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The Story of St. Patrick

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints.

Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461.

Along with St. Nicholas and St. Valentine, the secular world shares our love of these saints. This is also a day when everyone's Irish.

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote

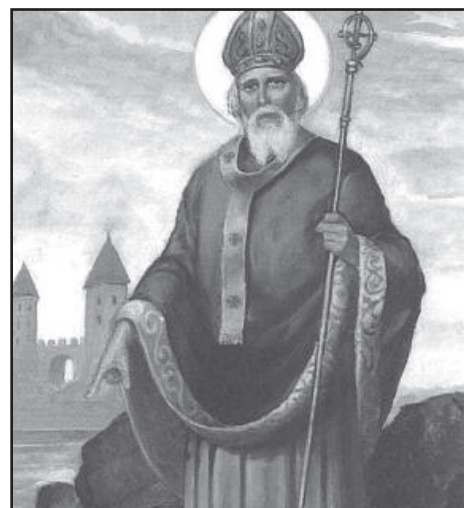
"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He ar-



rived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fi-aac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

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Dates to Remember

March 9	Ash Wednesday
March 12	CLC 114 th Anniversary
March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	Spring Begins
March 31	Scholarship Application Deadline
March 31	Volunteer Hour Deadline
April 18	Tax Day
May 7	Join Hands Day

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Sharon Says....

March is a very important month in the history of CLC. CLC was incorporated on March 12, 1897 under the laws of the State of Ohio. 114 years later the Society's mission is still to meet the needs of Roman Catholics, their families and friends who share an interest in the welfare of the Society through a sound life insurance program and competitive financial products while bringing its Members together in fellowship, prayer and service to others. Our agents and Home Office staff work diligently in promoting our life insurance and annuity products. They are committed to educating our current members and prospective members on how important it is to purchase life insurance and annuity products for a secure financial future.

You, our members, also play a huge role in CLC's future with all the fraternal works you do. In addition to being a life insurance company CLC is a fraternal benefit society that provides an opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of your families, friends and neighbors through your many efforts and fraternal projects. I encourage you to get involved in your communities to spread our fraternal word. Even your simplest act of fraternalism will be noticed! And it doesn't hurt to toot your own horn, promote your projects through your local media.

Still looking for ideas to increase attendance at your meeting? Summer is not far off and it is not too early to plan a picnic in the park. Make it a family day. By involving the youth, they could plan the fun and games for your council picnic. Warm weather and something sizzling on the grill, sounds good to me!

As of the writing of this, the preliminary results of our annual statement are in. I am very happy to report that they are indicating a very good year for CLC. A full report will be forthcoming in a future issue of the Index.

Promises of warmer weather come with the month of March, well maybe! Spring arrives this month, but we all know we can still get some pretty extreme weather in March. This has sure been a good old fashioned winter and I am ready for the warmer, sunny days!

A reminder to all of our scholarship applicants...the deadline to submit your application is March 31, 2011.

Notice

We have been receiving a lot of phone calls at the Home Office regarding the lien balance at the end of your annual statement. Nothing has changed since the six page letter was sent out in February 2009 regarding this temporary lien. The only difference is we are now required to list it on your annual statement. We hope this clears up any confusion that you may have. If not, please do not hesitate to contact the Home Office for further discussion.

*Thank You,
The Home Office Staff*



Check out
www.theclc.org!
It has a new
look and lots of
new features!

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

You may download CLC 2011 Scholarship Applications from our website. Go to TheCLC.org. The file needs to be opened through Adobe Acrobat.

If you have problems or do not have access to a computer, call the Home Office at 800-845-0494 and they will mail you an application. Directions for completing it are printed on the application.

Each eligible student may be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship two different years while in college.

**DEADLINE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED
APPLICATION TO HOME OFFICE IS MARCH 31, 2011**

Kalida Council Hosts Cookie Exchange

Council 134 • Kalida

Council 134 met on February 14, Valentine's Day. There were 21 ladies present. Jan Kahle from the diocese office of Catholic Charities was our guest speaker. She spoke on end of life issues and how we as Catholics are to interpret the Church's teachings. She suggested that everyone should think about making personal end of life decisions to help family members make the necessary arrangements when the time comes. The diocese offers packets with a storage file to help organize everything.

Our trustees Jane Kleman, Carol Bockrath and Mary Lou Merschman finished the audit of the books. Everything balanced. Our treasurer, Joan Vennekotter keeps excellent records. A thank you was given to the ladies. President Mary Lou reminded us to keep track of volunteer hours since they are so important to us as a fraternal organization. Also, matching funds are available for worthy causes. Scholarships are available to members of at least three years and applications are due March 31.

The March meeting will be held at the Meadows of Kalida on March 14. We will have a short business meeting and then play BINGO with the residents. We will provide the prizes and will donate extra items for them to keep for other BINGO sessions.

Our luncheon was cherry pie and ice cream. We then had our cookie exchange. There were lots of delicious cookies to pick from and take home.

New Members

Co. 7 – Ottawa

Ronald A Pohlman, Ottawa

Co. 84 – Landeck

Aiden Matthew Siefker, Delphos

Co. 88 – Ft. Jennings

Maddox Stechschulte, Cloverdale

Co. 133 - Cleveland

Richard L Sherer, Uniontown

Co. 165 - Athens

Kathleen Hecht, Athens

Co. 179 – Glandorf

Nathan Andrew Latta, Batavia

Fraternally Remembered

Co. #	Name	City	Date of Death
110	Shirley Walsh	Lakewood	12/28/10
110	Blanche Wendling	Covington	12/05/10
121	Janell Lamb	Van Wert	12/17/10
166	Clara Siefker	Columbus Grove	01/07/11
181	Margaret Neiding	Vermillion	07/03/10
203	Rita Seger	Ft. Loramie	11/22/10
218	Reta Weber	Wauseon	10/27/10
219	Alice Orluk	Carrollton	12/23/10

FJ Council Going Caroling

Council 88 • Ft. Jennings

The February 2011 meeting of CLC Council #88 was called to order by President Shelley Hoersten. Fifteen members and three very young guests were present.

We received a thank you card from Eda Kohls. Cheryl Sickels is organizing members to bring meals to Eda during her recovery. Get well and 90th birthday cards were sent to Eda, an encouragement card was sent to Thelma Minnig, get well cards sent to Rich & Betty Hugel, a 50th anniversary card sent to Bob & Carol Meyer, and get well cards sent to Jim & Janice Kleman.

Kim McCabe received a prize for selling the most election dinner tickets, and Elaine Wehri received a prize for bringing in the most members in 2010.

Bea Geise will be stepping in the Treasurer's role while Mandi Kahle is out for the birth of her twins.

There is a sign-up sheet going around for members working the CLC Breakfast March 6th.

Seven people received gifts for 2010 perfect attendance—Eda Kohls, Margaret Schimmoeller, Jenn Gasser, Christy Good, Mandi Kahle, Nancy Wiechert, and Shelley Hoersten.

We okayed a \$50 donation to FJ Post Prom.

New Cleveland Council invited us to their meeting Thursday, March 10. Mass is at 6:30 with short meeting and wine tasting after. Shelley decided instead of us having our normal meeting March 9th, (Ash Wednesday) we will just have our monthly meeting in conjunction with New Cleveland's. RSVP to Shelley before March 3rd, and we will meet in the church parking lot 5:30 that night.

We will be going caroling April 4th – "Let's hop to it and make every bunny happy". Meet at Ft Haven at 5:30.

There is a 5K and ½ mile fun run to be held March 26th at the Ottoville Parish Center to benefit Eric Grote. We have been asked to donate baked goods for their bake sale.

We are donating \$250 to the Ronald McDonald House (Columbus) for our Charitable Donations. Matching Funds will be going to a local family facing large medical bills. We are making a general donation to the Fort Jennings Fire Department for \$250. We are making a general donation of \$250 to Eric's 5K Day to benefit Eric Grote.



Don't forget: You can still contribute to your IRA for 2010! You have until you file your taxes.

Easy 1-2-3 Shamrock Milk Shake



1 cup 1% milk
2 Tbsp. JELL-O Pistachio Flavor Instant Pudding
1 OREO Mint Pure Milk Chocolate Covered Cookie, finely chopped

Directions:

POUR milk into tall glass. Add dry pudding mix; stir 2 to 3 min. or until pudding mix is completely dissolved.

STIR in chopped cookie.

SERVE immediately.

Need Prayer?

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