

# CLC INDEX



## Join Hands 2021

For Join Hands Day 2021, Catholic Ladies of Columbia is asking members and councils to “shower” those in your community with acts and items of love to brighten someone’s day.

Our family and friends in nursing homes and assisted living have been isolated from their loved ones. Some have been isolated in their homes and others only get out for quick shopping trips and still without public interaction or contact.

Some ideas on how you can make a difference could be sending flowers, baking cakes and/or cookies. Handmake some cards to let people know that they are not alone. Fill blessing boxes around your community. Make purses or toiletry bags for men and women. Fill the bags with shampoo, soap, deoderant, toothbrushes, combs, feminine products, razors, etc. Donate to your local food pantry as donations are always needed. You could also make birthday cakes and supply candles. Perhaps you have clothes you can donate to help fill someone’s closet. As always, schools are always in need of supplies.

No matter what you are able to do, it all makes a difference! Join Hands and show you care. Be sure to report your hours and donations to the Home Office.



The CLC community lost a dear friend, member and agent, suddenly, on January 6, 2021. Deborah Evers was a light in the life of all who knew her. Deb worked in the banking industry for 30 years. She was also a previous Board Member and an insurance agent with the Catholic Ladies of Columbia and the co-owner of D & D Lawn Installation. She was a member of CLC, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Altar Rosary as well as the Glandorf Fire Ladies. Deb enjoyed going on vacations, being with her grandkids at the pond and baking. Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends. Deb will be dearly missed by all.

**67% of Americans**

**agree that the pandemic has been a wake-up call to reevaluate their long-term financial goals.**

Survey conducted by OnePoll for Life Happens with a sample of 2,000 Americans from May 29 - June 3, 2020.



## Keeping Things Current Makes It Easier On You

It’s that time of year! Please make sure you have updated your address, phone number, email and any other personal information that may have changed over the years. Also be sure your beneficiaries are current! If you pass away and your information is not current, the money you intended for your loved ones may end up going through probate or even going to the State Department of Unclaimed Funds.. Visit [theclc.org](http://theclc.org), go to printable forms and print the Change and Service Request Form out. Complete the form and return it to the Home Office. If you need assistance, contact your agent or the Home Office today!

# Fairy's Facts

What a difference a year can make. We have a new vocabulary with words like Covid 19 and social distancing. We have adopted a new way of living. We are waiting for our turn to get the Covid vaccine so that we can travel and visit our families and friends with a little less worry. Our children are returning to school, thankfully. Wearing a facemask and using hand sanitizer is normal to them now. We and our children are adapting to the new normal. We are missing our social activities and we have lost so many loved ones and friends.

The Board, Home Office Staff and I want to extend our sympathy and prayers to Deb Ever's family and friends. Deb was a dear friend, past Board member and a CLC Agent. She will be greatly missed.

The Board met in January. Among all of the discussions and decisions the interest rates for CLC products will remain the same. CLC will also continue with our Fraternal benefits: Member Scholarships, Charitable donations and Matching funds. Please keep in mind any prayer requests may be sent to [clcprayerrequests@gmail.com](mailto:clcprayerrequests@gmail.com).

The President Letters have been sent to the Council Presidents. Please remember to file your council's 990-N form with the IRS. A Council member list was also included in each packet. Though CLC Councils are not meeting currently, we hope that members will reach out with phone calls or virtually to keep in contact. Phone calls are so welcomed, now that we are all staying home.

The Board nominee deadline has passed and CLC has received several resumes from potential Board members. They have been contacted and more information will be in a future Index. Thank you to everyone that applied for a Board position. It is an honor to serve our CLC members and organization. I also want to thank the nominating committee for their work on recruiting candidates for the Board positions.

Remember to turn in your volunteer hours. You may enter them at [theclc.org](http://theclc.org), call or send them to the CLC Home Office. I know our members are still volunteering. Donating our time and talents is a vital part of our organization and our members lives. Thank-you for all you do in your communities, churches and schools.

The Board and I want to thank CLC's office staff, agents and members for continuing to support CLC and purchase CLC products. With the purchase of CLC products, we can continue to offer Fraternal benefits. Remember, a life insurance policy is a welcomed graduation gift for any student.

This has been a difficult time for everyone. The CLC Office will remain closed to visitors with the safety and health of our employees and members as CLC's first concern. CLC employees continue to work from home and rotate working in the Office. All CLC meetings and activities have been cancelled until further notice.

Wishing you and your families a Happy and Healthy Spring.

## Why Do You Need An Agent?

Your life insurance agent has devoted their time to learning the ins and outs of the life insurance and annuity conundrum. The laws, the taxes, the investments, the importance and the ability to help you care and provide for you and your family when you are no longer able to. When was the last time you spoke with your agent? Don't try to make sense of it on your own. Your financial future and last wishes are not something you want to mess up!

Your agents are here for you. If you are not sure who your agent is, or if you are looking for a new agent, call the Home Office for assistance.

# The Story of Leprechauns

Every year on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland and all across the globe. It's the time for shamrocks, costumes, parades and of course, leprechauns. These wee fellas are a big part of this special holiday and an important part of Irish history and culture. But what makes them so popular, where did they come from, and why are people still so infatuated with them today? Here's everything you need to know about history of leprechauns and why these tiny guys have made such a big impact.

## The origin of leprechauns

The leprechaun story has long been a beloved aspect of Irish lore. They are believed to be a part of another piece of famous folklore, as they are traditionally known to be members of the fairy family. Tales of these small creatures first emerged in the 8th-century, when legends about tiny water-dwellers began circulating among the Celts. Their name is thought to come from the word "luchorpán," meaning small body- no surprise there as they are said to be only 2-3 feet tall. Where do these little folk live? In order to hide from humans, they are known to dwell in tiny underground caves or hollow tree trunks. They are famous for being the cobblers of the fairy world and their name is also associated with the old term "leath bhrogan," meaning shoemaker. This profession is what earns them their iconic pots of gold.

## The history of leprechauns in Ireland

While we think of these creatures as imaginary, belief in them and other closely-related fairies was actually widespread throughout Ireland. This is one of the reasons that this icon is now so ingrained into Irish culture, even today. Over the years, the history of leprechauns has become associated with everything green and they are now often depicted as old men dressed in a hat and suit of this color, wearing buckled shoes or smoking a pipe. However, this was not always the case. In fact, you may be surprised to know that they were originally depicted as wearing red and were thought of as being dressed in this color for many years.

Over time, they have evolved into the green-wearing guys we have come to know and love today. Many theorize that this is due to the general popularity of the color green throughout Ireland. This is, in part, because of its prominence on the Irish flag, as well as the widely-used

name, the Emerald Isle. Whatever the reason, green has become synonymous with leprechauns and St. Patrick's Day alike. Legend also says that there are no female leprechauns, and their seemingly impossible origins only add to their magical and mysterious qualities.

**Pot of Gold** - One key component of the leprechaun story is their famous pot of gold. They are known to possess and hoard their prized pots and traditionally hide this treasure at the end of a rainbow. This means that humans need to catch them in order to find this fortune, as it is impossible to actually locate the end of this natural phenomenon.



**Lucky Symbols** - The leprechaun story says capturing these small creatures will secure a wee bit of luck in addition to three wishes. With this in mind, they have become associated with the "luck of the Irish," which is one of the reasons they remain so popular today.

**Tiny Tricksters** - Many looking for fortune also seek to gain their gold, but beware- these teeny men are also known to be tricksters. They are said to deceive humans and serve as a warning against greed. Some even believe that they hide their gold simply in order to lure in the unsuspecting and when granting their captors three wishes, they often instead lead them astray.

**Sights and Sounds** - Keep your ears open- they can often be heard tapping their tiny cobbler hammer in the distance, which signals listeners that they are near. They can also be heard dancing away to traditional Irish music and are even known to play instruments while doing a little jig.

**Leprechauns today** - Today, the leprechaun story has evolved and they have gained fame for their portrayals in popular culture, from the cheery man on cereal boxes to the scarier variety in movies. Yet, their roots are inevitably Irish and many visiting the Emerald Isle can capture a bit of this magic themselves. On and around St. Patrick's Day, many dress up as the wee folk, but searching for these fairies is a fun activity all year round.

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