



Muskegon Irish American Society

NEWS



Fall 2019

Movie Night at the Museum

Muskegon Museum of Art

Wednesday, November 6, 5:30 pm



The Army of the Republic of Ireland is respected as a professional peace-keeping force, and has been sent by the United Nations into volatile areas of conflict in hot spots around the world. The movie *"The Siege of Jadotville"* tells the gripping true story of an Irish Army peace-keeping unit sent into the Congo Crisis in September of 1961.

"A" Company, 35th Battalion (UN service) of the Irish Army ONUC contingent was attacked by Katangese Gendarmerie troops loyal to the Katangese Prime Minister Moïse Tshombe. The lightly armed Irish soldiers, besieged in Jadotville (modern Likasi), resisted Katangese assaults for five days as a relief force of Irish, Indian and Swedish troops attempted to rescue them. Heavily outnumbered, running out of ammunition, and exhausted after 5 days of battle, the Irish company faced a final battle against the Katangese rebels and their hired mercenaries. You will find out what happened when you see this outstanding Irish film!

Join us as we take an exciting adventure with these brave men of the Irish Army! Enjoy delightful snacks, a cash bar, and the recognition of our Irish Person of the Year! It's sure to be a grand time!

WHAT: Private screening of the Irish film *The Siege of Jadotville*. Introduction by Bill Iddings

WHERE: Muskegon Museum of Art

WHEN: Wednesday, November 6, 5:30-6:30 pm Cash Bar & Snacks, 6:30 pm Welcome, 7:00 pm Movie

COST: Free, donations are always gratefully accepted. No reservation required.



Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame Induction



Erin Keem, Patrick Johnson & David Keem



Roger Schlosser & Bill Lynch



Br. James Boynton & Dr. Phil O'Dwyer



Charlene Snow & Mick Gavin



James Neal & Lori Murawske, accepting for Frank Murphy



Nora Cassidy & Jerry Bresser



Tim McGuire with his sister Molly & Barry McGuire



Tim McGuire's daughters dance surprise jig



About our 2019 Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame Inductees (Pictured on Previous Page)



2019 Inductees



Nominated posthumously by James Neal, **Frank Murphy** is the pre-eminent public leader in Michigan history. A World War I veteran, he was Federal District Attorney in Detroit, a Wayne County Judge, Mayor of Detroit, Governor General of the Philippines, Governor of Michigan, Attorney General of the U.S., and a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He died in 1949 at the age of 59.

Austin "Barry" McGuire and **Timothy "Tim" McGuire** are the first father and son members. Nominated by Michael Patrick Shiels in the category of Public Service, Barry and Tim served a combined 38 years as Executive Directors of the Michigan Association of Counties. Barry died in 2012.

A native of Ireland, **Michael "Mick" Gavin** has lived in Detroit and for more than 40 years has shared his exceptional talent as an Irish fiddler. He has been a leader preserving Irish traditions, history, music, dance, and language. He was nominated by Kathleen O'Neill in the field of Arts and Entertainment.

Brother James Boynton was nominated in the category of Religion by Dr. Dr. Phil O'Dwyer. A member of the Jesuit Order, Br. Boynton has devoted his life to serving the poor in Michigan, India, Mexico, and Haiti, and as a high school religion teacher in Cleveland and Detroit.

Roger Schlosser was nominated by Bill Lynch in the category of Education. Roger spent his career as a history professor and Director of the Irish Studies Program at Grand Rapids Community College. He has also been the long-time President of the Gaelic League/Irish American Club of West Michigan.

Nominated by Dr. Phil O'Dwyer in the area of Community Service, **Nora Ann Cassidy** is honored for her life-long support of the Detroit area Irish community. She has especially promoted Irish dance programs for youth. In 2013 she was the Grand Marshall of the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Patrick J. Johnson is the head of the Michigan Irish American Chamber of Commerce. And he is the host of a Detroit Irish radio show with a wide audience. He is well known for generously volunteering his time as MC at many Irish events. Erin and David Keem's nomination recognizes his extensive Community Service.

Call for Nominations Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame - Class of 2020

Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominations will be accepted for individuals of Irish American Descent, living or deceased, with substantial ties to Michigan who have made contributions in areas such as Public Service, Philanthropy, Business and Industry, Arts and Entertainment, Religion, Education, and Sports.
2. Nominees must have a meaningful connection to the state of Michigan, be of verifiable Irish ancestry, be a citizen of the United States and have made a notable contribution in one of the aforementioned areas.
3. Nomination forms are available through the Muskegon Irish American Society or can be completed online at www.michiganirishamericanhalloffame.org Nominations must include name of nominee, category and brief description of reason for nomination/candidate worthiness.
4. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Muskegon Irish American Society will screen nominations and recommend selections to the Board for final approval.

Deadline for Nominations: The completed nomination form and any supporting materials must be emailed or posted on or before APRIL 1, 2020. Nominations received after this date may be considered for the following year.



Highlights from the Summer Barbeque



Upcoming Events

Watch your mail for raffle tickets and instructions!

In January 2020 you can look forward to the Annual Pub Party at Hennessy's Irish Pub. We hope to see you there!

Sláinte!



The Snider family wants to thank and commend the *Aquastar* for the sunset cruise Tuesday, August 27, 2019 with tickets won in the *Muskegon Irish American Society* raffle. If you have the opportunity, it is a wonderful experience with excellent food by Hearthstone. Thanks to Max McKee and the Mart Dock for a great evening!

John & Kathy Snider