



# Seanachai

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## President's Message



July was a good month at the Shamrock Club. We had our first BrewFest and our annual Irish Music Festival. I want to say a huge thank you to Molly McCandless, her committee, everyone who volunteered and everyone that attend one or both events. The committee did a great job and I think we can call both events a success. The committee is reviewing what worked and what needs improved and they are already planning for next year.

August brings us more hot, humid days but, it also brings us the Corn Roast on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. You never know what to expect from the weather, some years it's sunny & humid, others it's been rainy. No matter what the weather, rain or shine, we serve great food, enjoy great music and enjoy the company of our friends and families. Mike and I will again be looking for volunteers, let us know what time you are able to help. All the important details for this year's event can be found in this Seanachai.

I hope everyone has a good month. Please come to the club and support our events and enjoy your Irish family and friends. I look forward to seeing you soon,

Nancy

## Chaplain's Comments



Dear Shamrock Club Members and Friends,

Boy, has it been hot! I just heard on the radio that the temperatures we're experiencing at the end of July are supposed to be the hottest it has ever been! Global warming? You might not agree with what the scientists are saying about Global Warming, but Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has underlined its severity and has urged the scientific community and all people of good will to be careful about contributing to the growth of this warming by not paying attention to our personal contribution to its effect in our country and the countries of the world. Pope Francis refers to our world as "our common home", which puts it all in perspective. Just like we take responsibility to keep our own personal homes safe, we need to do similar regarding our "world home." In truth, this phenomenon is not just going to go away.

August in the Shamrock Club features not only our music program, but we are preparing for our annual corn Roast! This is always a very popular event, well worth attending. Let's hope that the temperature is cooler than what we've been experiencing! As always, volunteers are needed to help make it a success. Just call the office and let them know you want to help.

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### Chaplain's Comments, cont.

August also brings with it the beginning of the school year (where did summer go?). Our students will be returning for another year of education leading to an increase in knowledge, which should be the goal for all of us; we never give up our need to know and to increase our knowledge, especially in those areas that are most critical to us a Catholics, Christians and citizens of our world, country, state and locality. We have been asked to exercise our franchise by voting on August 8 and also in the November elections. This is a privilege we enjoy in our United States of America. I 'm sure you'll do your best to take part in this exercise of our democracy and citizenship.

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Mary, our spiritual mother. Because we are members of the "communion of Saints", we can rely on Mary's intercession for our needs and for the needs of others. As the mother of Jesus, she considers all of us, His brothers and Sisters, to members of the family of God. Her loving

acceptance of God's Will is a wonderful example for all of us as we do our best to live our lives, to serve and love God and neighbor, and to do our best to make this world, chiefly our little corner of the world, more generous, loving and concerned about the welfare of others, especially the elderly, the infirm, and the poor. None of us are exempted from doing what we can to help and serve others. So, enjoy these last weeks of summer, and don't forget to go to Church!

Blessings,

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, Chaplain



### Tricolour



Earlier this year marked another anniversary, as March 7 marked the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first public appearance of the green, white and orange Irish tricolour. The man who hung the now familiar flag outside the Wolfe Tone Club in Waterford was none other than Thomas Francis Meagher, Young Irelander and leader of the Rebellion of 1848, Union General and Commander of the Irish Brigade and later Secretary and Acting Governor of the Montana Territory. The resemblance of the Irish tricolour to its elder French counterpart is no coincidence, as the United Irishman of 1798 had been inspired by both the U.S. and French Revolutions. The tricolour hung by Meagher in Waterford remained in place for more than a week before being taken down by authorities. Significantly, another tricolour was raised at the same time in a procession at Vinegar Hill. The tricolour was little-used after these early appearances until Easter week, 1916, when the green white and orange was raised over the GPO. The tricolour was adopted by the Irish Free State in 1922, while simultaneously being claimed by Anti-Treaty Republicans. The Irish Constitution of 1937, in Article 7, declares the tricolour to be the national flag.

The Thomas F. Meagher Foundation maintains a website with information about Meagher and the Tricolour at:

<https://tfmfoundation.ie>

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**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**

**August Meeting (July 30th)**

**September 3rd**

**October 8th**

**Mad Maudlin in the Pub**

**August 11th**

**Corn Roast**

**August 26th**

**614 Session in the Pub**

**September 1st**

**Half Way to St. Patrick’s Day**

**September 16th**

**Randy Goin in the Pub**

**September 22nd**

**Car Show**

**September 24th**

**Shamrock Club Board Meetings**

**Third Monday of the Month**

**Cornhole League**

**Thursdays 7:00 PM**

**Horseshoe League**

**Wednesdays 7:00 PM**

SHAMROCK CLUB OF COLUMBUS



# 2023 CORN ROAST FESTIVAL

Playground, horseshoes, corn hole  
and plenty of fun.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 26**  
**5-8 PM \$12/PERSON \$30/FAMILY**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN**  
**ROASTED ON THE GRILL**  
**OR STEAMED**

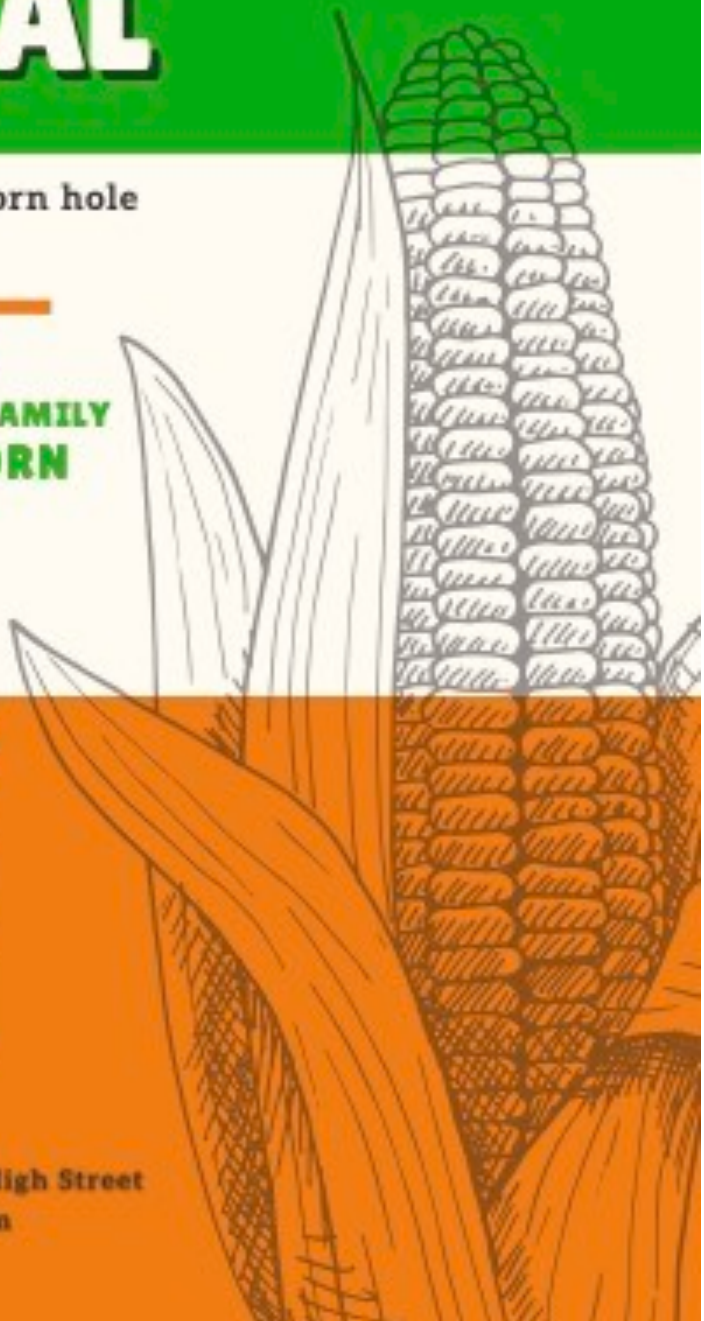
Brats, burgers and fixings (one  
time through) included

*The Other Brothers*



**MUSIC @ 7 PM**

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## **Membership**

Membership activity through July 2, 2023

- 745 total members
- 488 renewed members
- 59 lifetime members
- 198 new members

580 full-rights members (general, senior, lifetime, family adults)

A big "Thank you" to everyone who staffed the membership table during the music festival. We got several applications on the day (hooray!) and more online after the fact (double hooray!). You can hear more details at the August meeting.

You can always read all the details from the membership reports provided at the meetings in the meeting minutes ([www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com/by-laws-standing-rules](http://www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com/by-laws-standing-rules))

Has your contact information changed - address, email, phone? If so, please email the Club with updates at [shamrockclub1936@theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com](mailto:shamrockclub1936@theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com) or call the office with changes.

Using electronic media instead of US mail saves our Club money. It currently costs the Club \$2.00 a copy to print and mail the Seanachai to members. So keep those email addresses current and use our web sites: [www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com](http://www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com) and [www.facebook.com/ShamrockClubCol](http://www.facebook.com/ShamrockClubCol)

Julie Fulton, Membership Chair

## **Sunshine Committee Report**

Happy birthday Rich Finn, Kathy Redmond, Mollie O'Reilly and happy 60th birthday Bruce McPherson. Someone said Brian Boru Bryne had a birthday July 2nd. and Karen Komatsu celebrated another year on July 6th.

Happy 23rd anniversary Rick and Ann Ralston and happy anniversary to Nancy and Mike Murphy (June 15th 38 years). There was a great article in The Catholic Times about our own Rich Finn and his retirement after 42 years with Catholic cemeteries. Msgr. Patrick Gaughan just celebrated his 55th year since his ordination in the priesthood. Keep our Irish Life Experience recipient Shawn Peterson in your prayers that he has a wonderful, life changing trip and safe home.

Pat Gordon passed away (he was a long time member). Mossy Moran lost his partner Tricia Mondok. Please keep Dick & Kathy Pulse & family in your prayers on the loss of their matriarch Jeanne who would have celebrated her 101 birthday at the end of July. May her soul rest in peace.

Please keep Elizabeth Brickey in your prayers as she has many health issues. Please keep Maureen and Rick Lovell in your prayers as Rick has been hospitalized with some health issues.

Remember if you have any news for our Sunshine Committee just send it to: [themightymary@gmail.com](mailto:themightymary@gmail.com) or [Kafinn1@aol.com](mailto:Kafinn1@aol.com)

Mary and Karen

Music in the Pub



**Cornhole League**

The Shamrock Club of Columbus will once again host a Cornhole League this summer. The league will take place on Thursday nights at 7 pm and started on May 19, 2023. We will play through the end of August. A match shall consist of three games (play all three games). Cost to play is \$10 per player (please pay at the start of the season). We will have two cookouts during the season – one around July 4th and the other at season end. There will be a season ending seeded tournament to determine the league champion. Seeding is based regular season standings.

If interested please e-mail [shamrockclub1936@shamrockclub.com](mailto:shamrockclub1936@shamrockclub.com) or Mike Murphy at [murph\\_2014@yahoo.com](mailto:murph_2014@yahoo.com)

**Shamrock Club Horseshoe League**

Wednesday nights - 7-8:30 p.m.  
Pub opens at 5:00 p.m.  
Official start date - Wednesday, May 24th  
\$10.00 dues for season  
Contact Tim Becker at 614-832-8816 to join the league.  
You must be a Shamrock Club Member to join.

## **Andy's Corner <sup>1</sup>**

### **“Down at the Pub, I Suppose...”**

Nothing represents my Irish experience better than happy hour at The Old Bag of Nails Pub in Westerville. Around 4:00 p.m., Haggard (the Horrible), O'Connor (Squire), Bolton (Master of the Irish Goodbye), and Brady (Himself) would take advantage of open seats, cheap beers, and a picture window facing the street. The lads would sit in that window and tell stories, crack jokes, and discuss current events, seemingly unaware that they repeated the same stories and jokes they told last week. Secretly, I think they were aware of the repetition, but I don't think they wanted to disappoint anyone who had not heard the stories before.

The craic started before I hit the door. From across the street, you could see them waving and motioning to a helpless motorist trying to parallel park in front of the pub. Like the hard to please Russian judges, they would hold up handmade paper signs to score the motorists on their parking skills. Then, someone would spot me as I crossed the street. My smile would broaden, and I would struggle to have something witty to say as I walked in. Too late. O'Connor would have me by the arm directing me to the nearest bar stool. “Have a seat, that's what chairs are for!” And off he went to get me a cold Guinness.

When things settled, and the creamy pint reached my hand, I would doff my cap and announce loudly, “God bless all in this house.” To which O'Connor would respond, “wipe your muddy boots.” These lines may seem familiar. It is because they are all lines from “The Quiet Man.” Selected verses became the outline for our banter for the rest of the evening. Threats of being put in someone's book with a line through their name, offers of buttermilk to those with empty glasses, and in between, pun after pun after pun.

Around the circle we would go with stories. “Did you know Brady caddied for Ducky Medwick?” we would ask newcomers. This prompted several stories, including how St. Louis baseball player Joe “Ducky” Medwick was the only man to be thrown out of a World Series game before it started. Then Brady, Morey Joseph Brady to be precise, would tell us how the nuns at the Christian Brothers school would only use his full name because “Morey” was not a Christian name (it was his mother's family name). This led to more stories about how Brady joined the Hibernians in St. Louis because they sponsored his soccer team, and he has been a member ever since (close to 70 years).

At some point, once all the regulars arrived, O'Connor would stand and raise his glass. It was time for a toast. He began, “Down at the pub, I suppose...” And the group joined in, “...in front of all those big ears. With pints in their fists, and pipes in their mouths. You may have the land, Mr. Thornton, for six hundred pounds.” Again, not very original, but it was followed by a blessing upon those who had left the group for their heavenly home. “God bless, Dick Bolton and John Murphy.” As the years have rolled, the list has grown to include Squire O'Connor. One day hopefully there will be others telling the same stories and toasting the rest of us, down at the pub.

Andy Shuman 2021, 2022

1. Andy's Corner is provided by Past President Andy Shuman (2021, 2022) whenever an article comes together for him.

## 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

## 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.



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

John Archibald	Rodney and Kathy Flanagan	Julia Montei
George & Vanessa Arnold	Michael Patrick Flynn	The Motika's
Robert Basbagill	Ed & Alice Gaughan	Robin Nakkula and 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 and 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
Tim & Chris Feeney	Tom & Janet McGue	Paul Tisdale
Daniel Fitzpatrick	McSweeney Family	Dave Veeley

**Dublin Irish Festival**

We would like to invite your participation in the Dublin Irish Festival community parade August 4. We will be assembling by the East gate of the Festival at 5 PM with a parade start around 5:30 Irish time. The short parade winds through the Festival and ends with presentations at the Memorial Tournament Trinity stage. We will have volunteers stationed at the East and North gates from 4 PM to 5:15 PM handing out tickets to all parade participants.

Patrick Fahy, Committee Chair  
 2023 Dublin Irish Festival  
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<p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b>  <b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>  <b>9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>  <b>614-491-4449</b>  <b>Email</b>  <b>shamrockclub1936@the</b>  <b>shamrockclubofcolumbus.com</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>  <b>All at 2 pm</b>  <b>Sunday Sept 3rd</b>  <b>Sunday Oct 8th</b>  <b>Sunday Nov 5th</b>  <b>Sunday Dec 3rd</b></p>	<p><b>PUB HOURS</b>  <b>Monday Coed Darts</b>  <b>Tuesday Closed</b>  <b>Wednesday - Men's Darts</b>  <b>Thursday - DOE Ladies Darts</b>  <b>Friday 5pm Happy Hour</b>  <b>Saturday Closed</b>  <b>Sunday – Meeting Days only</b>  <b>All Times Subject to Change</b></p>	<p><b>Seanachai</b>  <b>The Official</b>  <b>Newsletter of The</b>  <b>Shamrock Club of</b>  <b>Columbus</b>  <b>James B. Casey-Editor</b>  <b>Email Articles to:</b>  <b>jjcasey973@gmail.com</b></p>
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**2024 President's Club Member**

**Judge**  
**Kim Brown**  
**2024 President's Club Member**

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