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President's Message



As the Club prepares for the end of 2023 and the coming of "Green Season" there are a few changes happening. First, our Pub Manager, Brian Kerr has resigned his position. Brian came in at a critical time for us and made many necessary changes and improvements to our Pub operations. We appreciate all he did for the Club. Upon recommendation from the POC we have hired James Moriarty as our new Pub Manager. Please welcome him next time you are at the Club.

Secondly, because our Liquor license and building insurance are based on us being a member's only club we will only allow current members to order/purchase alcoholic beverages in the Club and on the grounds. You will be asked to show your current membership card to purchase alcohol. Guests are still permitted to attend events but, a member must buy their drinks for them or they can purchase a membership. All memberships purchased/renewed in the month of December will be good through December 31, 2024. This policy will be enforced for all dart, corn hole and horseshoe leagues as well as concerts. I know there will be many questions about this policy, so please reach out to one of the Officers, Executive Directors or POC members. Please be patient with the staff.

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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.

More information about the new Pub rules can be found on Page 6 of this issue.

I know the month of December is going to be a busy month for all of us. That includes the Shamrock Club. We are hosting an already sold-out Christmas Concert with the Drowsy Lads on Friday, December 1st and a food drive on Saturday, December 2nd. The Officers and members of the Executive Board will be in the Club parking lot from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, collecting non-perishable food items which will be delivered to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. The DOE adopt – a – family gift tag tree will be up in the Pub so that we can all participate in buying gifts for the adopted families. The GCICF will be having

their Statehouse Dinner on Friday, December 8th. The DOE Kid's Christmas party is on Saturday, December 9th. The Shamrock Club will be shut down for winter cleaning Friday, December 22nd - Monday, January 1st.

Beginning in January we will be having two General Meetings a month thru April. At the first meeting on January 8th, I will be announcing my Awardees and unveiling the 2024 Parade Badge.

I want to wish each of you and your familys a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and I hope to see you soon.

Nancy

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



Officers

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Director: Molly McCandless

Director: Jamie Porter

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Tina O’Grady

Pub Supervisor

James Moriarty

Seanachai Information

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

MarkYour Calendars

Shamrock Club Meetings	December 3rd
	January 7th
	January 21st
	February 4th
	February 18th
Christmas Show	December 1st
Kida Christmas Party	December 9th
Shamrock Club Board Meetings	Third Monday of Month
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

2024 Shamrock Club Irish Family Reunion

The 2024 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. **LAST YEAR WAS A SELLOUT!!!**

We will have tables on both levels of the Ballroom. Tables are \$140 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. Past Presidents / Officers / President Club Members and Parade Sponsors receive first choice, 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 increased from last year to cover the Convention Centers new price. Tables can be reserved by calling 2023 Past President Karen Komatsu (614) 565-2776. Messages will be returned. Karen can take credit cards, checks and cash. Please do not call the Shamrock Club as hours there are very limited.

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) As in the past years you may still bring your own food.

This year we will again have a special 50/50 drawing (Chaired by 2018 Past President Mary Strickland) hoping to reach a goal of \$10,000 to the winning number. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold at \$10 for 25 tickets, and you buy them when you pay for your table. This is the only 50/50 raffle of the day.

LET'S MOVE FAST AND SELL THESE TABLES OUT

Clemons "02" (614) 679-0675

Shamrock Club Paddy's Half n Half Raffle 03-17-2024

Get your tickets early before we sell out!! **25 chances per sheet for only \$10.00**

Winner need not be present

Drawing at The Family Reunion 3/17/24

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

We will pay out half of what we take in if less than our goal.

You can purchase tickets at meetings, darts

or anytime you are at the club until Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Ticket sales begin at the meeting on Sunday, September 3rd,

If you want to purchase you can call/text Mary @ 614-316-8278

Mary Grady Strickland 2018

Rich Clemons 02

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
Tim & Chris Feeney	Tom & Janet McGue	Paul Tisdale
Daniel Fitzpatrick	McSweeney Family	Dave Veeley

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.



Membership

Membership activity through Nov. 1, 2023

- 868 total members
- 531 renewed members
- 59 lifetime members
- 278 new members

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

We'll be starting the 2024 membership renewal process soon. Remember that Shamrock Club memberships run through a calendar year. If you joined for the first time in 2023, you will renew for 2024.

Submitting your membership application online is the most efficient way for the club to process your application (new or renewal).

Julie Fulton, julie.m.fulton@gmail.com

Day Membership Policy at the Pub

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.

Megan Dempsey

Fall/Winter Dart and Corn Hole Leagues



Co-Ed Dart League - 2nd & 4th Mondays - starting Sept. 11; 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Mary Kate Ansbro - marykansbro@gmail.com

All players must be Shamrock Club of Columbus (SCOC) Members

Men's Dart League - Wednesdays (Pub & Main Hall) - starting Sept. 6; 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Stephen Stewart - ton80bigpretty@yahoo.com

All players must be SCOC members

Women's Dart League - 1st & 3rd Thursdays - starting Sept. 7; 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Murphy - nlmurphy@yahoo.com

All players must be members of LAOH, DOE or the SCOC



Co-Ed Corn Hole - 1st and 3rd Thursdays - starting Sept. 7; 7:00 p.m. -Main Hall

Contact: Mike Murphy Murph_2014@yahoo.com

All players must be SCOC members

DOE Children's Christmas Party

Come join us at the Club for the annual DOE kids Christmas Party on Saturday December 9th at 11 AM. ..Just bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it, money for our fabulous raffle and your wonderful kids.

We will provide a free lunch to you and the kids, clowns who do face painting, crafts that your child makes, goody bags and lots and lots of fun. Santa usually arrives weather permitting around noon. You are welcome to take pictures of your child on Santas lap.

If have any questions just give Mary Strickland a call 614-316-8278



Sunshine Committee Report

Dawn Peterson passed away November 9th.

Mighty Mo Jim Moore will be 90 on December 9. Rita Ralston health issues keep her in your prayers.

Congratulations to Colleen Mcconahay as she was honored as one of the Volunteers of the year for her contributions to the All People's Fresh Market.

Remember if you have any news for our Sunshine Committee just send it to: themightymary@gmail.com or Kafinn1@aol.com, Mary and Karen

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 tC-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

Irish Family Reunion Program

We will again have a printed program at the Family Reunion this year. The ad prices are as follows:

- Full Page Ads: \$100
- Half Page Ad: \$50
- Quarter Page Ad: \$25

Contact Megan Dempsey, megandempsey07@gmail.com
for more information



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