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President's Message



Hello everyone! Where has this year gone? OMG Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. When I was young my mother always said, as I am sure yours did also, don't wish your life away time will pass quicker every year. If she wasn't correct about anything else, she certainly was about that.

My term as President is half over and although we have accomplished much there is so much more to do. Priorities, priorities as much as we try to maintain these all those nasty little day to day challenges come nipping at our (my) ankles. The club is still feeling the affects of COVID, as so many are. I don't know that we will ever be back to the pre-covid normal. Membership has been the life blood of the club and we have seen a steady decrease in our members. There are several multi generation families who are no longer members, we do see them from time to time. Please don't lose sight of your heritage and your family's history with the Shamrock Club join today and keep that family legacy.

Another way to help is to join the President's Club or C-Note club; thank you to all of those who have joined your support is very much appreciated. You may become a member or join one of the clubs on our website. The bar is open

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Chaplain's Comments



With the memory of Halloween behind us, we come to the month of November, known in Catholic circles as the Month of Poor Souls. This observance falls on November 2, right after the Solemnity of All Saints on Nov. 1. If Nov. 1 celebrates the triumph of the Saints in heaven, Nov. 2 reminds us to pray for the Souls in Purgatory, who await purification and entry into heaven following purification. There are many who question the existence of purgatory. Some say that after you die, you either go to heaven or hell. And while this might be the case for many who have died, there are surely many who died before their time. As humans, we are expected to learn while we grow. As the years pass, we are expected to learn from our mistakes and our sins and to do better and better as we grow; to turn from vice to virtue- to get better and better the longer we live. Purgatory is what God in his love and mercy does for us who have died but are still in a state of imperfection, so that He can receive us into the joys of heaven. But we also know that there are some who never learn – they keep living in sin and selfishness and seek power and success in a domineering and worldly way. We might recall the parables of Jesus concerning the rich man and Lazarus, as well as the parable of the man who had a great harvest, of whom Jesus said: “so it is with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the

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every Friday evening for happy hour and general fun time. We have been playing some friendly games of darts and having a great evening. Oh! Don't forget about rental space, we have the hall, the bar, the shelter house or the entire facility. Remember us when planning a Holiday event, wedding or any gathering. In closing I want to remind everyone the cost of running The Shamrock Club is increasing as the cost of living does for us all. Your Board is working very hard to contain cost and reduce it wherever possible, we still need your help.

The Board is also looking for any volunteer opportunities where we can earn some money for the club. Sorry to have gone on and on but it is an important message. I really hope to see more of you in the future.

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Karen



Chaplain's Comments, cont.

things that matter to God." What matters to God? We should know all about that: love of God and love of neighbor; generosity to the poor and forgotten; putting the needs and comforts of others above our own; being truthful and honest in our dealings with one another; in honoring God and refusing to make earthly honors, wealth and possessions our most important realities, etc. etc.

In my mind, as the weather turns colder with winter approaching, it would be good for all of us to examine our own consciences regarding our values, behaviors and attitudes. As Jesus said, "where your heart is, there your treasure will be." Or as St. Augustine and a number of others, including St John XXIII said so wisely: "in essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." As we approach election day, I can't help but remember the confrontation of Jesus before Pilate. Pilate famously told Jesus that he had the power to order his death, or set him free. Jesus reminded Pilate that all power came from above, from Him who has power over all (my paraphrase). From that I can understand that power used in the service of God and neighbor is good. When it is used unjustly, selfishly or in order to gain more control over others or power for power sake, it can put us on the fast track to hell.

November also brings with it Thanksgiving Day as well as the Beginning of the Season of Advent. The year is quickly coming to an end. As is also true, our lives will some day come to an end. It might behoove us to do our best to live according to the teachings and the life modeled by Jesus who came "to serve and not to be served." It's never too late to reevaluate where we are headed and where we hope to end up. It's never too late.

Autumn blessings,

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, Chaplain



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- President:** Karen Komatsu
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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

Shamrock Club Meetings	November 6th
	December 4th
	January 8th
	January 22nd
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

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 or if you would like to renew by mail/check please use the application below.



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Junior Membership (Age 17 & Under \$5/year)

Pub Membership \$25/year

Senior Membership (Age 65 & over \$30/year)

General Membership \$50/year

Family Membership \$90/year

New Member Application can be download from our website www.shamrockclubofcolumbus.com

Sunshine Committee Report

Patty Phillips passed away September 25th. Joe Eiginger from American Legion 144 passed away October 2nd. He participated at every flag day here at the club. Paula Heinmiller Cline passed away October 13th on her 66th birthday. She is cousin to Mike McConahay. Mary Clark passed away October 18th she is the wife of Mike aka Snooze and mother to Pat and Cindy. Steve Erwin passed away on October 19th. Steve was one of the photographers for the Shamrock Club for many years.

Keep Mike McCann in your prayers, he is having a heart procedure Corey Stevens making remarkable progress, continue to keep him and Cherish in your prayers. They have a long road ahead. Sue Pinkerton lost everything in the hurricane except the clothes on her back. Please keep her in your prayers. Past President Ed Moriarty(1990) is at Columbus Alzheimer Long Term Memory Care 700 Jason Way, Columbus, Ohio 43214 If you would like to send Ed's wife and caregiver Mary Kay Moriarty a card: 770 Island Court, Columbus, Ohio 43214

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

Mary & Karen

Memorial Mass

Come join us for the celebration of Mass on **Sunday, November 6th at 2 p.m.** upstairs in the meeting hall. This mass began as a remembrance to the first Irish Catholic President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Since then it has become a memorial Mass for our deceased members from the Irish community. It is a wonderful way to celebrate their life. As a name is called out from the room it brings a smile to your face and a memory of them recalled. We have all been blessed by them one way or another, let us remember always.

Hope you can join us at 2 p.m. with the meeting immediately following.

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

Old Irish Blessing this Thanksgiving

May Love and Laughter light your days
and warm your heart and home
May Good and Faithful friends be yours
wherever you may roam.
May Peace and Plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
Bring the best to you and yours.

From our home to yours

Sláinte
The Irish Way



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

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

October E-Board Meeting Highlights

- Fred Berkemer gave an update on bringing a representative from Choctaw Nation to Columbus to march in the parade in recognition of the special relationship between the Irish and the Choctaws. Background from Choctaw Nation website: "In 1847, when the Choctaws, who had only recently arrived over the ruinous "trail of tears and death" to what is now Oklahoma, took up a donation and collected over \$5,000(in today's money) to support the Irish during the Potato Famine". <https://www.choctawnation.com/about/history/irish-connection/>. Once Fred confirms Choctaw participation, he and his committee will start planning a fundraiser and marketing material.
- **Elevator Update:** Director McDonald and President Komatsu recently met with a Schindler Elevator representative who estimated the cost at \$110-\$120k. They are currently researching grant opportunities.
- **Club Grounds Cleanup Day:** Director McConahay is planning another grounds workday on Sunday, November 13th, to clean up the grounds before winter. There's lots of wood that needs to be split and cleared.
- **Green Season - Proclamation Day:** Friday, March 10 - **Family Reunion Update:** President Komatsu received the contract for Battelle Hall and will meet with our new Convention Center representative to finalize.
- **Drive-Thru Food Drive for Holy Family** - Saturday, December 3rd from 12pm-2pm.
- **Dublin Irish Festival Wrap-up:** the club made \$4697. The board discussed other fundraising opportunities; i.e.: concession staffing at sporting events and festivals, etc.

Megan Dempsey

Mickalean Trenor, Shamrock Club Piper

Mickalean Trenor pipe accomplishments for 2022. A big thing to mention-due to the following listed accomplishments, Mic has received a very elite, prestigious invite to a competition that only consists of the top 10 bagpipers in the U.S. and Canada. It is called the George Sherriff Memorial Invitational.

Esteemed Accomplishments: Piper of the Day @ The Ohio Scottish Games, Piper of the Day @ The Ohio Valley Games, Piper of the Day @ The Covenanter Games, Recipient of the David Nester Quaich, Recipient of the MacCrimmon Quaich, Out of 47 competitors, he earned 1st Place Season Champion of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA) Online Winter Series. Out of 47 competitors, he earned 2nd Place overall in the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA) 2022 season.

Competition Placings: 19 First Places, 12 Second Places, 3 Third Places.

It has been predicted by judges in the US and Canada that after the 2023 season, Mic will move up to the next and final ranking. After that happens, he will be able and plans to pursue the rigorous training and steps that it takes to become a certified judge for the pipe band associations in the United States.

The Gap of Destiny

Andrew Shuman

Last month we shared the history behind *God Save Ireland* which until 1916 had been Ireland's national anthem. This month we continue with a story about the song which replaced it as the Irish anthem. Written prior to the Uprising, *Amhrán na bhFiann* (*A Soldier's Song*), lyrics by Peadar Kearney, was officially adopted by the Irish Free-State in 1926. For those of you who attended the June general meeting, you may have heard me tell the following story prior to our signing of the national anthems. I have always wondered the meaning of the phrase "bhearna bhaoil". These are the only two Gaelic words in the English version of the anthem. They must have some significance. Like our *Star-Spangled Banner*, the Irish national anthem, tells a story. One stanza references the bhearna bhaoil, translated "gap of destiny," which comes from the Battle of New Ross. The date of the battle was June 5th, coincidentally the same date as our June meeting. The battle was part of the 1798 Rebellion where the United Irishmen attempted to gain control of this Wexford town, a vital link to supplying the southeast. If the rebels were successful, they hoped to recruit support from Waterford, Cork, and Tipperary and continue the rebellion. First, they had to capture the well fortified town, and the attackers were an untrained mass of several thousand men (and women). Some were armed only with pikes, and what little artillery they had, they manned with captured British officers serving at pike-point. Hoping the defenders would yield to the larger force, a messenger was sent under truce. When he was shot, the battle began. A column of troops led by John Kelly ("the boy from Killane" immortalized in the ballad sung by Mossy Moran), was sent to attack the Three Bullet Gate, an entrance named from the Cromwellian Wars where three bullets had lodged in the masonry. Kelly hoped to distract the British and provide cover for his troops by sending a herd of cattle through the gate and into the streets. Kelly was wounded, but the maneuver worked. The troops entered and began fighting street by street with the British who would soon flee the town. This did not last long as they returned with a cavalry charge that was repelled by the pikemen. Back and forth it went until the untrained forces finally fled back through the gate. Due to the fierce fighting, this gap of danger also became known as the "gap of destiny." New Ross was a highpoint for the rebellion, but history will remember it and the "bhearna bhaoil" as a rallying cry for future generations. Come woe or wail, let's remember all those who fight for freedom.



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