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President's Message



Wow what a January; we started a new year, plans are moving forward for Proclamation Day and St. Patrick's Day, music in the pub, the 2023 Parade Badge was revealed, Irish Darts, Quiz Night and the 2023 Awardees were announced. Phew!

January 22 was the best day of my Presidency. To be able to honor people who do so much for the club in the background simply for the love of the club with no thought of recognition was epic for me. They are all special to me and the club. For those of you who may not have heard the 2023 Members of the Year are Colleen Collins, John Collins, Tracee Collins and Kira Collins; the 2023 Grand Marshal is Past President Patrick Byrne, and the Irish (Wo)man of the Year is Mary Grady Strickland. Congratulations all and thank you so much for all you have done and continue to do for the Shamrock Club.

The energy during Green Season is so infectious; I wish we could bottle it to use throughout the year. Although the Shamrock Club was formed to honor St. Patrick on St. Patrick's Day, the Club has grown into so much more and we honor him throughout the year. Every time we gather, we celebrate him and our heritage. Unfortunately, our younger generations are not being exposed to their heritage as others before them have. I know everyone is busy with any number of activities their children are participating in that were not available for generations in the past. When I speak to members who were raised in the club they all say I need to get my children here. I ask each of you to think about the day when your children are no longer young and have no sense of the role the Shamrock Club has played in your past and your families past. You don't have to spend all your time

Chaplain's Comments



If you ask me, February is the worst month of the year. By this time, we're all sick and tired of the cold and the snow and are looking forward to March when the first hints of Spring appear. February is the shortest month, and it's also the most difficult to get through. However, there are some good things

occurring in February.

Ash Wednesday! The beginning of Lent begins this year is on February 22. This annual time of penance and mortification provides all of us the opportunity of spiritual growth by observing the traditional penitential practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. All Catholics are urged to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of fast and abstinence from the flesh of warm-blooded animals. Catholics are also urged to abstain from flesh meat on all the Fridays of Lent. However, if you have reached the age of 59, you are no longer bound by the laws of fast: one full meal and two lesser meals that don't equal a full meal. However, if you want to fast, do it!

Valentines Day! This comes on February 14, and provides all of us a chance to send Valentines not only to our wives, husbands and sweet hearts, but to all of those we love. Cards, candy and sweets are good gifts if we are so inclined, and we're lucky it falls before Ash Wednesday, when a lot of people give up candy and other treats as acts of penance and mortification. Most of us do not like penance and mortification, but we all need it from time to time and Lent provides us with a golden opportunity to practice the above mentioned penitential practices. It is to be hoped that these practices help us to make room for God by refraining from indulging ourselves. That's the reason for Lent. As Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray, we are asked to observe penitential practices in imitation of the time Jesus spent in fasting and prayer.

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President's Message, cont.

here just come down maybe once a quarter to an event and show your children the pictures on the wall introduce them to people you have known and tell them stories. And for those of you who are new to the club begin your own Shamrock Club history. We Irish are a story telling race and it is these stories that will continue the value of our club.

Happy Green Season, Karen

Chaplain's Comments, cont.

In conclusion, have a happy Lent (?) and Valentines Day, and let us continue to prepare well for our annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17!

God bless and let's keep one another in prayer during this Holy Season.

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, Chaplain



L to R: Patrick Byrne 2023 Grand Marshal; John Collins, Tracee Collins, Kira Collins and Colleen Collins 2023 Members of the Year; President Karen Komatsu; Mary Grady Strickland Irish (Wo)man of the Year.

2023 Awardees

Officers

President: Karen Komatsu

Vice-President: Nancy Murphy

Secretary: Megan Dempsey

Treasurer: Doug Dempsey

Chaplain: Msgr. John K. Cody

Director: Christina McConahay

Director: Patrick Conley

Director: Jim McDonald

Director: Penny Giesemann

Sg-At-Arms: Rich Finn

Office Administrator Linda Teeters

Pub Supervisor Penny Giesemann

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

Shamrock Club Meetings

Shamrock Club Board Meetings
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Irish TriathIon
Blood Drive
Proclamation Day
St. Patrick's Day

February 5th February 19th March 5th March 12th Third Monday of the Month Mondays 7:00 PM Wednesdays 7:00 PM Thursdays 7:00 PM February 18th February 19th March 10th March 17th

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be filling over 4,000 plastic eggs on Friday, February 24th at 6:30. If you can help please come- it is true, many hands make light work. If you would like to donate candy it must be wrapped and able to fit in a plastic egg.

The Hunt will be on Saturday, April 8 with gates opening at 11:00. Bring a basket or bag, money for the great raffles(pay for party). We provide lunch to all, goody bags, stuffed animals and the Shamrock Club's beautiful grounds to hide all those eggs.

If you would like to donate anything for the raffle you can bring it that morning or drop off at the club anytime.

If you have any questions call/text Mary, 614-316-8278 or themightymary@gmail.com

Sunshine Committee Report

The Daughters of Erin lost some good members in January, please keep the families of Jeanne McFee, Mary Ann Aprile and Ann Fichtleman in your prayers. Larry Doyle, brother of Francis passed away as did Ted Bookhammer and Jim Kreim, sister of Ann Ralston. Please keep their familys in your prayers.

Happy birthday to Lois O'Reilly & AJ Malloy.

Congratulations to Tera Hypes & Austin Grady who were married December 29th Congratulations to Msgr. John Kelly Cody on 20 years as SC Chaplain . Tim Feeney had a knee replacement, please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Kim Trenor Dunning, daughter of Pat Trenor & sister to Bagpiper Michalean Trenor has been battling cancer for many years, has given up all treatment and has entered hospice. Maureen Gillespie Lovell has been diagnosed with serious breast cancer, she is asking all the Irish and their families to pray for her. Continued prayers for Patty Bryant, Suzy Lhamon, Tim Jones, George Burton, Mary Sue Taub, Paul Tisdale, Marty Malloy, Peggy Sexton, Patty Moore Moriarty & Ryan Graves.

Karen has an update on Msgr. Cody: according to the Surgeon, surgery went well and was successful. Prayers now needed for his recovery(and his Physical Terrorist). If you would like to send a get well card:

Msgr. John Cody, 173 Charleston Columbus, OH 43214

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

Mary & Karen

Shamrock Club Paddy's Half n Half Raffle 03-17-2023

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 sheets of 25 tickets each will be sold at \$10 per sheet and you can start buying them when you sign up for tables. Our goal is a \$5,000 prize to the winner based on selling all 1,000 sheets. We will pay out half of what we take in if our goal is not met. You can purchase sheets of tickets at meetings, darts, anytime you are at the club or at the Reunion.

If you want to purchase you can call The Club at 614-491-4449 or call/text Mary @ 614-316-8278.

Mary Grady Strickland 2018 Rich Clemons 02

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.

Ads for the reunion program are being taken. Please contact Rich Clemons if interested in putting your business or family in the Program. Full Page \$100 - 1/2 page \$50 - 1/4 page \$25 - Business card size \$15.

We are looking for volunteers to work on a committee to help out with the Irish Family Reunion on March 17, 2023. We need help with creating a program, event set up at Battelle Hall the morning of and working the check in table. Please contact the Club at 614-491-4449 or Rich Clemons at rclem5@aol.com.

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LETS MAKE THIS A SHAMROCK CLUB BANNER YEAR !!!

Clemons "02", rclem5@aol.com (614) 679-0675 cell

Proclamation Day

The 2023 Proclamation Day will be held on Friday March 10, 2023. Mass will be at 8:30 am at St. Christopher Church, 1420 Grandview Ave. Grandview, OH. This will be followed by a buffet breakfast at Byrne's Pub 1248 W. Third Ave. Grandview. Cost for the breakfast will be \$10.00 per person with proceeds benefitting Get Behind the Badge Charity.

The Proclamation Ceremony will be held at Columbus City Council Chambers. The ceremony will start promptly at 10:45am. Please try to be there by 10:30 am. The ceremony should conclude by 11:45 am, we will then line up in front of City Hall and march to Broad and High Streets for the painting of the Shamrocks.

The Shamrock Club Pub will open at 4:00 pm. The Emerald Society Fish Fry will start at 5:30 pm, \$15.00 for adults & \$10.00 for children. Music in the pub starts at 8:00 pm with Mossy Moran.

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St. Patrick's Day Procession to Mass

The Procession to Mass will form at 8:45am at the corner of Naghten Street and Neilston Street. It is suggested that all drivers of passenger vehicles that are participating in the Procession, drop people off at Naghten and Neilston Streets, then proceed to the Convention Center Parking Garage on Nationwide Blvd, then either walk back to the staging area or take the BEAT Shuttle Bus back to the Staging Area. The BEATShuttle Bus will be making runs from 8:00am until 9:15am. The cost for the BEAT shuttle is \$1.00 per person plus the purchase or display of the 2023 Parade Badge.

The Procession will step off at 9:00am and go east on Naghten Street to St. Patrick'sChurch. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am.



2023 St. Patrick's Day Shuttle Buses for the Parade

The Beat Shuttle bus will start making runs from the Convention Center to the Parade staging area on West Broad Street from 9:15am until 10:15am. Cost is \$1 plus wearing a Parade Badge

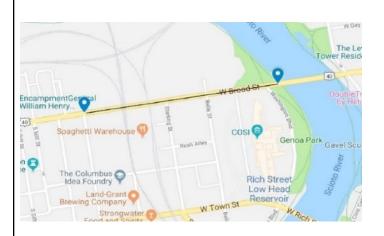
Upon the conclusion of the Mass, there will be the BEAT Shuttle buses waiting to transport everyone from the Church to the P arade staging area, which will be on West Broad Street by COSI. Please be prompt after mass and get on a shuttle bus so we can start the parade on time. The BEAT shuttle bus is \$1.00 per person to help us recover some of our cost.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade Staging

All participants not attending 9:30 am Mass need to report to the Parade Staging Area between 10 am and 11 am. The Parade will step off at 11:30 am. The Parade Will Stage on West Broad St., west of Marconi across the Discovery Bridge near COSI to McDowell Street

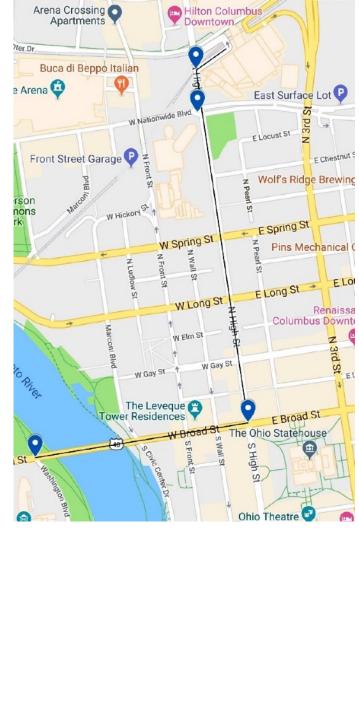
Enter the Staging Area from West on Broad Street at McDowell and the Parade Marshals will direct your entry to the proper position.





Parade Route

The Parade steps off at 11:30am and will go east on W. Broad Street, then North on N. High Street to the Convention Center.



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

Blood Drive

Sunday, February 19, 2023

10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Our February blood drive is now open for scheduling. Due to a conflict on the Red Cross's schedule, our blood drive had to be moved to the 3rd Sunday in February - Sunday Feb 19th from 10am to 4pm. This will be the same day as the Shamrock Club General Meeting. The General Meeting will be held in the pub while the Blood Drive is upstairs.

Please take a moment to schedule your appointment to give the gift of life today. If you are not able to donate, please help our blood drive be successful by sharing with friends & family.

Reach out to Mike McConahay at (614) 354-5742 if you have any questions.

January E-Board Meeting Highlights

- Past President & Entertainment Chair Mike Murphy requested \$2148.83 for the purchase of a new 32channel mixing board to go along with our new powered speakers that were donated by PP Pat Fallon and PP Pat Byrne. The board approved allocating up to \$2500.00.
- Approved new members: 3 General, 2 Family, 3 Pub, 4 Senior
- Badge Runs: Friday, February 3 Directors Badge Crawl; Saturday, February 11 Ladies & Gents Badge Crawl.
- Proclamation Day and Family Reunion plans continue.
- Club Grounds Cleanup Director McConahay needs a committee for next season. A form will be put up on the website for Volunteer Signups.

Megan Dempsey, Secretary

Police & Fire Emerald Society of Columbus 2023 Fish Fry

"ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH"

Fried Fire House Fish fresh from the Irish Sea! Potatoes O'Rourke - Cop's Cole Slaw - Irish Green Beans



O'Mac & Cheese for the Kids - Dessert

All Fridays during Lent except for St. Patrick's Day and Good Friday

Starts Friday, February 24, 2023

5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Shamrock Club of Columbus 60 W. Castle Rd Columbus, OH 43207

Carryout Available

\$15 Adults \$10 Children

Membership Report

Remember to renew your Shamrock Club Membership! Junior Members \$5, Pub Members \$25,

Senior Members \$30, General Members \$50, Family Members \$90

Keep your membership information up to date, especially your email address!

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. So keep those email addresses current and use our web sites:

www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.com and www.facebook.com/shamrockclub

You can also renew and pay securely online at www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.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 or if you would like to renew by mail/check please use the application below.

Twelve New Members in January 2023.

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2023 C-Note Club Members

John & Jenny Archibald George & Vanessa Arnold Past President Bob Basbagill In Memory of Susan Berkemer Rita H. Bowen Kenneth H. Bowen **Rich & Elaine Broderick** Judge Kimberly Brown Suzanne Butte Thomas P. & Dana Byrne Jim & Judy Casey In Memory of PP Joe Davis Douglas L. Dempsey **Doug Eakins** The Feiler Family Rodney Flanagan Michael & Cindy Flynn **Garvey Family Trust** Terry Grady Leo & Theresa Grimes In Memory of PP "Duke" Hinton Tim & Glenda Huffman Tim & Karen Jones Jerry & Donna Keffer Brian & Barbara Rae Kelleher Ed & Teri Kelly Bruce Kotlinski John C. Lynch Mike & Jeanine Malloy

Don Manley Glenn & Jill Mauer Jim & Debbi McDonald Julie McGhee In Memory of Jeff McGowan Mark McKernan Michael & Catherine Moriarty Jim & Patty Murnane Tom & Christine Murphy Robin Nakkula & Alan S. Dormire Parker Lee Foundation, Inc. Judge Colleen O'Donnell Lois O'Reilly Mollie O'Reilly & Scott Paynter Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan Dick & Kathy Pulse Townsend Ouinn Brad Reardon Mike & Kathy Redmond Margaret O'Donnell Rotolo Daughters of Erin Past President Andy Shuman Dennis & Christina Smith Mary Grady Strickland Mark & Suzanne Taggart Paul & Mary Tisdale David & Maureen Veeley





The Shamrock Club of Columbus has been selected, once again, to host the 15th Annual *Mark Dempsey Memorial International Irish Triathlon*, right here at the Shamrock Club, on **Saturday, February 18, 2023**, *any time between* **12 p.m. and 3 p.m.** (or later if we want). This contest has been sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee, FIFA, USGA, NASCAR, WWE and several SEC referees. The triathlon events are darts (inside), cornhole and horseshoes (outside).

Triathletes may compete as many times as they pay. Entry fee is \$5 per round, which includes day membership for nonmembers. Leaders will be posted as scores are reported. The Champion will be immortalized on the **Dempsey Cup** trophy —the most coveted award in all sports. Then there is the new annual consolation prize with the **Susan S. Berkemer Sportsmanship Award**—because you're so pathetic at this Susan would feel bad for you.

Any triathlete wearing gloves for any event must wear the same pair of gloves for all three events. One bonus point deduction will be awarded per event for triathletes playing in shorts, kilts, flip- flops, belly shirts, etc. No leggings or long coats are allowed (The Daughters of Erin provision).

Triathlon Champion will be determined by total low number of throws in 301 darts (single in/single out), 11-point horseshoes and 21-point cornhole (no exact-out).

Check the Triathlon out on Facebook for even more information. Food and beverages will be available at a reasonable cost, as always.

**<mark>Bring family and friends</mark>—Membership not required to participate! **Sponsorships available—business or personal —it's marketing AND a write-off!

Contact Beth Berkemer at (614) 565-6767 or Fred Berkemer at (614) 274-6700 with questions.

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NEXT MEETINGS

All at 2 pm

Sunday Feb. 5th

Sunday Feb. 19th

Sunday March 5th

Sunday March 12th

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 614-491-4449

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Wednesday - Men's Darts Thursday - DOE Ladies Darts Friday 5pm Happy Hour Saturday Closed Sunday – Meeting Days only All Times Subject to Change

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Julie M. Lynch

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