



The Brennan family news from around the globe

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2029 Reunion Logo Reveal

We would like to extend our gratitude to Tori Gromann, granddaughter of Nora Brennan Gromann, for creating the 2029 Brennan Reunion logo. The design features the River Shannon flowing beneath the lions to symbolize its path through Athlone, while the three stars surrounding the shield represent the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland—honoring the family's transatlantic roots.

Coming soon... Brennan merch featuring the 2029 Reunion logo!

Remembering James Brennan

In this issue, we share a story about James Brennan, the eldest son of Thomas and Ellen Kelly Brennan. We hope you share your stories with us. See more on page 2.



James Brennan, the eldest son of
Thomas and Ellen Brennan
NYC

THOMAS & ELLEN KELLY BRENNAN FAMILY HISTORY BOOK



Our ambitious goal for the Thomas & Ellen Kelly Brennan Family History Book is to dedicate a chapter to each of their thirteen children. We are confident in our ability to gather captivating information on each sibling, including their unique personalities, life stories, and legacies. Our quest involves tracing the geographical journey of our ancestors and understanding the motivations behind their relocations. Below are some starting points to get the conversation started.

Personal Information

- Name
- Birth date and location
- Death date and location
- Education
- Marriage date and location
- Descendant family tree
- Children's names (birth, marriage, etc.)
- Photos and short bios on each descendant

Historical/Geographical Information

- Childhood and family background
- Important events
- Life-changing and historical moments
- Immigration details (if applicable)
- Awards and achievements
- Community organizations
- Stories from family members
- Fondest memories
- Details of family members' relocations
- Family recipes

Can you help document our history? If so, which branch can you document? Email us at: brennanreunion2029@gmail.com



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Thomas & Ellen Kelly Brennan Family Remembering James Brennan

James Brennan, the eldest son of Thomas and Ellen, born in 1902, immigrated to America in 1927 and married Margaret (Peg) Melody Brennan in 1931. A devoted and hardworking man, James was known for his faith, loyalty, and dedication to family.

During World War II, he contributed to the war effort as a security guard at the Brooklyn and Jersey City Navy Yards (see photo on page 1), often working long hours to keep both facilities safe. After the war, he co-owned a local bar and grill and cherished spending weekends with his sons, Jimmy and John, at Orchard and Rockaway Beaches.

Many may also remember James and Peg for their thoughtful gift of a carriage to Thomas and Ellen during their honeymoon in Ireland — a lasting symbol of their love and connection to family.

Share your stories by email: brennanreunion2029@gmail.com

Preserving Our Brennan Family Story

As we enter the holiday season, let's take time to sit with our elder family members — to listen, to laugh, and to remember. Their stories are the heart of who we are, carrying the memories of Thomas and Ellen's 13 children and the many branches that have grown from their love and legacy.

Before these cherished memories fade, let's capture them — the moments, the voices, the connections that make our family unique. Each story shared keeps our history alive and ensures that future generations will know where we came from and the strength that binds us together. We need your help to document the stories.

- **To Do List**
- **Register on the website**
- **Submit your stories and**
- **Announcements**

**DON'T
FORGET!**

WE'RE THRILLED TO INTRODUCE A FEATURE ON OUR REUNION WEBSITE TO HELP YOU RECONNECT WITH LOVED ONES AND CELEBRATE OUR SHARED HERITAGE!

To make this gathering a success, we ask that you **pre-register*** on our family reunion website today.

Your pre-registration will help us link you and your family in our family tree and ensure we have your current contact information for important updates.

WHY SHOULD YOU PRE-REGISTER?



Rekindle Connections

Find your place in our family tree and discover relatives you haven't met yet!



Stay Informed

Be the first to receive exciting news and details about the reunion and future events.



Contribute To the Family History Project

Help us enrich our family history by documenting stories for generations to come.

WE'RE THRILLED TO SHARE THAT WE'LL SOON BE INTRODUCING BRENNAN MERCHANDISE AND CONVENIENT DIGITAL PAYMENT OPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE.

It will be easier than ever to celebrate and showcase your Brennan pride!

HOW TO PRE-REGISTER

1. Visit our family reunion website at brennanreunion2029.com
2. Complete the pre-registration form with your up-to-date contact information.
3. Dive into the family tree and connect with relatives near and far.

<https://brennanreunion2029.com>



Submit announcements to:
brennanreunion2029@gmail.com

BIRTH



Welcome to the world, Freddie Merrett!

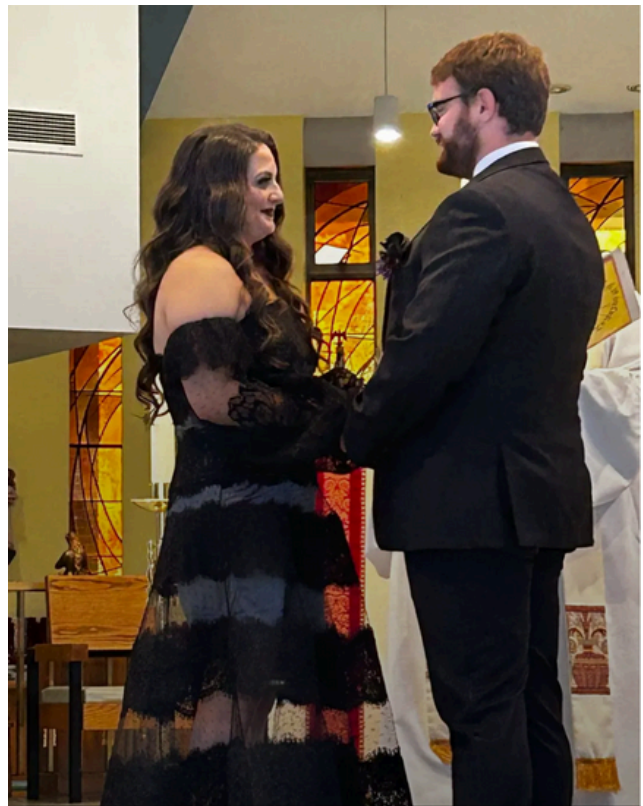
Born on October 2, 2025, to proud parents
Holly and Declan.

Warm congratulations as well to the new
great-grandparents, Maureen and John
McGowan.

♥ Loved beyond measure from the very start.

WEDDING

Michael Adamo and Jesse Rodriquez
married at Holy Child Parish, reception
at Esca, SI on Halloween night.



Planning Committee

James Brennan (Event Planning)

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