



The Johnny Kilbane sculpture is making its way to Cleveland aboard the Fortunagracht, a container ship that plies a direct route from Antwerp to the Port of Cleveland.

You still have time to make a contribution to ensure that the sculpture progresses from sculptor Rowan Gillespie's Dublin studio to its final place of pride in the Battery Park townhouse development in Cleveland's Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

Johnny Kilbane Sculpture Project Pledge Form

Name: _____

(as you wish to be acknowledged)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Enroll in the Johnny Kilbane Society as a supporter of the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture project:

- Make a donation by check payable to
Irish American Archives Society, P.O. Box 91756, Cleveland, OH 44101-3756.
- Donate online via PayPal at www.irisharchives.org.
- Make a pledge on this form; Pledges can be fulfilled over a period of three years.
- Donors at all levels will be acknowledged in a commemorative book.

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___ Sustaining Member Level \$250-\$999 _____

___ Member Level \$25-\$249 _____

The Irish American Archives Society is a 501 c 3 not-for-profit organization.

Please return this pledge form and contributions in the enclosed envelope.

Please direct all inquiries to Margaret Lynch, IAAS Executive Director,

at iaasadmin@gmail.com or 216-941-5727.



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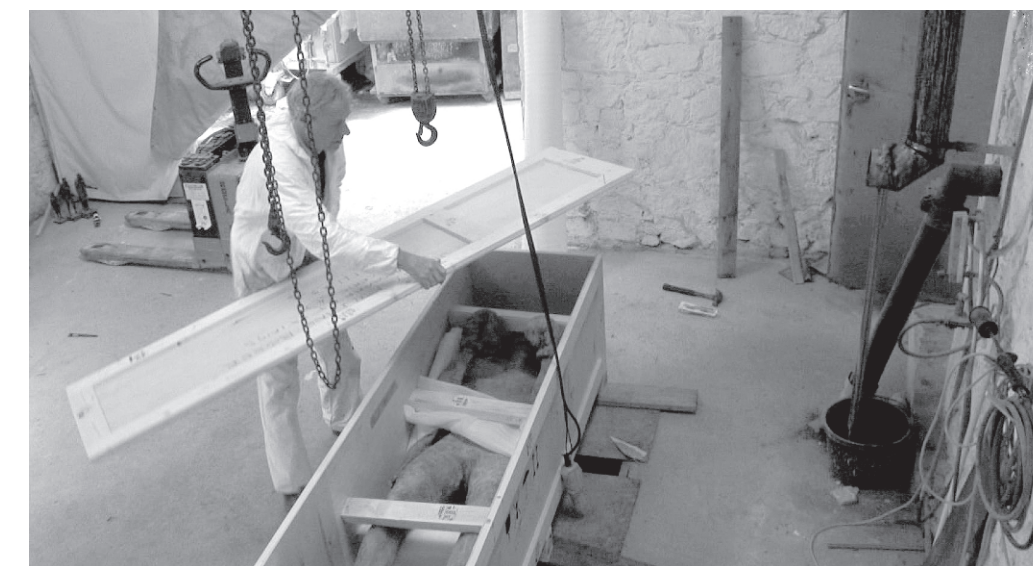
Sculpture Dedication: Sunday, September 28, 2014

Sunday, September 28, 2014, promises to be a proud day in the Battery Park neighborhood on Cleveland's west side. IAAS friends and supporters, neighborhood residents, and attendees of the International Mayo Society convention will all converge at Lakeside Park at West 74th Street and Fr. Frascati Drive to dedicate the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture and Plaza.

A festival atmosphere will prevail as a variety of entertainment takes place from 10 am – Noon: live music, a live broadcast of Gerry Quinn's WHK radio show, and coffee and pastries. The newly opened CHA Spirits and Pizza Kitchen at 7524 Fr. Frascati Drive will be open for brunch, but reservations are strongly recommended (216-990-0526). Piping will signal the gathering for the sculpture dedication at noon. Light refreshments will follow the dedication ceremony. CHA Spirits and Pizza Kitchen will remain open for food and live music.

More specific details will be forthcoming on the Irish American Archives Society website mid-September, along with traffic and parking suggestions.

"See you in September!"



Rowan Gillespie crating one of the figures in the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture group in August 2014. The sculpture is due to arrive in Cleveland on the ship Fortunagracht in late August or early September.

Save the Date!

Thursday, Sept. 4, Noon, and
Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, 4 pm

"Johnny Kilbane: World
Featherweight Champion
1912-1923"

Sunday Sept. 7, 2014,
11am- 2 pm
Heritage Day at Holy Name
Parish

Thursday, September 11, 2014,
7 pm
Johnny Kilbane Documentary
"A Fighting Heart"

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014,
7 pm
History on Tap: The Irish and
the Docks

Sunday, September 28, Noon
Dedication of
Johnny Kilbane sculpture

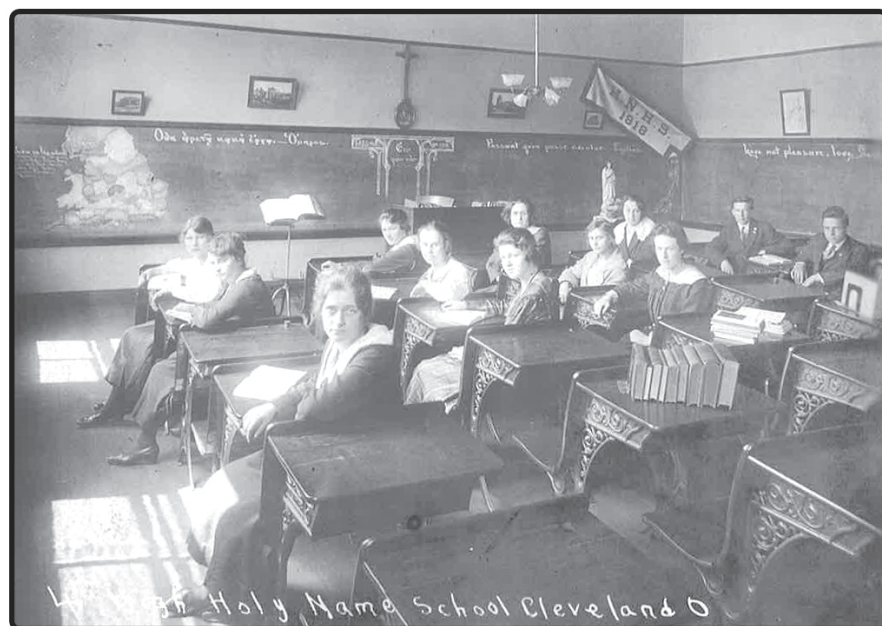
Details inside!

Taimid ag suil le do comhlúadar
We look forward to your company!



IAAS Collaborates with Holy Name High School on Centenary Event

The neighborhood of Newburgh, Holy Name Parish, and Holy Name High School loom large in the history of the Irish in Cleveland. In honor of the first entering Holy Name High School class in September 1914, IAAS is collaborating with Holy Name High School to sponsor a "Heritage Day" at Holy Name Parish at the corner of Harvard and Broadway on September 7, 2014. Mass at 11 am in the majestic, historic church will be followed by a "campus" tour at noon and a history presentation, storytelling, and reminiscing in the elementary school cafeteria from 12:30-2 pm. Coffee & water will be provided. Bakery or snacks are welcome.



The program is free, but reservations are recommended.

To make reservations' visit:
<http://www.holynamehs.net> or contact

Holy Name High School, Advancement Office,
6000 Queens Highway, Parma Heights, Ohio
44130. Colleen Corrigan Day, 440-886-0300 x
136 or cday@holynamehs.com

Holy Name High School Heritage Day
Sunday, September 7, 2014, 11:00 am - 2 pm
Holy Name Parish
8328 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105

A photograph of the first class to enter the newly established Holy Name High School one hundred years ago in September 1914.

Board Members: James G. Brennan, Sr. Maureen Burke, SND, Hon. Ken Callahan Jr., Dan Conway, Thomas D. Corrigan, John Coyne, Ray Daull, Brendan Doyle, Rosemarie Feighan DeJohn, Terence P. Joyce, Thomas Lynch, Margaret (Meg) McGarry, John Myers, Erin O'Toole, Kevin O'Toole, Max Rieker, Thomas J. Scanlon, J. Gerard Sheehan. **Trustees Emeritus:** Kevin McGinty, Eileen Mullally, Mary Karen O'Neil, Gerald Quinn.
Executive Director and Newsletter Editor: Margaret Lynch.

Johnny Kilbane Programs

Rare Vintage Fight Footage Illustrates Kilbane's Career as a boxer

Cleveland's World Champion: Johnny Kilbane's Boxing Career Presented in collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library



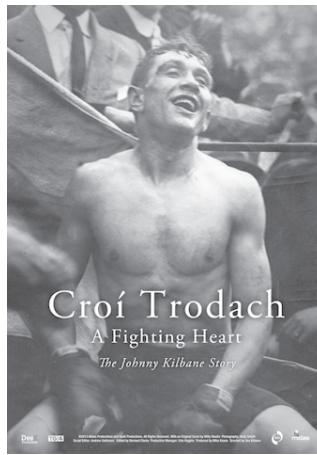
Ticket to the 1921 Danny Frush fight at Cleveland's League Park. From the O'Toole Family Collection.

Boxing historian Jerry Fitch (*Cleveland's Greatest Fighters of All Time*) and Johnny Kilbane's great-grandson Kevin O'Toole team up to present an overview of Johnny Kilbane's fighting career. Their presentation will feature vintage film footage from Kilbane's first title fight in 1912 and his 1921 League Park victory over Danny Frush, including footage from the O'Toole family collection that has just been restored and never been shown publicly before! The program will be repeated twice, first at the Main Branch of the Cleveland Public Library and again in Bridgie Neds Room in the basement of P.J. McIntyre's Irish Pub. Both events are free and open to the public.

Thursday, September 4, 2014, Noon
Cleveland Public Library Main Branch
Louis Stokes Wing, 5th Floor
25 Superior Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114

Saturday, September 6, 2014, 4 pm
P.J. McIntyre's downstairs
"Bridgie Neds Room"
17119 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44111

Screening of Johnny Kilbane documentary "A Fighting Heart"



The Johnny Kilbane documentary, "A Fighting Heart" (57 minutes) was a sold-out hit at the 2012 Cleveland International Film Festival. Shot on the west coast of Ireland on Achill Island and in Cleveland, the film chronicles the life of Cleveland's own world champion. The documentary screening will be followed by a Q&A with the film's director, Galway-based Des Kilbane, and sculptor Rowan Gillespie, who are collaborating on a second documentary on the making of the Johnny Kilbane sculpture.

Thursday, September 11, 2014, 7 pm
West Side Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd, Olmsted Township, OH 44138
Suggested donation \$10 to benefit the Johnny Kilbane sculpture fund.

Poster for a screening of "A Fighting Heart" at the Celtic Media Festival in St. Ives, Cornwall. The documentary has also been screened at film festivals in Tucson, Arizona, and Chagrin Falls.

Imbibe a Bit of History Along with a Fighting Heart Brew



Like many Irish immigrants living in "The Angle" by the Cuyahoga River, Johnny Kilbane's father worked on the docks. Johnny's first job was as a water boy on the docks, before he became a switchman on the railroad that transported cargo from the docks. The role of the Irish in the development of the city's shipping and transportation industries will be discussed by IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch and IAAS Board President Thomas D. Corrigan in a "History on Tap" presentation in the basement of the Great Lakes Brewing Company. On tap that night will be a keg of the "limited edition" Fighting Heart brew that Great Lakes Brewing Company first created in 2012 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Johnny Kilbane's first title fight.

Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 7 pm
Great Lakes Brewing Company
2516 Market Ave, Cleveland, OH 44113
History on Tap: The Irish and the Docks
With "limited edition" Fighting Heart brew on tap.

Shot of Johnny Kilbane working as a laborer, staged after his championship fight in 1912.

President's Note: New Grant Announced

It was recently announced that the Irish American Archives Society received a grant from The Honor Project, which is administered by Ohio Lawyers Give Back. First the legal background: Ohio Lawyers Give Back was founded by Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A. to promote the use of "cy pres" in class action settlements. "Cy pres" is a doctrine used in class actions to handle settlement monies which are unclaimed by class members after distribution is finished. "Cy pres" means "as nearly as possible." It allows the court—or the parties by agreement—to put a beneficial use to monies, where the payment as intended has not been made. Since many class members have moved, passed-away, or can't be found, millions of settlement dollars go unclaimed. That settlement money is intended to benefit the class—rather than revert to the wrongdoing defendant—so the ancient doctrine is now being used to distribute the unclaimed money to charities and non profits. The law firm Dworken & Bernstein has taken the lead in using the doctrine of "cy pres" to distribute more than \$24 million dollars.

Irish American Archives Society is the recipient of this innovative and generous giving program. A grant has been awarded to advance research for a book commemorating the upcoming 150th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day in Cleveland. IAAS will be working with the United Irish Societies and organizations that participate annually in the Parade to document the history of this signature event in Cleveland. 2017 has been designated as the centenary year, though research already suggests that the Irish were parading on the streets of Cleveland on St. Patrick's Day before 1867. We look forward to sharing the history of this important community event with you in the coming years. - Thomas D. Corrigan, President, Board of Trustees, Irish American Archives Society

Director's Corner: IAAS on the Road

Irish American Archives Society has so far developed portable displays about 8 different topics relating to the history of the Irish in Cleveland, ranging from Irish involvement in Canal building in the 1820s to the Irish and the Civil War to the history of the Irish presence in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. A ninth display—about the Irish, Newburgh, and Holy Name—will soon join the repertory. IAAS brings these displays to a variety of community events—the Hooley at Kamm's Corners, the Gordon Square Arts District Day, the Irish Cultural Festival at the Berea Fairgrounds and Irish night at the Lorain County Captains (August 23 this year). The displays are also available on the IAAS website at www.irisharchives.org, on the "Local History Links" page, which also contains links to other articles relating to the history of the Irish in northeast Ohio. If you have an event coming up that has a history theme, contact us at iaasadmin@gmail.com. We're happy to bring our information "on the road." -Margaret Lynch, Executive Director, Irish American Archives Society



The Irish American Archives Society table at the Irish Cultural Festival at the Berea Fairgrounds this past July. Special thanks to the Cultural Festival for including IAAS each year!