



The Irish Connection

The Irish American Society of Tidewater News

October 2016

The Irish American Society of Tidewater, Virginia, was established in 1980 to promote and preserve Irish culture, and all things distinctly Irish. Membership is open to persons of Irish birth or ancestry, as well as those persons who have an interest in Irish history and culture.

OUR NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 6, 2016



Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Church of the Ascension Community Center 4853 Princess Anne Rd Virginia Beach, VA. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the meeting usually gets underway at 7:00 p.m., ending at 9:00 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Irish American Society members,

At our last business meeting on September 1st, the attending membership voted on a charity for the IAS to support for the next year. After some great discussion, the IAS selected the **Children's**

Hospital of the King's Daughters

(CHKD) in Norfolk. CHKD is an incredible hospital and organization with



which we are very excited to get involved. Over the next several months, the IAS will begin having collections of craft supplies for the children at CHKD, and we will be looking for other ways to volunteer and contribute. If anyone is interested in helping lead these efforts, please see a board member at the next meeting or e-mail at ias.tidewater@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Brunch and Silent Auction at Keagan's Irish Pub & Restaurant** on September 18th. It was a fun time with delicious food, unique auction items, and great company! **Connie Austin Smith** livened up the party with some awesome Irish songs, and **Joe Brady** treated us to a beautiful rendition of "Danny Boy"! Special thanks to all the members who donated items for the auction. The IAS was able to raise over \$300!

Speaking of St. Patrick's Day... We now have less than six months until the big day!!! In preparation for our own version of March Madness, the IAS will be introducing a nomination form for anyone interested in serving as a 2017 IAS Princess. The form will be for Junior, Teen, and Adult Princess nominations. While we encourage the nominee to fill out the form and questions, any member may nominate another member or member's relative. Please check with the nominee first, though, to be sure she (1) would like to be an IAS princess and (2) is able to attend Finnegan's Wake and the Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade. Nomination forms will be available on the IAS website and at monthly meetings beginning in October.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on **October 6th**. We will be having a bake-off with *pumpkin* as the featured ingredient. To participate, bring in your baked-good and the recipe. An impartial taste-tester will choose a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner! There will be prizes for the winners, and the recipe for the 1st place treat will be featured in the November newsletter.

Coming up at the November meeting on **November 3rd**, one of our newest members **Brian Collins** will be giving a presentation on the Ancient Irish. From Ireland's first settlers to Ireland and the Classic World, we'll learn about Ireland's earliest people and culture!



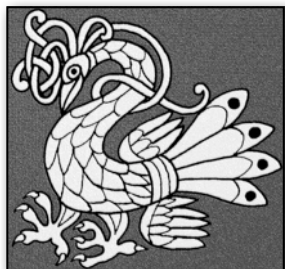
Sláinte,
Katie McCrory





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MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 2016

- ♣ Meeting start: 7:10
- ♣ Member News: Birthdays, Debra, Ms. Buckley and Sandi McGregor
- ♣ Sunshine News: Marion had surgery and is in Rehab, Mrs. Fitch had knee replacement surgery and is doing well.
- ♣ Upcoming Events: Kilkenny v Tipperary Hurling final-Sunday, September 4th @10am at Keagan's

Breakfast available 10-2 pm, lunch starts at 11am

Celtic Cousins Picnic-Saturday, September 10th @ 1-5 pm at the Church
All Ireland Camogie Finals Viewing Party- Sunday, Sept 11th, 11am @ Grace O'Malley's Pub, 211 Granby St, Norfolk-Silent Auction for Camogie equipment.

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Brunch and Silent Auction-Sunday, Sept 18th, 11-2pm @ Keagan's Town Center, VA Beach. Pin the tail on the Donkey to raise funds for Timmy the Donkey foal surgery on his hind legs.

Harvest Hooley & October meeting- Thursday, October 6th - Beer & Mead presentation / tasting in the past (JJ & Nick Jestenson).

Pumpkin themed Bake -Off- Mead or pumpkin- bring entry with the recipe card.

- ♣ Treasurer's Report: Balance is 3,077.81, Expenses, rent=50.00 and no bill has been

received for the newsletter printing as of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ♣ There are new changes this year to ByLaws that the officers would like to make. The committee has been selected and are as follows: Jim Hagerty, Kate Sandoval, Terry Fahey and Michael Lawler. If you have any suggestions please see one of these members.
 - ♣ Looking for Hospitality committee volunteers.- Please see Cheryl.
- Presentations for the following charity's:

- #1) St. Baldrick, Scott McGregor and family.
- #2) St. Jude, Mike Bromley.
- #3) Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Katie McCrory.
- #4) CHKD, Kate Sandoval.

submitted by: Cheryl Brown



BYLAWS COMMITTEE - STATUS REPORT

submitted by Jim Hagerty

Bylaws Committee making progress.

Committee: **Jim Hagerty, Kate Sandoval, Michael Lawler, and Terry Fahey.**

Tentative schedule is to make presentation of our proposed amendments to the Executive Board at its current meeting, September 29.

Assuming the Executive Board agrees, the Committee would make a formal presentation to the membership at the next general meeting, October 6, 2016.

That's an opportunity for any member to provide input before we settle on a final draft. Unless there's input for additional changes, the Committee's proposed amendments would then be tabled and voted upon at the general meeting in November.

It is essential we satisfy the quorum requirement of 25 members in good standing.

The Committee's plan is to publish the proposed new bylaws on the IAS website and as an insert in the November newsletter so that all members have an opportunity to review prior to voting.





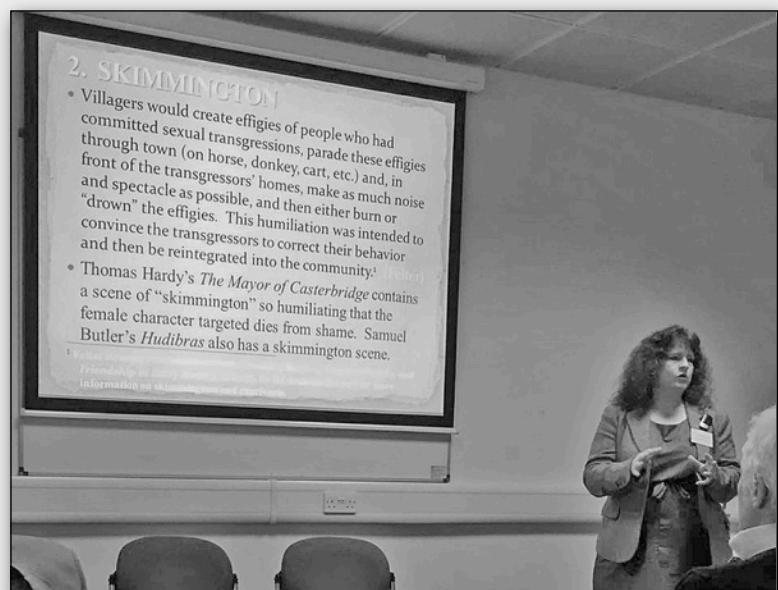
SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT



Congratulations to former IAS officer **Dr. Edward Brash** who had his first official gig in Scotland this summer at the legendary **Star Folk Club** downstairs at the **Admiral Pub** in downtown Glasgow, opening for **Josienne Clark & Ben Walker**, winners of the 2015 BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Duo! Edward performed a fantastic and well-received set of Canadian tunes (including originals) for the audience. Now that the Brashes are back in Virginia, you can catch Edward performing with his Celtic band, **Glasgow Kiss**, at various venues including **Grace O'Malley's** on Granby Street in Norfolk (every night September 20-24).



Congratulations also to former IAS President **Lynnette Fitch Brash** who was one of the scholars selected to present at the annual **Association for Scottish Literary Studies** conference held this summer at the **University of Glasgow**, Scotland. The 2016 ASLS conference theme was "Literature & Religion in Scotland", and Lynnette's presentation was titled "No Love Lost: How Robert Burns Repaid the Scottish Kirk in Verse". Lynnette was honored to present at this prestigious international academic conference, and she was also delighted her sister **Dawn Fitch Carragino** was able to come over to be there!





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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2016

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it's really, really green!





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**Celtic Cousins Picnic
September 10, 2016**

**The IAS Princesses were
represented at the Cook Out
by Adult Princesses
Erin Morrissey (2007),
Carrie McCabe Gordon (2005),
& Lynnette Fitch Brash (2000)**



***From Beginners to World Championship Competitors, our students develop
the love of Irish culture through traditional step dance provided by quality instructors
in a fun, encouraging, and learning environment.***

New Beginner Classes start Thursday, September 8th for ages 5 and up.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at 1629 Salem Rd, Suite 102, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

**** It is not too late to register. ****

Call Heather Esposito at 757-427-9511 or e-mail Heather@ancorrud.com to reserve a spot.

Please see our webpage www.ancorrud.com "School Info" and "School Schedule" for more information.





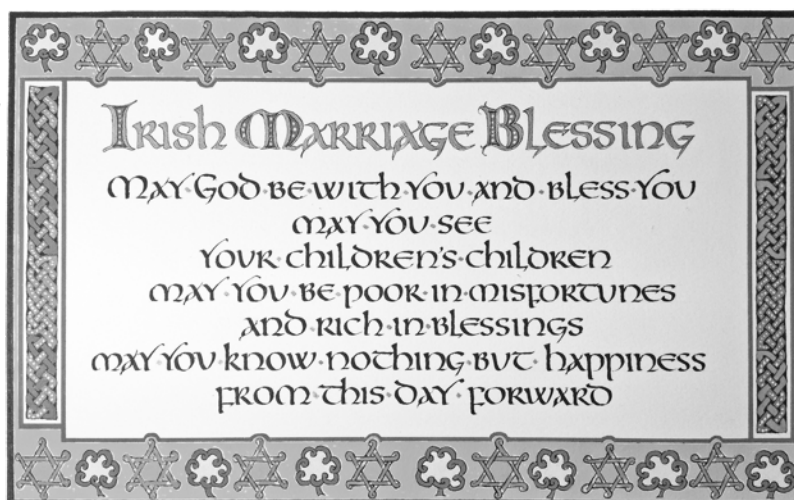
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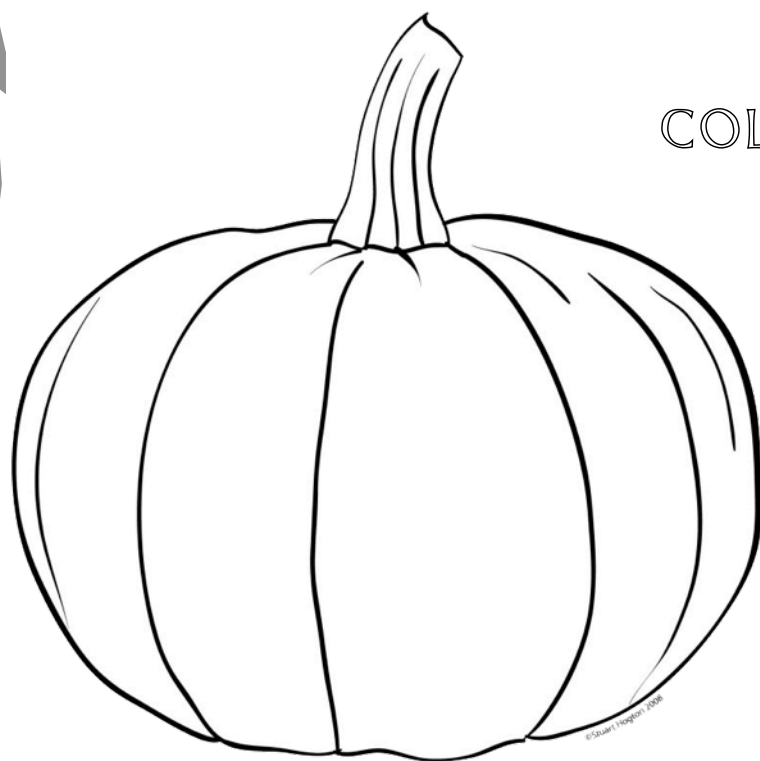
Celtic Uncial
Black Letter (some call this Old English)
Foundational Hand
\$125-tuition
Instructor- Betsy Rivers-Kennedy

Place - One 11 Art, 111 Pennsylvania Ave,
Norfolk, VA 23504
Wednesday's, beginning Oct. 5
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM



CELTIC KIDS CORNER

COLOR ME IRISH



DECORATE A JACK-O-LANTERN!

The celebration of Halloween
in Ireland began in about 1000 AD as
a pagan festival called "Samhain"
(pronounced SOW-in or SAH-win)
meaning "end of summer."

The Celts lit bonfires to keep evil spirits
away and dressed in disguises.