Rd. Columbus, OH 43207

If you don't play but would like to come and meet with us. Lessons are free. Call Tim Becker at 614-832-8816.

### **16th Annual Mark Dempsey Memorial International Irish Triathlon**

Thank You to all those that participated in the 16th Annual Mark Dempsey Memorial International Irish Triathlon on Saturday, February 17th. The Shamrock Club raised \$3,450.00 for Nationwide Children's Hospital Pediatric Unit. Thanks to Fred and Beth Berkemer who coordinated the event.



# TOUR IRELAND WITH THE SHAMROCK CLUB



## A Customized Ireland Tour

*September 27 - October 7, 2024*

### Itinerary Highlights

- Guinness Storehouse
- Dublin City Bus Tour
- Jameson Midleton Distillery Tour
- Cork City Bus Tour
- Titanic Experience Guided Tour
- Blarney Castle & Gardens
- Kate Kearney's Cottage (traditional Irish night)
- Dingle Peninsula
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary
- Cliffs of Moher
- Galway City Bus Tour
- Kylemore Abbey
- National Famine Memorial & Croagh Patrick
- Knock Shrine Guided Walking Tour & Museum
- Sean's Bar in Athlone (Ireland's oldest pub)

### Tour Inclusions

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation with driver/guide
- Luxury and first class accommodations for 9 nights
- Admission to venues and attractions
- Daily Irish breakfasts (except day of arrival)
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### **New Pub Rules**

We recently reached out and received clarification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding our day membership policy at the pub. Their response was, *“The D-4 statute requires “yearly dues.” Due to this, the DOLC does not believe that the D-4 can have daily memberships. Also, if a “daily” dues payment is allowed this would make you equivalent to any other retail permit holder, who doesn't have to limit their sales to members. If you would like to apply, nothing would prohibit you from holding a D-1-2-3 or a D-5 permit. Also, you must maintain their roster of members to submit to the Division upon request.”*

Therefore, while non-member guests cannot start a tab, pay with cash, or in any way purchase alcohol, they are more than welcome to purchase a yearly membership. The easiest way is through the purchase of a pub membership because that membership level does not require board approval. Obviously we would prefer that folks join as Senior, General, or Family members but they would have to wait for Board approval before enjoying pub patron benefits.

How will this look at the Pub?

- Non-member guests can purchase a Pub Membership directly from staff or through the website.
- We will have a New Pub Member roster behind the bar for those who want to join in person. They simply have to enter their name, address, email and phone number and that's it, they're a member of the Club!
- We will maintain a current list of members behind the bar for staff reference.

What about facility rentals?

- Only club members can rent the club.
- If they opt for a host tab guests do not have to have a yearly membership because they are not directly purchasing alcohol.
- If the event is a cash bar, a flat Pub Membership fee (undetermined to date) will be added to their contract and rental fee structure and guests will have to sign the Membership roster.

We will be working through the sure-to-be million variations of the above scenarios and are asking for your patience, help, and great ideas to make sure we're in compliance.

**2023 - 2024 President's Club Members**

**2023 - 2024 C-Note Members**

Joining the President's Club or becoming a C-Note Member is one way you can help ensure your Clubs financial future for the upcoming year. Currently the President's Club and C-Note Club run on the Presidential Year which is May 1st to April 30th. The President's Club is \$1500.00 a year and the C-Note Club is \$100 a year.

**President's Club Benefits:**

- Sponsorship recognition at the following Shamrock Club events – Installation Banquet, Irish Music Festival, Corn Roast, Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party, Harvest Festival, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Family Reunion and in the monthly Seanachai.
- Red Tee Sponsorship at the Irish Golf Classic held in July; a complimentary twosome with a paid twosome and 4 meals at the post outing luncheon.
- Sponsorship of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade - including a transferrable entry into the parade (walking, car or float), a reserved table for ten (10) at the 2023 Irish Family Reunion.
- Event admission to all Shamrock Club events including: two (2) tickets to the Installation Banquet, ten (10) tickets to the Irish Music Festival, ten (10) tickets to the annual Corn Roast, ten (10) tickets to the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day party.
- Newsletter recognition on the back of our monthly newsletter which is currently mailed or emailed to over 1,100 households throughout Central Ohio. The newsletter is also posted on our website, providing a hyperlink for advertisers to their websites. Please submit ad as a .jpg.

**C-Note Club Benefits:**

- Five (5) Tickets to the Shamrock Club Music Festival and five (5) Tickets to the Shamrock Club Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Party in September. Recognition in the Monthly Seanachai.

**2023 - 2024 President Club Members**

Byrne's Pub, Judge Kim Brown, Riverside Bank of Dublin

**2024 - 2025 President's Club Members**

**2024 - 2025 C-Note Members**

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Join the C-Note Club for \$100 a year.

Join the President's Club for \$1500.00 a year.

**2023 - 2024 C-Note Club Members**

John Archibald	Rodney & Kathy Flanagan	Julia Montei
George & Vanessa Arnold	Michael Patrick Flynn	The Motika's
Robert Basbagill	Ed & Alice Gaughan	Robin Nakkula & Alan Dormire
Gregory and Janell Brown	Brent & Reba Jones	Parker Lee Foundation
Jim Brown	Tim & Karen Jones	Lisa O'Connell-Paccioretti
Thomas P. Byrne	Jerry D. Keffer	Tina O'Grady
Jim & Judy Casey	Brian Kelleher	Mollie O'Reilly & Scott Paynter
Msgr. John K. Cody	Ed & Terri Kelly	Lois K. O'Reilly
Tracee & John Collins	Bruce A. Kotlinski	Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan
Pat & Kim Conley	Jeanine & Mike Malloy	Richard & Kathy Pulse
St. Patrick & Annie Curran	Donald M. Manley	Sandra Puskarcik & Dave McKee
Daughters of Erin	Glenn & Jill Maurer	In Memory of Michael H. Quinn
Joe & Charlotte Davis	Christina McConahay	Mike & Kathy Redmond
The Dempsey Family	Jim & Debbi McDonald	Andrew Shuman 2021-2022
Francis & Hilda Doyle	Julie O'Keefe McGhee	Mark & Suzie Taggart
Doug Eakins	In Memory of Jeff McGowan	Timothy Timlin
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**The Irish National Anthem  
“A Soldier’s Song”**

We’ll sing a song, a soldier’s song,  
With cheering rousing chorus,  
As round our blazing fires we throng,  
The starry heavens o’er us;  
Impatient for the coming fight,  
And as we wait the morning light,  
Here in the silence of the night,  
We’ll chant a Soldier’s Song.

**Chorus**

**Soldiers are we, whose lives are pledged to Ireland  
Some have come from a land beyond the wave.  
Sworn to be free, no more our ancient sire land  
Shall shelter the despot or the slave  
Tonight we man the Bhearna Bhaoil  
In Erin’s cause come woe or weal  
Mid cannons’ roar and rifles peal  
We’ll chant a soldier’s song**  
In the valley green, on towering crag,  
Our fathers fought before us,  
And conquered ‘neath the same old flag  
That’s proudly floating o’er us.  
We’re children of a fighting race,  
That never yet has known disgrace,  
And as we march, the foe to face,  
We’ll chant a Solder’s Song.

**Chorus**

## **A United Ireland is Imminent**

**Judge Michael C. Mentel**

The Irish Unity Summit was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year in New York City at the historic Cooper Union. I had the privilege to attend. The Cooper Union venue is indeed historic. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln gave his celebrated anti-slavery speech at Cooper Union before his election as President. It is also the venue where, in 1902, James Connelly spoke in support of a free and United Ireland. Fourteen years later, he would be executed at Kilmainham Gaol for his participation in the Easter Rising. The Cooper Union once again served as a historic venue when Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Féin President and Leader of the Opposition in the Dáil, addressed the Irish Unity Summit declaring that, “We’ve run the numbers, and it is adding up to a vote in 2030 that will create a United Ireland.”

Ms. McDonald’s declaration was not one made-up of hope or wishful thinking. It is a declaration that recognizes the changes from the past and grounds itself in fact. Three major events within the past thirty years support Ms. McDonald’s declaration. First, no Irish Republican-Nationalist has served in any elected leadership capacity in the north following partition. This year, Michelle O’Neill, Sinn Féin Vice President and MLA, became the First Minister and leader of the Northern Ireland Assembly, with Sinn Féin holding the majority in the Assembly. This is a clear tell on the political direction the north is taking. In the Republic, a poll conducted by Politico in early March of this year revealed that, among all political parties in the Republic, Sinn Féin has a 28% support level among Irish citizens, followed by Fine Gael at 20%, and Fianna Fáil at 18%, with all other parties and independents trailing. The level of support for Sinn Féin in the north and the Republic provides an indicator of the direction that unification support is heading. Second, although a slim majority in the north presently favors remaining a part of the UK, the number is dwindling. As an example, an Irish News poll from February of this year revealed that 62% of the residents in the north would choose to rejoin the European Union following the UK’s adoption of Brexit. This is a revealing statistic. The Republic is a member of the European Union, enjoying the privileges of trade, travel, a common currency, along with having a thriving economy. From this vantage point, one can see that unification is an attractive and sensible alternative to the present situation in the north. The third factor is the success of the Good Friday Agreement (GFA). Since its signing in 1998, the GFA ended the thirty years of the Troubles, established peace, and allowed for new investment in the north, albeit slow at this time. It also opened the border with the Republic.

While all of this is good, much more must be addressed before a border poll on unification can take place. The demographic changes in the north have led to a growing Catholic, nationalist, majority. However, this growing majority does not equate to a clear win if a border poll was called today. The risk of calling a border poll before it is ready is the backlash and rigidity it would create if it failed. The GFA mandates that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland shall call for a border poll when it ‘... appears likely to [him or her] that a majority of those voting would express a wish that Northern Ireland should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form a part of a united Ireland.’ Dr. Brendan O’Leary, Political Science Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, speaking at the Summit, opined that political support for unification is growing albeit such support would not exist today. The necessity of addressing multifaceted cultural, economic, and governing issues must be resolved if voters are to be made comfortable with unification. Mr. Glenn Bradley, a former British soldier, a Loyalist political leader, and a declared Irish Republican, posed one example of an issue that must be

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solved before some residents of the north would support unification. Because Mr. Bradley is a former British soldier he draws a pension from the British government. Many in the north are in Mr. Bradley’s same position, whether as a soldier or a government worker, unionist or nationalist. Before he could support unification, Mr. Bradley wants to know which government will cover his pension. Other issues discussed included health care coverage, infrastructure, financing obligations, and how government representation will be structured; all of this must be resolved before a border poll on unification can take place. Fortunately, the planning process is underway. A non-governmental multi-party body has been formed with committees made up of individuals from various disciplines and backgrounds participating to address these issues.

A critical factor to the realization of unification is the involvement of the United States and Irish America. Summit presenters made clear that major support from the United States is vital to making any unification plan workable. This includes the pressure that the United States can impose upon the UK to support unification as well as encouraging investment and providing financial backing for the north. Some presenters questioned whether the UK would economically assist with unification should a border poll pass, making pressure from the United State on the UK a necessity. The Summit presenters also put out the call for active participation from Irish-America in the unification process. Ms. McDonald and other presenters encouraged Irish-Americans to contact their elected U.S. Representatives and Senators to tell them that, as a voter, Irish unification is important and that we want our government involved. For us, the Irish-American diaspora, now is the time to make our voices heard if we want to see an Ireland united and free.

Mike Mentel is Appellate Court judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals Tenth District.

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