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President's Message



Brothers All,

Happy November to you all, Brothers, as we enter the home stretch of this most unusual and eventful year. First off, I wish to convey to my condolences, on behalf of the State Board, to our

Youngstown Brothers and the Chrystal family, upon the passing of Brother Marty Chrystal. Marty was good man, a good friend to all, and a true Hibernian brother.

There's a lot going on, and coming up, here in Ohio:

We've shared the end-of-year checklist with the Division Presidents. This should make it easier and more straightforward for Divisions to do those tasks, especially reporting, dues submittal, and IRS reporting.

We're moving along with the Ohio Irish-American Heritage Month proclamation. The document is for our purposes finalized (I'm sure the Governor's office will do some wordsmithing). Scott Partika and his Political Education Committee are already in contact with some appropriate folks in state government. We're confident that we'll end up with the first-ever Ohio Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation. **(See Page 6)**

The newsletter is still going great (Thanks Jim Casey!), and the website is coming along. Thanks to Marc Wolnitzek of Cincinnati. He has volunteered to step up and serve as our State

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Chaplain's's Comments



“He watched sleepily the flakes, silver and dark, falling obliquely against the lamplight. The time had come for him to set out on his journey westward. Yes, the newspapers were right: snow was general all over Ireland. It was falling on every part of the dark central plain, on the treeless hills, falling softly upon the Bog of Allen and, farther westward, softly falling into the dark mutinous Shannon waves. It was falling, too, upon every part of the lonely churchyard on the hill where Michael Furey lay buried. It lay thickly drifted on the crooked crosses and headstones, on the spears of the little gate, on the barren thorns. His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead.”

The Dead, by James Joyce



November is a month of change—the dramatic change of season as the last vestiges of summer fall as decidedly as the last of the now brown leaves which cling tenaciously to the trees finally give up the ghost and meet their fate. As the world darkens, as the chill air becomes colder and as the autumn rains turn to snow, we are naturally reminded of our mortality. It is no wonder that October ends with All Hallows Eve (Halloween) and that November immediately begins with the Solemnity of All Saint (the Feast of All Hallows) on November 1 and the Commemoration of All Souls on November 2.

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President's Message, cont.

Webmaster. He brings experience as the webmaster for the Cincinnati Notre Dame Club's website, and running his own website for his nationally famous, award-winning annual Notre Dame Uber Tailgater.

Recruiting: I'll continue to repeat this: As you all know, I've given the Division Presidents a growth target of 5% (stretch goal of 10%) for 2020. For example, if you have 100 members, then your NET gain is 5 members, including attrition. **Your Division Presidents can't do this alone. It takes ALL of us to engage and retain our current members and recruit new members.** We face challenges due to the current world situation. This makes retention more important than ever. It's easier to retain current members than it is to recruit new members, especially in this environment, and we know that active, engaged current members are more likely to recruit others.

Mark your calendars for the November State Board meeting, at 11am on November 21st. This will be a "hybrid" meeting, based in-person at Tara Hall in Columbus, with the option to join remotely for those who aren't yet able to, or comfortable, joining us, due to health or other issues.

I was able to visit Summit County #2's monthly Division meeting in person. I learned a lot, and had a great time. Division Presidents, I want to stop by your meetings, even briefly, whether in-person or virtual, so please let me know!

As always, thank you for your commitment, passion, and leadership. God Bless you all, God Bless Ireland, and God Bless our great Nation.

Slan,

Bob

Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

All Saints Day is that day in which we honor the dead whom we to be alive in the presence of God—those saints, those whose names we know and those whose names are known to God alone—in the joy of heaven. All Souls Day is that day in which we take time to pray for our beloved dead who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith but who still await the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the many dwelling places in his Father's house which awaits us. While All Souls Day has traditionally had a somewhat somber character in that it reminds us, like the last of the falling leaves, of our mortality, it should also be for us a reminder of our Christian hope—hope that God's promises will be fulfilled—hope that no matter how poorly we manage to live our lives as disciples of Jesus in this world, Jesus does not abandon us. While he invites us to be purified, so that we can truly let go of those things to which we cling in this world, he nonetheless promises to all who place their faith in him a place in his Father's kingdom.

And so as we take time on November 1 to remember the saints in heaven, we do so knowing that they pray for us in our lives on earth. And so we rejoice certainly in those saints whose names we know—those saints, perhaps, for whom we or our parish churches have been named. But we also ask those saints whom we do not know—all who

share in the eternity of God's life in heaven—to pray for us. But in praying for our beloved dead on November 2 and throughout the month of November, we also rejoice that they, too, pray for us. We rejoice that they, too, share in the promise that is ours. And just as our concerns in this world were once their concerns, so we continue to hope that as they turn their souls toward heaven, they pray for us, as well. Together—the saints in heaven—the faithful departed who await the promise of heaven—and we, the people of earth, comprise that great Communion of Saints in which we profess to believe every time we say the Creed together at Mass. And so we ask the saints not only to pray for us but also to pray with us, in offering to God the intentions of all our beloved departed, at the same time asking our departed to join with the saints in heaven to pray for us, so closely are we connected beyond the confines of time and space.

Fr. John Keehner, State Chaplain



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Newsletter News

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as a Word attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at

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The **deadline** for articles is the **24th of the month.**

Missions and Charities

by Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions and Charities Chair



2021 Catholic Men's Conference (Ohio)

SUN, Feb 27, 2021 8am-3pm

The Annual (Columbus) Catholic Men's Conference is among the largest gatherings of its type in the nation for men of faith. This year has provided us with the opportunity to reach even more men through a platform that will be both virtual/online and in-person. The 2021 Conference will be an amazing experience of virtual presentations, personal small groups, food and fellowship.

Patrick Pearse Division #1 will continue to promote the Order and Dead Theologians Society at this event.

More information at: <https://www.catholicmensministry.com>

Project St Patrick

Patrick Pearse Division #1 set aside \$500 from the proceeds of their 2020 Hibernian Golf Classic for Project St. Patrick. Division President Scott Partika will determine who the \$500 PSP Scholarship will be named in honor of.

I look forward to working with Ron Hagan, in his newly appointed role of National AOH Catholic Action Chair, that includes Project St Patrick efforts.

More information about PSP at: <https://aoh.com/project-st-patrick>



Dead Theologians Society

Upcoming National Hibernian Digest – will include the article posted in the September AOH State newsletter about Irish Bishop Alphonsus “Phonsie” Cullinan addressing the 2020 National AOH Virtual Convention and featuring the Dead Theologians Society. The article also has mention of DTS participating in the 2020 March for Life in Washington, D.C., with a photo of the nearly 50 youth present from the DTS Chapter at St. Patrick Church of downtown Columbus.

More information about DTS: www.deadtheologiansociety.com
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Holy Family Mission (Ireland)

Future National Hibernian Digest -- will include the article posted in the October AOH State newsletter about Irish Bishop Alphonsus “Phonsie” Cullinan addressing the 2020 National AOH Virtual Convention and featuring Holy Family Mission.

More information about HFM: www.holyfamilymission.ie Facebook @ HolyFamilyMissionIreland

State Historian's Report

John P. Hughes, State President (1898-1900)

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



John P. Hughes was born February 4, 1851 in Scotland. His parents, Joseph and Ann Hughes were both born in County Tyrone, Ireland. Exactly when the family immigrated to the United States is unknown. They settled in New Straitsville, Perry County, Ohio and were reportedly one of the first residents of New Straitsville. The coal mining town was founded in 1870. It once had over 4,000 residents; now it has only about 700.

John Hughes had at least two siblings, Alice who lived in New Straitsville and William Hughes. John P. Hughes and his family were members of St. Augustine Catholic Church in New Straitsville. The parish of St. Augustine was founded in 1871 and the Hibernians donated a stained-glass window to the church (sadly, the church was demolished in 1990).

John became a member of the New Straitsville business community. Nothing can be found, at this time, regarding John's exact occupation in New Straitsville, but it is likely he had something to do with the liquor trade, probably as a liquor wholesaler or dealer. There are no indications that John was ever married.

John P. Hughes was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #1 in New Straitsville. He is listed in the Third Annual 1884-85 Officer Directory as serving as County Delegate for Perry County. He was elected AOH State President in April 1898 at the State Convention held in Columbus, Ohio. He served for one term as State President until 1900.

John P. Hughes was also President of the Ohio State Liquor League. He was elected President in 1895. This was a lobbying organization that represented the liquor trade in Ohio. Their goal was to eliminate laws that they viewed as restrictive to the liquor trade. The organization was composed of 120 local leagues, totaling 6,700 members in Ohio. In opposition to the Ohio State Liquor League was the Ant-Saloon League of Westerville, Ohio, that favored the complete prohibition of alcoholic beverages.

John P. Hughes died on March 14, 1900 at New Lexington. His funeral was held at St. Augustine Church in New Straitsville. He is buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in New Straitsville, Ohio.

The timing of his death presents a curious situation. Buried at the Hughes gravesite are several individuals, his parents, John and Ann Hughes; his sister Alice Hughes; and, a person named William Cunningham (born in 1837, in County Tyrone, Ireland).

Cunningham's name is carved on the Hughes monument. He may have been a relative, an uncle or a cousin perhaps. What is curious about the timing is that William Cunningham died on February 5, 1900; John Hughes died on March 14, 1900; and Hughes sister, Alice Hughes died on April 23, 1900. All three died in the same year within one month of each other. Maybe it was just a tragic coincidence. The reason remains unclear.

Through sharing stories of our history we can remember those brother and sister Hibernians who came before us and on whose shoulders we stand today.

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Irish American Heritage Month

Please see attached latest revision of the **proposed IAHM Proclamation** verbiage. I promised you all that you'd get a look at it, after Scott Partika and Mike Finn had a look at it and included their adds and edits.

Scott is pulling his Political Education Committee together to do any remaining wordsmithing and to work executive/legislative strategy. He and his committee will be on point to work with the Governor's office and others to make this come to life. Again, my target timing is a late January/early February, so that local Divisions can use this success as a lever to hopefully also persuade their local governments to issue similar proclamations.

Thanks to Scott and Mike and the committee who will move this forward for us all!

Slan, Bob

IAHM Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout history, millions of Irish immigrants have traveled to America in search of freedom, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the countless achievements of Irish Americans and recognize the remarkable contributions they have made to our Nation's character, culture, and prosperity. Irish Americans have played a critical role in our Nation's history and have made significant contributions to our military, government, and economy. From business and politics to film, sports, and music, Irish Americans have risen to distinction and helped move our Nation forward; and

WHEREAS, Irish American organizations such as the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America have contributed greatly to our cultural, charitable, and civic heritage; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans of Irish descent, currently numbering more than 1,600,000, have played a vital role in shaping Ohio's history and culture, exploring our frontiers, building our canals and railroads, and serving our great state and nation through their military and public service, hard work, ingenuity, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Irish American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of these talented and industrious people and recognizes their rich legacy of leadership and achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the Great State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH throughout the state, and encourage all Ohioans to celebrate the accomplishments of Irish Americans in the Buckeye State.

Ohio State Board Meeting

There will be an Ohio State Board meeting on November 21st at 11am at Tara Hall in Columbus.

This will be a hybrid meeting. Those who feel comfortable with travel and an in-person meeting will be able to do so, and those who are still not in a position to do so will be able to join virtually via Zoom.

There will not be an exemplification of Major Degrees that day. Our Ohio degree team discussed the issue at length, and concluded that it would not be possible to do this at this time, while maintaining the safety and satisfaction of all concerned.

As we get closer to the meeting date, Director Lehn will send a meeting link to you all.

As a reminder, it is a base requirement of Division Presidency, or state board office, that you attend state board meetings, or send a representative on your behalf, and that you have prepared a short report.

I look forward to seeing you all next month. Thanks for your leadership and commitment to our great Order.

Slan, Bob

Mark Your Calendars

State Board Meeting

November 21st at 11am at Tara Hall in Columbus

2021 State Convention

Cleveland OH

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

Commodore Barry Medal

The AOH Ohio State Board is pleased to offer the Commodore John Barry medal to AOH Divisions for \$25. This medal is intended to be awarded to members for outstanding service or achievement. Each medal comes individually packaged in an attractive display case with a printed history of Commodore Barry.

Yours in our Motto,

Mike McKenzie , Ohio State Board

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Freedom for All Ireland

NO JUSTICE FOR BLOODY SUNDAY VICTIMS

Tensions were high in Ireland when Northern Ireland prosecutors announced that no more ex-soldiers could be charged with crimes in relation to the Bloody Sunday massacre of 1972. To date, only one soldier – Soldier F – has been charged with any wrongdoing in the event that left 13 civilians dead and 15 wounded. Northern Ireland’s Public Prosecution Service (PPS) released a judgement on September 29 upholding their original decision not to prosecute an additional 15 soldiers in connection to the murders.

The ruling left many disillusioned and drew rebuke from activists and families of victims. Ancient Order of Hibernians National Freedom for All Ireland Chair Martin Galvin issued a statement Thursday saying the refusal to charge soldiers for their crimes signaled “an undeclared amnesty or de facto immunity for these soldiers, and for others in British uniforms who carried out a shoot-to-kill policy or collusion murders for the crown, with impunity.”

Bloody Sunday campaign leader, John Kelly, who lost his brother, Michael, in the shooting was seemingly undeterred. “We’re not giving up yet, we have now the next stage, the judicial review at the High Court... Every one of them should face the wrath of the law.”

PPS senior assistant director Marianne O’Kane-- who was charged with undertaking the review-- defended the decision, claiming that the Test for Prosecution was not met on evidentiary grounds, alluding to the two-stage test set forth by the PPS Code for Prosecutors which states: “The evidence which can be adduced in court [must be] sufficient to provide a reasonable prospect of conviction.” O’Kane acknowledged the upset felt by those who have spent nearly five decades seeking justice, adding, “I can only offer reassurance to all of the families and victims of Bloody Sunday, and the wider community, that my decisions were conducted wholly independently and impartially, and in accordance with the Code for Prosecutors.”

Sinn Fein Deputy First Minister Michelle O’Neill tweeted, “Today’s ruling on Bloody Sunday is hugely disappointing. The families have been campaigning tirelessly for almost 50 years for justice. The denial of justice is unacceptable and must end. We will continue to support the Bloody Sunday families in their pursuit of truth and justice.”

O’Neill was set to meet US Special Envoy Mick Mulvaney the day the decision was handed down but did not attend amid reports that she was unwell. The mysterious illness did not, however, prevent a meeting with Prince Charles and his wife Camilla the very next day. O’Neill reported that the Bloody Sunday ruling was among the topics of discussion during the Royal visit, saying, “We discussed the need for the British government to deal with the legacy of the past and [I] raised our disappointment at the decision not to pursue additional prosecutions of the British soldiers involved in the Bloody Sunday massacre.”

The Sinn Fein leader did not relate a response from the Prince who has historically been quiet on the matter. The most notable exception occurred in 1996 at a meeting with Derry’s then-deputy mayor, Martin Bradley, when Prince Charles reportedly stated that “we’ve all lost relatives in the Troubles” and “we all have to learn not to bear grudges.”

Critics of O’Neill denounced the meeting with the Prince of Wales as a “bemeaning betrayal” to the families of the victims and claimed the move sent a message of resignation to the British government.

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Freedom for All Ireland, *cont.*

From my friend's at Irish Northern Aid:

Towards a United Ireland

Since 1970, the Irish Northern Aid Committee has been at the forefront in support of the struggle for freedom, justice, and self-determination for all the people of Ireland. From charitable activities to political activism, the efforts of Irish Northern Aid, along with so many other worthy organizations in Irish America, played a key role in influencing the realization of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 which brought to an end over 30 years of violent conflict in the North of Ireland.

In the years since the ratification of the Good Friday Agreement, Irish Northern Aid has remained an active advocate for full implementation of all terms of the Agreement, foremost of which is the right of the people on the island of Ireland to determine the future of the entire island of Ireland.

The most recent developments around Brexit have created a renewed sense of urgency for Irish America to once again lend support and leadership in order to preserve the gains realized by the Good Friday Agreement, well as ensure that a referendum, provisioned for by the Agreement, takes place, affording all residents of the island of Ireland to decide on the future of a united island.

While the will of the British people to leave the European Union must be respected, it nevertheless must be recognized that the decision to leave was far from overwhelming. England and Wales voted to leave the EU, while Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain. The reality of this conflicting result is particularly stark in Northern Ireland which voted 56% to 44% to remain.

Notwithstanding the rigid political divides in Northern Ireland between the Loyalist and Nationalist communities, Brexit has created challenges unique to Northern Ireland as the only part of the United Kingdom sharing a land border with the EU. Economically and socially, Northern Ireland can be argued to be far more connected to Ireland than to the island of England, Scotland and Wales.

Without digressing into the long history of the current border boundaries, it is sufficient to recognize that the current border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland dissects many border communities and in some cases, has houses or places of business situated partially on both sides of the border. Economically, and in day to day life, there exists a stronger tie to the communities in Ireland than exist across the Irish Sea to the rest of Britain.

Alternatively, within the Loyalist communities of Northern Ireland, there remains a strong desire to maintain a connection to the rest of the United Kingdom, complicating trade, and Customs checks between the rest of the UK and Northern Ireland.

At the time the Good Friday Agreement was ratified, both the Republic of Ireland and the UK were members of the EU, which facilitated open borders and free movement of goods and people. Gone are the border checkpoints erected during the years of conflict where today, the only visible clues that a border has been crossed are nuances such as road markings changing from yellow to white, speed limits being posted in miles per hour vs. kilometers, and the lack of bilingual road signs. No matter how well and in good faith the future relationship between the EU and the UK is agreed, the situation in Northern Ireland will continue to be tenuous at best and a source of stress and hardship to both the residents of Northern Ireland as well as those in the Republic of Ireland.

The time has come, as called for in the Good Friday Agreement, for the people of the island of Ireland to determine the future of the island of Ireland. Irish Northern Aid advocates for full implementation of all terms of the Good Friday Agreement, including a referendum on unity. We also advocate the continued and renewed efforts of the United States government to provide leadership, influence and support to the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom to ensure that a referendum on unity becomes reality.

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Catholic Action

November is a month to remember the departed, especially on All Souls' Day (Nov. 2).

In November, we conclude a period of Ordinary time and the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 22. We open the new liturgical year with the first Sunday of the Advent season, November 29. Advent is a period of preparation for the Christmas season, and the liturgical color is violet. The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, is a holy day of obligation. Thanksgiving Day falls on November 26.

NOTABLE SAINTS, SOLEMNITIES, AND FEAST DAYS

November 1	All Saints	Solemnity
November 4	Charles Borromeo	Memorial
November 9	Dedication of Saint John Lateran	Feast
November 10	Leo the Great, Pope	Memorial
November 13	Frances Xavier Cabrini	Memorial
November 21	Presentation of Mary	Memorial
November 23	Columban, Abbot	
November 30	Andrew the Apostle	Feast

NEW STATUE OF MOTHER CABRINI

Our calendar this month features the feast day of an American saint, Mother Frances Cabrini (1850-1917). A new statue of this Italian immigrant, who dedicated her life to serving the immigrants of New York City, now graces Lower Manhattan's Battery Park. This is due to the efforts of Brooklyn's bishop, Nicholas DiMarzio, after he learned that a city commission charged with erecting new statues dedicated to women and minorities had rejected the most popular suggestion, Mother Cabrini. Bishop DiMarzio led a private funding effort.

Some IRISH SAINTS OF NOVEMBER

Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh (1095-1148), November 3.

Malachy was born and raised in Armagh, the son of a learned man. After his parents' death, he became the disciple of Eimar, a hermit, and was ordained at age 25. He studied under St. Malchus at Lismore and was appointed abbot of Bangor Abbey, which was in a sad state at the time. In fact, much of the Church in Ireland was in bad shape due to the ravages of the Vikings, and much of Malachy's effort throughout his life was dedicated to restoration. A few years after his appointment as abbot, he was chosen bishop of Connor, based at Bangor. His leadership of a local revival of the faith ended abruptly when he and his monks were forced to flee to Lismore to escape Viking raiders. Appointed metropolitan of Armagh in 1129, he was unable to occupy the see peacefully for many years, due to a rival claimant--the see had become hereditary in a family of clerics. Malachy eventually prevailed, in the process recovering from his rival a book (probably the Book of Armagh) and a crozier reputedly belonging to St. Patrick. Later, Malachy resigned the see and returned to Connor (1137). He divided the diocese into two, Connor and Down, became bishop of the latter, and refounded the ruined abbey at Bangor. On a trip through Europe to Rome, he met St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and the two became life-long friends. So impressed was Malachy by Bernard and the Cistercians, that he attempted to resign his see and join the order. The Pope refused his request and instead named him papal legate in Ireland. Malachy left four companions behind him at Clairvaux; in 1142, they returned to Ireland and founded the Cistercian abbey of Mellifont. In 1148, while journeying to Rome on official business, Malachy stopped at Clairvaux to visit his friend, and died there rather suddenly. Bernard proclaimed him a saint, and his action was confirmed by Pope Clement III, in 1190, making him the first Irish saint officially canonized by a pope.

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Catholic Action, cont.

Malachy was a truly great saint of Ireland. He helped instill in the Irish church the spirit of reform that was sweeping the church on the Continent, and was a man of great virtue himself. He is familiar to many today because of the so-called Prophecies of Malachy, which are almost certainly not written by him and are most likely forgeries of the 16th century.

Lawrence O'Toole (1128-80), Archbishop of Dublin, November 14

Son of Murtagh, chief of the Murrays, he was born in Kildare, and as a youth was carried off and held as a hostage for two years by King Dermot McMurogh of Leinster. Lawrence's father finally compelled Dermot to surrender the boy to the bishop of Glendalough. He became a monk of Glendalough, and later was abbot (1153), known for his strict reign. His prudence and virtue were demonstrated when famine struck the area, and Lawrence was able to supply the local people with grain from monastic stores. Although resisting earlier efforts to elevate him to the episcopate, Lawrence accepted election to the archbishopric of Dublin in 1161. The new archbishop embarked on a reform of his clergy, forming a community of strict canons regular at the cathedral. Lawrence became embroiled in the dynastic struggle which resulted in the intervention of England's Henry II and which is too complicated to outline here. In 1172, a synod convened by Lawrence at Cashel confirmed a bull of Pope Adrian IV imposing English liturgical forms upon Ireland, and Lawrence supported Pope Alexander III's confirmation of these measures. In 1175, while in England trying to arrange a peace between Henry II and Rory O'Connor, a probably-deranged man tried to murder him at Becket's shrine. He attended the Lateran Council of 1179 and after explaining the state of the Irish Church to the pope found himself appointed papal legate in Ireland. His efforts there began to worry Henry II, who may have suspected another Becket in the making, and when Lawrence travelled to England in 1180 in the course of negotiations on behalf of Rory O'Connor, Henry prevented him from returning to Ireland. Lawrence did eventually receive permission to return, but died in Normandy before he could.

ISSUES

On October 14, 64 prosecuting attorneys nationwide issued a joint statement that they will refuse to enforce laws that they say "criminalize" abortions, even if the Supreme Court were to reverse *Roe v. Wade*. The apparent meaning is that they will not enforce laws, many now already on the books in various states, which restrict abortion and punish non-compliance with those restrictions. Among the signatories is Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

A little perspective: As of this writing, deaths from the coronavirus in Ohio, confirmed or probable, since Jan. 1, total 4,817. In 2019, according to the Ohio Department of Health, there were 20,102 abortions in the state.

The November election is approaching. The statement of the U.S. Catholic bishops on the duties of Catholic voters, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, may be accessed at www.usccb.org. The bishops this past November reaffirmed decisively that abortion must be the preeminent issue for Catholic voters.

Fraternally,

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Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.

Ray Schulte & Dave Manley are all ready planning the AOH 5th Annual Charitable Beer Run. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2021. We plan to visit 5 Micro Breweries here in Medina County. At this point we believe the cost will be around \$70 PP. More details to come.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.

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Tara Hall Activities

Friday Nights

Every Friday night..... **“IRISH MUSIC”**..... Featuring some of your favorite local & international groups

Doors open 6:30 pm.....Last Call @ 10:00 PM

FOOTBALL...FOOTBALL...FOOTBALL

Now it is decided that The Buckeyes will have a season **“LET’S WATCH..... FOOTBALL AT TARA HALL”**. Every game on the **“BIG SCREEN”** Lots of Energy.....Lots of Memories. Check for game times.

All are welcome. Protective Rules Are In Effect. We have your health in regard.

Fall Fundraiser Raffle to Benefit Tara Hall

Instant Party in a Cooler, Over \$300 of Product

Suggested donation:

\$5 per Entry or 5 for \$20

Drawing to be held November 12th at AOH meeting

Entries can be mailed to : AOH, Attn: Fundraiser, 274 E Innis Ave, Columbus, OH 43207, Checks made to: AOH

Questions to Bruce McPherson 614-313-0526 (cell)

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Msgr. Donal O’Carroll Div. #1 Washington Co.

Our AOH Memorial Mass will be held on November 15th at the 10:00 am Mass which will be broadcast for those who cannot attend. God Bless our deceased members. We will have our annual brochure listing to honor them. Please remember them in your prayers.

It is given that we continue to live in the difficult time of the pandemic. I would like to invite you to a Merry Christmas Zoom Happy Hour on Wednesday, December 9th at 5:30 pm. It would be wonderful if you could join us, even briefly, and to wish each other Season’s Greetings. We will be sending you an e-mail with the information required to connect on Zoom.

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Division News , cont.

Msgr. Donal O'Carroll Div. #1 Washington Co., cont.

I would like to extend my wish to each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Blessed Christmas. ,
Thomas Binegar, President

An unknown fact about Thanksgiving follows:

Most people don't realize how important Ireland was to the first Thanksgiving – it might never have happened without a fateful shipment from Éire! The early British pilgrims struggled to acclimatize to the cold North American winter. They were so discouraged by the challenges of living in the new landscape that they almost gave up, dreaming of a return to the homeland.

But that February, hope and sustenance arrived in a ship called The Lyon, sent by a solicitous merchant to his daughter who had emigrated to America with her pilgrim husband. Loaded with food and drink from Dublin, The Lyon revived the spirits of the settlers. The meal held to celebrate the miraculous Irish cargo became the kernel of Thanksgiving. It took another 200 years for President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, with the original Irish influence forgotten.

<https://www.theirishstore.com/blog/irish-american-thanksgiving/>

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Webmaster

We continue to make improvements to our state website. **More importantly, one of our Cincinnati brothers , Marc Wolnitzek , has agreed to step up and take over webmaster duties from me (THANK YOU!!!).**

Marc (Pictured in the attached photo, behind me and next to Danny O) isn't a tech guy, but he has some website experience. He runs the website for the local Cincinnati Notre Dame Alumni Club, and also has his own website for his annual award-winning Uber Tailgater, which has been featured on numerous college football broadcasts and news articles. The attached photo is from one of those massive annual tailgaters. Thank you Marc for stepping up! As a reminder, you can reach our state website at <https://ohioaoh.com/> .

Also, our Ohio AOH Facebook page is now just our AOH FB Page (the Ladies have their own two separate pages). Thanks to Maury Collins and Director Lehn for managing this change.

You can reach our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/State-of-OhioAOH-110171899000688/> .

Go have a look, and if you have any suggestions or feedback, please let us know.

Slan,

Bob

