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President's Message



Hello everyone! Were you here for the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day? If you were you know what a great time we had and if you weren't I am sorry you missed it. Check out our schedule for events so you won't miss the next one. What a great segway into the next exciting announcement. The New, Modernized Shamrock Club of Columbus Website is LIVE. I know the issues with our previous site have been an inconvenience to say the least. Because of the continued issues it was decided that the best way to go would be to just start fresh. Unfortunately that required us to get a acquire a new domain name; theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com. Go check it out, I think you will be very pleased. Dart leagues have started up again which foretells of the coming fall and winter. I know I used a bad word but that also means the coming of Green Season and that is always something to look forward to. Come on down and join us on Friday nights for happy hour and Queen of Hearts and stay for some darts afterwards or maybe some cards. There is always someone there to start up a game. These spontaneous games can turn into some of the best evenings we have. I hope to see you soon and bring a friend.

Be safe and kind

Karen Komatsu, President

Chaplain's Comments



The month of October is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Rosary. A good way to celebrate this month is by reciting the rosary daily! At most it takes about 15 or 20 minutes – not too strenuous for any of us and a source of much comfort, consolation and grace. As we pray the rosary, it is as if we place ourselves in Our Lady's arms and experience the peace she can give us, her children. Try it – you'll like it!

October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, probably the most well-known saint (after Mary and Joseph) by people in the present and past. His example of poverty, simplicity and radical faith is admired by all. St. Francis reminds us that it is possible to live a radical Christian life in love with God, his creation and all humanity. His love for animals is well known – I've officiated at many, many blessings of animals over the 49 years of my ministry! I have some great photos too! Francis understood that we are all important members of God's creation and that we should have a special care for our environment and all creatures, human, animal and vegetable. He taught us through his remarkable life to have joy in God's love for us and to reverence all people as our brothers and sisters. A suggestion – take some time on Oct. 4 to thank God for our many blessings.

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Chaplain's Comments, cont.

Later on in the month we celebrate Halloween, the evening before the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st. I usually become somewhat shocked and surprised that some of our more fundamentalist brothers and sisters believe that Halloween is a celebration of satanism. As one who dressed up in costumes and went out on trick or treat night, I can safely say that the devil was never on any of our minds as we had parties, parades and went trick or treating. It was always for us a night of fun and a way to celebrate the coming of the Autumn Season.

Autumn is one of my favorite seasons. I love the golden light in the evenings, the smell of leaves burning (however illegal), the colorful leaves, and the cool weather that reminds us that winter is coming. Isn't it ironic that nature is so beautiful as it is dying? There's a lesson for us in that, I think. Fall is a time for planting and it's a time for harvest, the harvesting of fruit (apple cider!) of all kinds and of course, the coming of the Season of Advent. The Church gives us such wonderful ways to practice and to celebrate our faith in God's ever-loving presence, something we need to remember and appreciate.

Finally, I ask you to keep me in your prayers! On September 28, I turned 76! Also, our Bishop, Bishop Earl Fernandes recently celebrated his 50th birthday. It's kind of cool to have a bishop younger than me! All told, I've lived through 8 Bishops of Columbus and 7 popes! I mention this because it's important for us to pray for our Popes and Bishops. They have a serious, and stressful job that is so necessary in the Church. And pray for us priests and deacons, too, that all of us will have what we need to continue to be missionary disciples.

In Christ,

Msgr. John K. Cody, Chaplain



Shamrock Club Blood Drive

Our October blood drive is now open for scheduling - **Sunday October 9th**. You can use the following link (<https://rcblood.org/3dGCI1w>) or the attached QR code to schedule your appointment today.



In June, the American Red Cross collected approximately 12% fewer blood donations than needed to sustain a sufficient blood supply – one of the largest blood donation shortfalls in a single month in recent years.

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.

Officers

- 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	October 2
	November 6
	December 4
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
Shamrock Club Blood Drive	October 9

Membership Report

Let's start with a shout out to the folks that helped at the membership table during the Half Way Party on September 17 - Molly Byrne, Katie Hicks and Megan Malloy Kelly. Thank you for volunteering. We're only as good as our volunteers and this time we were awesome.

We had 3 families and 1 individual join during the party; I consider that a membership win! Thanks to all of you for your patience as we continue to work through an improved process for tracking and reporting membership numbers. No one will be happier than me when that job is finished.

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.

The Shamrock Club of Columbus

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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

Kathy Redmond’s mother Alta Juanita Coburn Oney passed away on Sept. 18th, please keep the family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

Please keep the family of Shamrock Club Past President George O'Donnell 1981 in your prayers on his passing.

Husband and Wife Al (September 21) and Irene (September 22) Cassady passed away a day apart. May their souls rest in peace.

Jim Dempsey got a shiny new hip and is doing well. He says he will be two-stepping very soon. AJ Malloy had surgery and is doing well. Corey Stevens is making progress on his long road to recovery. Tim Jones having some health issues.

Steve Mullholland needs prayers. Pray for all the families and friends of the 9/11 victims that they may know peace and comfort and may the souls of the victims rest in peace. Continued prayers for Suzy Lhamon, George Burton Mary Sue Taub, Paul

Tisdale, Marty Malloy, Peggy Sexton, Patty Phillips, Patty Moore Moriarty and Ryan Graves. Our soldier, Kevin Archer, needs prayers.

Happy birthday to Julie Clemons and Happy birthday Bobby boy Basbagill. Secretary Nancy Murphy celebrates another year as does Terry Grady, Colleen McConahay, Becky Ellis and our own dear Msgr. John Kelly Cody.

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

Pray for the Shamrock Club that we may continue to grow and celebrate our heritage. Let us pray for an end to the violence in our streets. Remember, 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

**The Sign of the Cross
An Comhartha na Croise**

The following is the Sign of the Cross in the Irish language. It’s an easy prayer to learn. I have provided the English version, the Irish version and below the Irish version is the phonetic pronunciation. Don’t worry if you don’t get it exactly right. There is an Irish saying that states, “Is fear Gaeilge bhriste na Bearla cliste.” In English that is, “Broken Irish is better than clever English.”

English

In the Name of the Father

And of the Son

And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Irish

In Ainm an Athar
In AN-im un A-hur

Agus an Mhic
AH-guss un vik

Agus an Spioraid Naoimh.
AH-guss un SPIR-id NEE-iv

Amen

Car Show



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

God Save Ireland

God save Ireland, said the heroes
 God save Ireland, said they all
 Whether on the scaffold high
 Or the battlefield we die
 Oh, what matter when for Erin dear we fall

High upon the gallows tree swung the noble hearted
 three

By the vengeful tyrant stricken in their bloom
 But they met him face to face with the courage of their
 race
 And they went with souls undaunted to their doom

Chorus

Climbed they up the rugged stair, rang their voices out
 in prayer
 Then with England's fatal cord around them cast
 Close beside the gallows tree kissed like brothers
 lovingly
 True to home and faith and freedom to the last

Chorus

Never till the latest day shall the memory pass away
 Of the gallant lives thus given for our land
 But on the cause must go, amidst joy and weal and woe
 Till we make our Isle a nation free and grand

Chorus

Every year on St. Patrick's Day at the Family Reunion, The Hooligans call all the current Officers and Past Presidents of the Shamrock Club onto the stage and we sing **God Save Ireland**. The following article by the AOH State Historian, Mike Finn, tells the story of that song.

“God Save Ireland” – The Manchester Martyrs

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



The Irish Republican Brotherhood Rising, also known as the Fenian Rising, began in Ireland and the United States in the spring of 1867. When the English suspended Habeas Corpus in Ireland, the Fenians decided to take the rising to England.

On September 11th, 1867 the police in Manchester, England arrested two men for vagrancy. The two were Colonel Thomas Kelly and Captain Timothy Deasy. Both men had served as officers in the US Civil War. What the police didn't know was that they had inadvertently arrested two key leaders of the Fenian movement. They came to England to bring the fight for Irish freedom to British soil.

The men were held for a week and were on the verge of being released when a paid informer advised the police whom they are holding. The police then decided to move the prisoners to a more secure location. They placed the two men in a police

van along with other prisoners. Police Sergeant Charles Brett guarded them inside the locked van. Just outside the city of Manchester the van was attacked by a group of 30 Fenians, determined to rescue Kelly and Deasy.

After stopping the van and overcoming the drivers, the Fenians were unable to get into the locked van as Sergeant Brett held the keys and refused to pass them out. Someone suggested shooting the van's lock. A bullet was fired through the keyhole of the van. Unfortunately, Sergeant Brett chose that moment to look through the keyhole and he was killed instantly. A female prisoner in the van passed the Sergeant's keys outside. Kelly and Deasy were freed and the Fenians scattered. Kelly and Deasy were soon on board a ship bound for America.

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“God Save Ireland” – The Manchester Martyrs, cont.

Following the raid, the Manchester police began a round up of Fenian suspects. Hundreds were arrested. The police used paid informants to identify five men. The five were tried for the murder of Sergeant Brett. None of the five men actually did the shooting. The five men who were:

Michael O’Brien – O’Brien was born in County Cork. He immigrated to America where he enlisted in the Union Army and served as a Captain in the Civil War. After the war he returned to Ireland.

William Phillip Allen – Allen was only 19 and a carpenter by trade. He was present when the van was attacked.

Michael Larkin – Larkin was a tradesman who had moved to London to find work. He was also present when the van was attacked.

Thomas Maguire – Maguire was a Royal Marine who was on leave at the time of his arrest. Maguire had been on board a British ship when the van was attacked.

Edward O’Meagher Condon – Condon was an American citizen. He had also served as an officer in the Union Army during the Civil War and was involved in the Fenian movement. He was present at the attack, but was not armed.

The five men were tried before a Special Commission, all were charged with the murder of Sergeant Brett. All pleaded innocent to the charge. Maguire and O’Brien presented evidence that they were elsewhere when the van was attacked; however, as the witnesses in their favor were also Irish the testimony was discounted. The court found all five defendants guilty. They were all sentenced to hang.

The defendants made eloquent statements at their sentencing. **Edward O’Meagher Condon** said, *“I have nothing to regret, to retract, or to take back. I can only say, ‘God save Ireland!’”* At this, the other prisoners responded with *“God Save Ireland!”* This act provided the inspiration for **T. D. Sullivan to write the Irish rebel song of the same name** published on December 7, 1867. It became an anthem of the Fenian movement and is still popular today.

William Allan closed his sentencing remarks with “The man who has taken life, you have not got him.” After the trial the British Home Secretary reviewed the case of **Thomas Maguire**, the Royal Marine. It was found that the government informer had indeed lied. Maguire was granted a Queen’s pardon and released. This perjured testimony should have cast doubt on the legality of the other convictions.

Edward Condon’s sentence was commuted to life imprisonment through the intervention of the American Ambassador to England, Charles Francis Adams (son of President John Quincy Adams) who insisted that Condon was an American citizen and should not be executed. Condon served 11 years in prison and was released in 1878.

On November 23, 1867 the three remaining defendants, **Michael Larkin, William Allen and Michael O’Brien** were all hanged at the New Bailey Jail in Manchester before a crowd of 10,000. Their bodies were buried together in quicklime behind the prison walls. So fearful were the authorities of a disturbance that 500 infantry, a squadron of Hussars and two batteries of artillery were brought in to guard the jail.

These three men became known around the world as the *Manchester Martyrs*. Their executions enraged public opinion against England in Ireland and the United States. The three men became Fenian martyrs and their deaths directly impacted the thinking of physical force republicanism for 150 years from Charles Stewart Parnell to Patrick Pearse to the Irish Republican Army. T. D. Sullivan’s song helped to spread the inspirational story of the martyrs.

In 1991 their bodies were exhumed along with those of other executed criminals. It was impossible to identify the bodies. The bones were cremated and placed in a mass grave near the prison. There are many monuments to the *Manchester Martyrs* in Ireland; one is located in Glasnevin Cemetery near Dublin. As their song ends ...

*Never till the latest day shall the memory pass away
Of the gallant lives thus given for our land*

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