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President's Message



Merry Christmas everyone. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving also. There is much going on this month and they are listed in the newsletter so i will forego those

discussions. I am sharing with you a story I read on Facebook. It is the best explanation of Santa Clause and the Christmas spirit I have ever heard.

Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?."

Dad: "Ok, I agree that youre old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"

Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know"

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes there is a Santa Claus"

Son: "Really?"

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about

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Chaplain's Comments



December is upon us, and the inescapable presence of the coming holiday season is everywhere among us: Christmas Trees, Santa Clause, Suzy Snowflake and other purely secular manifestations of a secular culture that has almost eclipsed the religious meaning of Christmas. That's what we are faced with, and on the positive side, the commercialization of the Christmas Season also means that even the secular culture recognizes that this month is something special.

The beginning of the Liturgical Year in Advent yanks us back to the Christian meaning of this time. Advent - a term that means 'coming.' It's the Church's remembrance of the 4000 years the Chosen People waited for the coming of the promised Messiah. In the early Church, Advent looked forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. One of the chief promoters of the Christmas Creche was St. Francis of Assisi, whose poverty witness moved him to focus attention on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - very simple and even poor people, who followed the will of God by welcoming the Messiah, and yet appeared to all the rest of the world to be nobodys from nowhere. The Jews were expecting a powerful and charismatic leader who would restore the lost fortunes of the Jewish people. However, Jesus was his own type of Messiah. The humble

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President's Message, cont.

Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

Help each other this Christmas 🌲👶 and...be kind



Merry Christmas everyone.

Karen

Chaplain's Comments, cont.

birth of Jesus underlines the fact that more often than not, God manifests his presence not in the earth-shaking and spectacular show one would expect, but rather powerfully reveals himself in the humble, the insignificant, the poor and the overlooked. When the Messiah Jesus was born, it would not be understating things to assert that the vast majority of Jews were expecting someone else. Advent celebrates basically three comings of Christ: at Bethlehem, at the end of time, and at the present moment. Yes, Jesus does come to us in the present moment, something we tend to forget – calling us to repent, and to do what we can to alleviate the suffering of the poor, the hunger

of the starving, and the isolation that so many feel in this world in which we live, with its empty dreams and broken promises.

A week after Christmas is the celebration of the New Year, and for us Catholics, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God and world day of prayer for peace. Perhaps the best we can do in this busy season is to take time during each day to remember WHO and WHAT this whole season is all about. And In this way, we can't help but welcome Christ in the present moment!

Many blessings,

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, Chaplain



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Seanachai News

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as a Word attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at 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 .

Mark Your Calendars

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| Shamrock Club Meetings | December 4th |
| | January 8th |
| | January 22nd |
| | February 5th |
| | February 19th |
| Shamrock Club Board Meetings | Third Monday of the Month |
| Coed Darts | Mondays 7:00 PM |
| Mens Darts | Wednesdays 7:00 PM |
| DOE Darts | Thursdays 7:00 PM |
| Queen of Hearts | Fridays |
| Children’s Christmas Party | December 10th |

Treasurer's Report

December 2022

I'm pleased to report that there has been a lot of progress made in recent months at the Club in the areas of accounting and financial reporting.

All of the year-end adjustments were made to the Club's Financial Statements (Balance Sheet & Profit/Loss Statement) and 990 Federal Tax Return. The yr-end financials & tax return were submitted to the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) for their review & approval on November 15th, and final FOC approval was granted on November 21st.

I would be completely remiss if I were not to mention all of the hard work & dedication by the FOC Members in the preparation, review & approval of these financial reports. For those efforts, & for graciously dealing w/ the constant demands of your Treasurer, I'd like to personally thank the following FOC Members: Francis Doyle, Ron Hagan & Todd Sichel. I truly appreciate all of you!

That said, & now that we have the full approval of the FOC, the yr-end financial reports will be presented to the E-Board at their next meeting. Please stay tuned for more information about the details of how all of the financial reports get disseminated to the Club Members, the manner in which will be, & should be, determined by your duly-elected E-Board Members.

The current year financial statements have been prepared thru 10/31/2022 & will be presented to the FOC for their review & approval before they are submitted to the E-Board for their approval during the next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting to be held on December 19th.

Lastly, I'd like to briefly mention a few operational items of note that are currently in progress:

- 1) Negotiations are under way w/ HNB for moving at least a significant portion of the Club's \$47k Savings account from a standard account earning .01% to a more advantageous, interest-bearing account earning approx. 3.5% (Money-Market) to 4.1% (Certificate of Deposit). As will always be the case, the #1 investment objective will be the preservation of principal & a distant 2nd concern will be interest income. More to come on the Savings Acct front once HNB delivers the Investment Agreement documents to the FOC & E-Board for their review & approval;
- 2) In December, the current 2014 Desktop version of the Club's QuickBooks accounting & financial reporting software will be permanently migrated over to the QuickBooks 2022 Desktop version. Upon a successful conversion, the Club will migrate all of its financial data from the 2022 version to the most current QB's On-line version for all to see, which is in-line w/ the Treasurer's promise some time ago to make the Club's financial reporting transparent, current, accurate & complete; and
- 3) Preliminary discussions have begun w/ the Columbus Foundation, specifically w/ our account rep Chris Donovan, in regards to mitigating some of the investment risk involved w/ the Club's \$35k endowment fund currently held by the Cols Foundation. More to come on that endeavor after the Holidays.

Finally, I'd like to thank President Komatsu, the entire E-Board, the FOC & all of you for your continued support & patience as we collectively move forward in all matters concerning accounting & financial reporting. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly should you have any comments, questions or concerns. Remember, it's your money, & the more we look at the financial reports together, the better those reports will be.

Regards,

Doug Dempsey, Shamrock Club Treasurer

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Sunshine Committee Report

Shamrock club photographer for many years Steve Erwin passed away.

Debbi McDonald had some health issues but is on the mend., Linda Fox having some health problems can use some prayers. Kay Fallon fell and broke her other hip while in Florida, she can use some prayers. Keep Msgr. Cody in your prayers.

Happy birthday to Pat Clark and Jim McDonald. Pat Fahy also had a birthday on November 9. Happy birthday to DOE president Sharon Tantes. Another birthday celebration for Lisa O'Connell Paccioretti.

Corey Stevens making remarkable progress, continue to keep him & Cherish in your prayers, they have a long road ahead. Continued prayers for Suzy Lhamon, Tim Jones, George Burton, Mary Sue Taub, Paul Tisdale, Marty Malloy, Peggy Sexton, Patty Phillips, Patty Moore Moriarty & Ryan Graves. Our soldier, Kevin Archer is safely home and he and his family thank you for your prayers. Cindy Mullholland can use some prayers.

Pray for an end to the violence everywhere and an end to the opioid epidemic. Pray for the Shamrock Club that we may continue to grow and share our heritage.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours!!! Most importantly, remember the reason for the season! Be safe out there!

Remember if you have any news for our Sunshine committee just send to: themightymary@gmail.com or Kafinn1@aol.com

Mary & Karen

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10th
Doors open @ 11 A.M.

Come join us at the Shamrock Club for our annual Children's Christmas Party

Bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it and a camera to capture the moment with your child talking to Santa. There will be craft making, clowns turning balloons into animals and all kinds of shapes, cookie decorating, hot dogs, punch, chips and goody bags. Bring your wallet to purchase tickets for the raffle that supports this party. If you are looking for a great gift for someone Teresa Conley will be selling her delicious Irish fudge or perhaps you would like to purchase a Daughters of Erin or Shamrock Club membership, what a perfect gift! If you have any questions give me a call @ 614-316-8278.

You don't want to miss this party.

Mary Grady Strickland



Irish Family Reunion

The 2023 Shamrock Club Irish Family Reunion will be held again in the Battelle Grand Ballroom at the Columbus Convention Center 400 N. High Street Columbus, OH. Information on when you will be allowed to get in to decorate tables will be available as the Convention Center sees the availability after the previous event.

We will have tables on both levels of the Ballroom. Tables are \$130 per table of 10. Individual tickets prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are still free. Tables are sold on first come basis. Past Presidents/Officers and 2023 President Club Members receive first choice and then it's on an availability basis. You are not guaranteed the same table as last year.

Tables this year will be available at the December meeting. (so move fast) Table prices have been reduced \$20 per table from last year. But prices will increase to \$140 per table at the first meeting in February and \$150 per table at the first meeting in March. Reserve now to save!

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be brought in and coolers will be checked. There will be food available for purchase (more to come on this) Plus you may still bring your own food as in past years.

This year we will also have a special 50 / 50 drawing hoping to reach a goal of \$5,000 to the winning number. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$10 per ticket and you can start buying them when you sign up for tables.

LETS MAKE THIS A SHAMROCK CLUB BANNER YEAR !!!

Clemons "02"

Membership Report

As always, if you have questions or suggestions about membership, you can contact me, Julie Fulton, directly at julie.m.fulton@gmail.com.

Email membership@shamrockclub.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. You can also renew and pay securely online at theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com It is time to renew your Shamrock Club Membership for 2023! Renewals can be done online with a credit card by going to our website, theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com.

2023 President's Club Members

2023 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 President Club Members

Byrne's Pub

Davey Tile

Judge Julie M. Lynch

The Dempsey Family-In Memory of Red Dempsey, President 1964 & Mark Dempsey, President 2008

2023 C-Note Club Members

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| John & Jenny Archibald | Don Manley |
| George & Vanessa Arnold | Glenn & Jill Mauer |
| Past President Bob Basbagill | Jim & Debbi McDonald |
| In Memory of Susan Berkemer | Julie McGhee |
| Rita H. Bowen | In Memory of Jeff McGowan |
| Kenneth H. Bowen | Mark McKernan |
| Rich & Elaine Broderick | Michael & Catherine Moriarty |
| Judge Kimberly Brown | Jim & Patty Murnane |
| Suzanne Butte | Tom & Christine Murphy |
| Thomas P. & Dana Byrne | Robin Nakkula & Alan S. Dormire |
| Jim & Judy Casey | Parker Lee Foundation, Inc. |
| In Memory of PP Joe Davis | Judge Colleen O'Donnell |
| Douglas L. Dempsey | Lois O'Reilly |
| Doug Eakins | Mollie O'Reilly & Scott Paynter |
| The Feiler Family | Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan |
| Rodney Flanagan | Dick & Kathy Pulse |
| Michael & Cindy Flynn | Townsend Quinn |
| Garvey Family Trust | Brad Reardon |
| Terry Grady | Mike & Kathy Redmond |
| Leo & Theresa Grimes | Margaret O'Donnell Rotolo |
| In Memory of PP "Duke" Hinton | Daughters of Erin |
| Tim & Glenda Huffman | Past President Andy Shuman |
| Tim & Karen Jones | Dennis & Christina Smith |
| Jerry & Donna Keffer | Mary Strickland |
| Brian & Barbara Rae Kelleher | Mark & Suzanne Taggart |
| Ed & Teri Kelly | Paul & Mary Tisdale |
| Bruce Kotlinski | David & Maureen Veeley |
| John C. Lynch | |
| Mike & Jeanine Malloy | |



QUEEN OF HEARTS RULES

1. You **MUST** be a member prior to game night
2. Sales start at 5:00 on Fridays
3. Sales end promptly at 7:30
4. Drawing will be at 8:00
5. Payout
 - a. Anyone selecting the Queen of Hearts and is present receives the entire pot
 - b. Anyone selecting the Queen of Hearts and is **NOT** present receives 30% of the pot.
 - c. The remaining 70% will be rolled over into the pot for the next Queen of Hearts game.
 - d. Anyone selecting a Queen other than the Queen of Hearts and is present receives \$50 from the current pot.
6. The pot will be capped at \$10,000.
 - a. Money received after the \$10,000 limit is met will be held over and be in the starting pot of the next Queen of Hearts game.
7. Pricing
 - a. 1 ticket for \$1.00
 - b. 6 tickets for 5.00
 - c. 18 tickets for 10.00



POT OF GOLD

1. This raffle is not associated with The Queen of Hearts
2. Ticket sales are from 5:00 until 8:00
3. Drawing is at 8:30
4. You must be present to win
5. Winner receives the Entire Pot
6. Price is \$10 for 1 ticket

Irish Dart Night



This year is bound to be another exciting **Clann na nGael Dart Tournament of Central Ohio!** We hope to have a total of six *Clann na nGael* Dart Tournament Teams and lots of cheerleaders!!!!

Join us down at Shamrock Club Pub on Saturday, January 14th. Check in for teams is 6:00 pm and Darting should start 6:15pm.

If you have any questions please contact Beth Motika bmotika@att.net

See you January!!!



We're Back

Next Quiz Night is Friday, January 20th

Theme-Blast from the Past!

It has been a while, but we are back (at least for January)!! We have changed our format a bit to make it more fun (if that is possible). We will still have questions, music round, and a picture round.

Quiz night starts at 7:00pm. Be sure to come early to grab a table for your team. Remember if you don't have a team come on down anyways and we will find you a team to join.

A fun tradition we have at Quiz night-If your team is in first place they get the accolades then The Quiz Masters (computer program) will randomly pick another number to win the free drinks.

Kitchen is still not open so you may bring your own snacks or bring snacks to share!

Thanks for the fun and support!

The Quiz Masters

Anthem - Part III

Andrew Shuman

Music is the story of the people, and the story of the Irish national anthem continues to evolve with its people. We began telling this evolution two months ago with Mike Finn's history of "God Save Ireland". He told about the origins of the song and the people who had sacrificed for the idea of Irish independence. Last month I added to the story while sharing history from "The Soldier's Song". Written prior to the 1916 Uprising and adopted by the Free-State after achieving independence in the 1920's, this song draws from times of armed conflict between Irish and English interests and some feel may not represent all people.

That leads to Part III. In the decades which followed establishment of the Republic, use of "The Soldier's Song" became controversial as sports teams looked for a song more representative of their teams which often represented both south and north. Teams such as the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) often made compromises played "God Save the Queen" when matches were played in the north, and the traditional anthem when matches were played in the south. This didn't always settle the issue depending on the political events of the moment. Players sometimes refused to take the field until the objectionable song had finished.

In 1995, the IRFU commissioned a less controversial anthem for the Rugby World Cup. Noted songwriter Phil Coulter penned "Ireland's Call". While the lyrics were less controversial, getting the public to support a new anthem was not. Coulter looked for a way to replace the proud struggles of the south without offending the north with lyrics about unity. The military tone of "The Soldier's Song" was traded for the togetherness of the four proud provinces to create a meaningful tribute for all people. Although the final verse contains fighting references, it is understood this is in a sports context. In recent years, the song has been performed by The Celtic Women and Celtic Thunder. The words below show a different tone in modern Ireland from when "The Soldier's Song" was adopted. Coulter, who comes from Derry, knows well the history of north and south. Perhaps his word will continue to influence Ireland as its history, like its music and people, continues to evolve. God Save Ireland!

Come the day and come the hour

(CHORUS)

Come the power and the glory

We have come to answer our Country's call

From the four proud provinces of Ireland

From the mighty Glens of Antrim

From the rugged hills of Galway

From the walls of Limerick And Dublin Bay

From the four proud provinces of Ireland

CHORUS

Ireland, Ireland together standing tall

(CHORUS)

Shoulder to shoulder

We'll answer Ireland's Call

We'll answer Ireland's Call

Hearts of steel And heads unbowing

Vowing never to be broken

We will fight, until We can fight no more

From the four proud provinces of Ireland

Come the day and come the hour

Come the power and the glory

We have come to answer Our Country's call

From the four proud provinces of Ireland

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