



The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 503 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation.

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We are a fundraising group with no “paid” staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi-purpose facility including a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc.

If you have “any news” re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc. please send to: [tomirishhour@msn.com](mailto:tomirishhour@msn.com). Our address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201.

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn’t have a computer we will send by post. Let us know. This goes to over 2800 email addresses.



We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help us with expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter):

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Sunday. 5th March at 1 pm at --- NEW LOCATION -- Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Irish Center’s monthly “get- to- gether- at- Hill- Street.”

Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks. (Right next to St Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street telephone is 818 845 0046.

A separate dining room for 40-50 people. Parking right beside the building.

Order what you want—a cup of coffee to full lunch—and pay yourself.

Sunday. 12th March. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. FREE. Our thanks to the pastor, Fr Michael Gleeson.

The organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, says “Please come and bring a friend”.

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## Congratulations

**Anne Raleigh Carson, on her birthday on St. Patrick's Day March 17. It's a big one but I'm not going to tell you how big!**



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January 4, 2017

Sean Mcconville  
12 Autumn Oak  
Irvine, CA 92604-3749

Dear Sean:

Congratulations on your outstanding performance on the ACT® test! You have earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

Your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. On average, less than one-tenth of 1% of all test takers earns the top score. Among US high school graduates in the class of 2016, only 2,235 out of nearly 2.1 million students who took the ACT earned a composite score of 36.

Your exceptional scores will provide any college or university ample evidence of your readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead. ACT scores are accepted by all major US four-year colleges and universities. Test scores are just one of multiple criteria that most colleges consider when making admission decisions.

ACT provides a press release template that you may use and share with media in your local area, if you choose to do so. The release template may be found on the ACT website at [www.act.org/36](http://www.act.org/36). For more information about ACT scores in general, please see our *Condition of College & Career Readiness* report online at [act.org/conditionreport2016](http://act.org/conditionreport2016). You may want to share a copy of this letter with your school

administrators for your record and theirs.

We at ACT again offer our sincere congratulations and extend our best wishes as you pursue your educational and career goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marten Roorda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marten Roorda  
Chief Executive Officer

**Sean McConville is a Senior at Woodbridge High School in Irvine, CA. He lives with his mother & father in Irvine. His older brother Seamus is a Junior at Notre Dame University.**

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### **MARCH 2017 BIRTHDAYS**

1. Maire O'Connell, Deirdre Kennelly O'Brien.
2. Eileen O'Callaghan, Kevin Joseph Walsh
3. Cori Murphy, Pat Matthews, Katie Dean
4. Ellen Prendergast, Roger McGrath, Patricia Walsh
5. Anna Fane, Paddy Sullivan, Connor Dowling, Kathleen Mary Rodriguez, Sylvia Fort, Bridgett Duffy Hana
6. Danny Duffy, Collette Hart, Eric McGlinchey, Peter Maguire, Grace Bridget Doyle.
7. Karla Rausch, Kevin Courtney.
8. Maura Gallagher, Lisa Walsh, Eamon O'Brien.
9. Michelle McKenna, Dennis O'Sullivan, Noreen O'Reilly.
- 11 Pat Campbell, Peggy O'Hagan, Patricia Walsh, Brian Dempsey
- 12 Annie Murray, Ashling Rose Fitzgerald, Kathleen Daly, Anna Roberts.
- 13 Lisa Donovan, Joe A. Murphy, Isaac Frank Rudiger.
- 14 Sr Brigid McGuire, Kathleen Nagle Guiney
- 15 Austen Connor O'Dea, Liam Kearns, Edmond Molloy, Annette Molloy.
- 16 Judge John Farrell, Marty Donohue.
- 17 Patty Hanley, Bernadette Prendergast, Fiona McGinty, Patrick Michael Hunter, Ann Raleigh Carson, Trevor Matthew Davis, Patti Kelly, Patrick O'Connell, Mark Hennessy, Jovaha Hughes.
- 18 Martin O'Sullivan, Maura Letzer, Corey McGrath, Kathryn Gallagher
- 19 Rosemary Driscoll, Alice Noctor, Patrick Fort, Lauren Robinson
- 20 Christopher Paul Cleary, Rose McMorrow, Agnes McGready
- 21 Grainne Gilboy, Heather Elizabeth & Allison Emily Harvey, Kiernan Mulvey, Gillian & Brendan Cox
- 22 John Joseph Cleary, Betty Retama, Margaret Fitzsimmons
- 24 Kaitlynn Irene Flynn
- 25 Kay Casserly Byrne, Declan Dobkins, Tom Murphy
- 26 Sophie Gillen Ross
- 27 Kathleen Doherty, Mary Callaghan, Kevin Westbrook, Annette Fleming, Patrick O'Connor, Martin Conwell, Kelly McNamara, Mary J. O'Connor
- 28 David LLoyd Cahill, Patrick Murphy, Eileen Sullivan, Kathleen Rose Doherty, Tom McConville.
- 29 Maureen O'Connor, Katie West, Fr James F. O'Grady, Kathleen Carroll
- 30 Sr Alisa McNally.
- 31 Paddy O'Connor, John Dilloughery

### **MARCH 2017 ANNIVERSARIES**

17. James & Margaret Kiernan, Marty & Mary Ellen Donohoe.
21. Timothy & Deidre Kennelly O'Brien.
24. Steve & Kelly Miller
31. Arthur & Kate Cox Champney

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The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., will hold its annual St Patrick's Celebration on Saturday the 11th March 2017 at the Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale. The cover charge of \$75 includes dinner, dance, tax, gratuity plus the spectacular Floor Show by the Cleary School of Irish Dance and music by "the maestro" Ken O'Malley and the Twilight Lords.

For dinner reservations please call Mrs. Mary Dempsey at 626 337 0075.

The evening begins with cocktails at 5 pm; dinner served at 6 pm; presentations at 7 pm; followed by dancing for the evening with Ken O'Malley and the Twilight Lords.

The Floor Show of Irish Dance by the Cleary School of Irish Dance under the direction of Maggie Cleary at 9 pm.

Tickets for a special opportunity drawing for two round trip tickets to Ireland. Suggested donation is \$5 per ticket or \$25 for six tickets. This drawing is our major fund raiser. We hope that everyone of the 2800 plus who receives our monthly newsletter by email (and we don't have their home address) will send their check and we will complete the "stubs". By sending your \$25 we will know you are supporting our efforts to keep us all informed of local Irish and Irish American news. (Irish Center, 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. 91201)

To the best of our knowledge the information provided in this newsletter is correct but please check to finalize event dates etc.

Be SAT Wise, a low-cost highly effective SAT & ACT Prep Company run by Gemma Nohilly and a group of HS Teachers offer Classes & Weekend Boot Camps in the Inland Empire and Fullerton. For information: [www.beSATwise.com](http://www.beSATwise.com) or call 951 781 9802.



Prayers and good wishes to our friends who are "a bit under the weather"

Thomas "Tommy" Kiernan who has STAGE FOUR lung cancer.

Brian Joseph McConville, Florence, Oregon formerly of Granada Hills;

Rev Fr Francis Oman and his sister, Sister Nancy Oman (Requested by Mary Ann Adams, Moreno Valley)

Rev Fr Frank Kelly living in Long Beach, from Killenaule, Co Tipperary.



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

Dominic Augustus "GUS" Dennison

Gus was born in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in 1933. He was the youngest boy (of 8 children) when his father died, and as such he was allowed to get away with murder. He worked on the family farm and when he was 15, he worked at the Carrigart Hotel as a bartender.

He soon got the wanderlust, and sailed to NY when he was 21. He worked as a carpenter and he served in the US Army from 1954-57. When he got out it wasn't long before he met a Scottish lass named Cathy Cairns. They were married in 1961 and decided to *vacation* out in California in a '57

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Chevy. Soon after, they had their first son, Sean, and never left California.

They found a tight-knit Irish crowd in Alhambra and specifically St. Therese Church. It was at this time he began his career as a master landscaper (the rectory and convent were among his accounts). They had Irish dances with Irish bands with Irish whisky.

He grew his business and as a result became more financially comfortable, leading to more children and a move to a bigger house. Brian was born and then Kyle.

In 1971, they moved from El Molino in Alhambra to De Sales in San Gabriel. Gus and Cathy bought a camper and we would go back-packing in the Sierras, riding trail horses up the High Uintas, white-water rafting down the Stanislaus or, on special occasions, we would take that trip to Ireland and Scotland. We learned how to fish, to light fires and become young men.

We spent summers in Coronado and winters in Big Bear in our cabin. All the while dad was working from 4:30 am to 4 pm to put his 3 sons through private grade school, private high And when those three sons had children, he would do *anything* for his grandchildren. He told them stories of the wee leprechauns and slipped them a buck or two every time he saw them. He brought pink donuts to one and gave his army jacket to another. He gave them avocados to sell and played with them on the swings. school, and private college. Incredible. We never wanted for anything.

His whole life he was very mischievous and made everybody laugh.

He was a gentleman and a scholar.

Survived by his wife, Cathy; his children, Sean, Brian, Kyle/Valerie; his grandchildren, Rory, Ciara, Liam, Shayleigh, and Fionn.

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### *In Loving Memory*



### *William (Liam) Joseph Butler* *May 6, 1937-January 22, 2017*

On Sunday, January 22nd, Liam Butler peacefully departed this life at the age of 79 surrounded by family. Born in Birmingham, England on May 6th. 1937 to Michael Kieran Butler and Anne Doyle, Liam grew up at Desart, Cuffes Grange in Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. St. Kieran's College enabled Liam to pursue academic excellence, igniting a lifelong love of literature, language, mathematics, and hurling. Following matriculation, Liam worked for the Kilkenny County Council but later moved to London, England seeking continued opportunity. Finding little, he followed his family to Los Angeles.

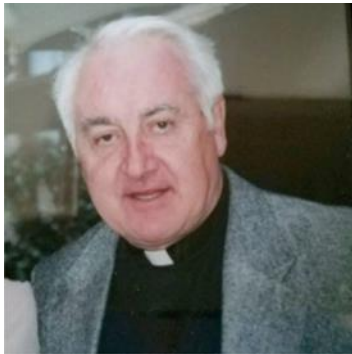
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In California, Liam met and married Margaret (née Campbell) in September 1970. After receiving a bachelor's and master's degrees in Mathematics from Long Beach State University, he secured work with the federal government, moving with Margaret to Washington, D.C. It was there that their daughter was born. Longing to return with his family to California, Liam was poised to take the first federal position that became available outside of Washington, D.C. Offered a position in Biloxi, Mississippi, he waited for a second position to open up. It was this second opportunity, at the NIDDK (NIH) Phoenix, Arizona branch that Liam seized. He served as its IT Director until his retirement. In retirement, Liam continued to build computers and tweak other electronic devices with treasures gathered from his temple, Fry's Electronics. In quietude, he could be found sharing an ice cream cone with a dog and French fries with his cat. Despite living far from Ireland, Ireland was never far from his heart as he stoked an interest in Irish sporting events, music, and current events, especially with other Irish expatriates like his friends the Loreto sisters.

Liam is sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Fionnuala; sisters, Elizabeth, Anne, and Marie; brothers, Michael and Patrick, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends. He also leaves behind his beloved cats, both feline and Kilkenny. Liam's keen insight, quick wit, teasing humor, hearty laugh, and kind smile are now gone from our presence. May his imperfections be perfectly preserved in the memories of those of us who loved

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In loving memory  
Monsignor John Kieran Foley  
1935-2017



Our beloved Fr. Jack has gone to be with the Lord. Early on the morning of Ash Wednesday, Fr. Jack gave up his soul to God. It was a peaceful passing surrounded by family members. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Jack touched the lives of many as a servant of the Lord and his family and parish community thank you for your prayers over the last year

***Funeral Arrangements for  
Monsignor John K. Foley***

**Visitation and Viewing**

Friday, March 10th  
9am to 9pm  
Holy Redeemer Church  
2411 Montrose Avenue  
Montrose, California

**Funeral Mass**

Saturday, March 11th  
10am  
Holy Redeemer Church  
2411 Montrose Avenue  
Montrose, California

**Internment**

Saturday, March 11th  
Following the Mass  
All Souls Cemetery  
4400 Cherry Avenue  
Long Beach, California

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts are directed to:

The Monsignor John Foley  
Legacy Society  
c/o Holy Redeemer Catholic  
Church  
2411 Montrose Avenue  
Montrose, CA 91020

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OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2017  
2:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

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and Sean

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McConville




DOB: January 30, 2017  
8lbs 12oz.  
21 inches long



Grandfather Terry McConville



Falcon Theatre Presents


**The Complete History**  
of  
  
**(abridged)**

Written By  
**Reed Martin & Austin Tichenor**

Directed By  
**Jerry Kernion**

Starring  
**Zehra Fazal Marc Ginsburg Mark Jacobson**

March 22 – April 23  
 818-955-8101 FalconTheatre.com



Falcon Theatre Presents  
*The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)*

Written by  
Reed Martin &  
Austin Tichenor  
Directed by  
Jerry Kernion

Mar 22, 2017 -  
Apr 23, 2017

Recommended for ages  
13 & up.

**Tickets on sale**

Previews begin March 22 with Press Opening Night March 31, and runs through April 23 at the Falcon Theatre located at 4252 Riverside, Burbank, CA 91505. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 4pm. Box Office at 818-955-8101.



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**My name is Taylor Strouss and I am contacting you on behalf of McCormick and Schmick's Grille in Anaheim, California.**

**I am the Executive Ambassador of this restaurant and would like to Invite everyon St. Patrick's Day celebration through this organization. It is an all day celebration in our bar area. We are offering traditional corn beef & cabbage dishes, as well as corn beef sliders, Guinness fish and chips, and Guinness mussels. All of these food dishes will be \$5 happy hour prices. We will also be featuring green colored beers, Irish Blonde Blend beers, and Black & Blue beers. It is our goal to have live traditional Irish music.**

**McCormick & Schmick's Grille 321 West Katella Avenue Anaheim, CA 92802 714.535.9000**





### St Patrick's Day Prayer

My prayer on this St Patrick's Day  
Is that the Lord His power would sway  
The hands of all true Irishmen  
To dwell in peace and love again

Where once with shamrock in his hand  
He taught the Trinity of God.  
Now men with deadly venance band  
To spill red blood on Erin's sod.

No more the torment of division,  
War and hate without remission  
Sow the seeds of love once more  
Heal the wounds of battle's score.

Re-light the Paschal fire for us,  
So all will see the flame burn bright  
And dedicate our lives and thus  
Turn death and darkness into light.

By Michael Gibson (1978)

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