

Ohio State Board Newsletter October 2020 Volume 2 Issue 10

President's Message



Brothers All,

October greetings to you all, as the leaves fall and the air cools and the (socially-distanced) football season begins (I gotta tell ya...it's my favorite time of year). There's a lot happening

here in Ohio!

We're putting the finishing touches on that endof-year checklist doc, which will make it easier and more straightforward for Divisions to take care of all those tasks, especially state and national reporting.

We're moving along on the Ohio Irish-American Heritage Month proclamation doc, and by the end of the year it should be tightened up and ready for submittal.

The newsletter is still going great (Thanks Jim Casey, and to all of you for your submittals!), and the website is coming along. Again, if any of you are interested in replacing me as webmaster, please step up.

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. I know we face challenges due to the current world situation. This makes retention more important than ever.

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Chaplain's's Comments



Christ Church Cathedral and Saint Lawrence O'Toole

One of my favorite places to visit in Dublin is Christ Church Cathedral, dating back to the eleventh century. It is located near the Wood Quay on the River Liffey in what was the heart of Viking and then Medieval Dublin. While not as celebrated as nearby St. Patrick Cathedral, which was built later, it nonetheless serves as the Seat

of the Catholic Bishop of Dublin at least in name, through it is controlled by the Church of Ireland and serves simultaneously as the Seat of the Archbishop of Ireland of the diocese of Glenadalough and Dublin. I was intrigued upon visiting Christ Church the first time to find a chapel dedicated to the memory of St. Lawrence O'Toole, of whom I knew nothing at the time except for his name.



Bell tower of Christ Church Cathedral. Photo October 2018

Saint Lawrence (Lorcán Ua Tuathail) was born in Kilkea, Kildare, the youngest son of Muirchetach Ua Tuathail, a local king. After a tumultuous childhood during which time he was hostage and eventually prisoner to a rival king, Lawrence entered the monastery of Glendalough, where he eventually became abbot. He was known as a religious reformer and sought to strengthen the ties between the Irish Gaelic Church and Rome. He was known during turbulent times to be a man of great holiness who was constant in his charity to the poor. In 1162, when he was only 32, Lawrence was unanimously

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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.

Also, as circumstances allow, we're still planning for an in-person State Board meeting in late October or November, and again, circumstances permitting, we'd like to also host Exemplification of the Major Degrees that afternoon, followed by Mass. If we're able to host an

in-person meeting, we intend to host it as a "hybrid" meeting, with the option to join remotely for those who aren't yet comfortable joining us, due to health or other issues. This should make for a fun and informative Hibernian weekend. Stay tuned!

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.

elected Archbishop of Dublin at the Synod of Clane. At the time, Dublin was still under the control of the Danes and Norwegians, as Dublin had been settled first by Viking raiders. Lawrence worked with them to establish peace and harmony in his new diocese. He continued working to renew the Irish Church and bringing about liturgical reforms in line with Roman practice. He was again noted for his care and concern for the poor and established several centers for the care of orphans. He also began a building campaign and laid the cornerstone of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, now known as Christ Church Cathedral, famous for containing the reputed tomb of Strongbow, (Richard de Clare, the 2nd Earl Pembroke) the Norman English "Conqueror" of the Vikings of Dublin.



Alleged tomb of Strongbow, though many scholars in doubt. Photo taken October 2018

When the Normans invaded Dublin under the leadership of Strongbow, Saint Lawrence performed what was to become the defining act of his life—he became a broker for peace, called upon by foes from all sides as the one person who could be trusted by all to broker a peace that was just. Time and time again, he sought to bring warring parties to the table to prevent bloodshed, especially the bloodshed of the poor and the innocent. He traveled to London to broker peace with King Henry II following the Synod of Cashel, establishing in 1175 what came to be known as the Treaty of Windsor. His final trip abroad occurred in 1179 when, along with a few other Irish prelates, Lawrence was called upon to attend the Third Lateran Council in Rome. Not long after returning from the Ecumenical Council, he traveled again to England and then to France again on a mission of conciliation on behalf of the Irish King Roderic. He became ill while in France and died on November 14, 1180. It is reported that in his last words he voiced his concern for the faithful of Dublin, left now as sheep without a shepherd. He was buried in the Cathedral of Eu in Normandy. His tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and reported miracles. He was canonized in 1225, only forty five years after his death, by Pope Honorius III. While his body remains in Eu, Normandy, France, his heart was brought to Dublin and is enshrined in a reliquary in Christ Church Cathedral, which was constructed under his direction. St. Lawrence remains for us an example of a shepherd who worked untiringly to bring peace to Ireland.

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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.

Marty Chrystal

Brothers,

It is with heavy heart that I must inform you of the passing of Marty Chrystal, State Secretary Pete's Brother, on Sunday September 20th. I know many of you know Marty and remember him cooking at various events, most especially the hospitality rooms.

Marty is a long-time friend of mine. His friendship got me through many tough times and also got me through many good times.

Please keep Marty's family in your prayers. Marty Chrystal, Rest in Peace.

Daniel J. O'Connell National President

Missions and Charities

Irish Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan and Holy Family Mission

by Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions and Charities Chair



Irish Bishop Alphonsus "Phonsie" Cullinan, of Waterford and Lismore Diocese, spoke of Holy Family Mission (HFM) and the Dead Theologians Society (DTS) during the 2020 National AOH Virtual Convention. This article will provide background on Holy Family Mission.

HFM is a residential Catholic community for young people aged 18-30, who desire to know, live and share their faith and become effective disciples in the world. This enables them to share their hope with others as youth missionaries or with their own families and faith communities

It is an exciting and new missionary outreach to young people in Ireland and a response to a deep need and desire in young people to be formed in their faith and assist in the renewal of the Church.

"I have seen first hand the joy of the young people, it is a living testimony to their search for Jesus and his desire to spread this joy to others. Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh, is a place where people come to experience that joy!", says a very enthusiastic Bishop Phonsie, as he prefers to be called.

The Glencomeragh House, of County Waterford, was given as a retreat house and is how HFM reaches so many youth.

The AOH Patrick Pearse Division #1 and LAOH Countess de Markieviez Division #1 leadership are exploring ways to promote this worthy cause. This message is being shared with Hibernians statewide and nationally, including the 2018 and 2020 AOH/LAOH National Conventions.

Find out more about Holy Family Mission:

Website -- www.holyfamilymission.ie Facebook @ HolyFamilyMissionIreland

The next Missions & Charities article will include news of priests and deacons that have found their true vocation through the Dead Theologians Society, as told by Founder Eddie Cotter.

State Historian's Report

Thomas J. Dundon, State Delegate, (1888 – 1892)

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



Thomas J. Dundon stands in the front rank of prominent and successful officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Ohio. In addition to Columbus, his influence as a Hibernian extended to the County, State and National levels of the Order.

Dundon was born on April 15, 1854, in Askeaton, County Limerick, Ireland. His parents were, John Dundon and Mary Mulqueen Dundon. The family emigrated from Ireland to Columbus in 1854. John Dundon was employed by the Columbus Gas Works for 25 years and retired from there. The Dundon's had eight children.

Three of the Dundon children, Edward, Mary and Ellen were deaf. They lived at the Ohio Institute for the Education of the Deaf in Columbus during the school year. Edward entered the school in September 1868 at age nine and was there into his twenties. Mary entered the school the same year, Ellen, was younger and did not enter until 1875. Edward, played baseball at the school and when he joined the

professional team, the Columbus Buckeyes, he became the first deaf baseball player in major league baseball history.

Thomas J. Dundon was educated at St. Patrick's School in Columbus, Ohio. At the age of fourteen years he was employed by Abraham Carlisle to work in his lumber mill. Four years later he was promoted to the position of foreman. He then accepted the position of foreman at Hershiser & Gibson's lumber mill. Dundon eventually bought a third interest in the plant. The business was known as Hershiser, Snyder & Dundon. Dundon was married Ella Berry on February 28, 1878.

After working 14 months with this firm, Mr. Dundon began drawing out and handling lumber in carload lots for himself. This he did until February, 1886, when he and Matthew J. Bergin formed a partnership, Dundon & Bergin, to carry on the lumber business and the manufacture of all kinds of millwork, at the southwest corner of West Spring and Water Streets in Columbus. It soon became one of the largest lumber businesses in Columbus.

Dundon held the elected office of Police Commissioner for the City of Columbus for four years (1882-1886), being elected as one of five members of the Police Commission as a Democrat. Dundon took over the commissioner's position previously occupied by Michael Burns, who was also a member of the Hibernians. As a Police Commissioner he was responsible for implementing a system of police and fire call boxes around the city. These were in use until the 1930s.

Dundon was an honored and respected member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division #1, in which he was initiated in September, 1878. Dundon held several officer positions within the division. He also served as County Delegate for Franklin County. Ten years after first joining the Hibernians, on June 13, 1888, he was elected State Delegate of Ohio at the State Convention held in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was re-elected as State Delegate on June 3, 1890 at the State Convention held in Springfield, Ohio, serving until 1892.

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In May 1890 Dundon attended the AOH National Convention held at Hartford, Connecticut. An interesting circumstance developed at the convention. The National Treasurer of the Order, at the time, was Patrick Hynes of Greenport, New York. He had served two terms as National Treasurer. When the convention was called to order, Hynes was not in attendance. Instead, he sent a letter to the convention. In it he confessed to illegally embezzling \$2,800 from the Order. He further stated that by the time the letter was read he would be "beyond the reach of those he had wronged." It was believed that he may have fled the county. Later his bond was found to be worthless.

During the convention, Thomas J. Dundon was proposed by his sixteen fellow Ohio delegates as a replacement for Treasurer Hynes and he was elected as National Treasurer of the Order on May 16, 1890. Dundon was the first Hibernian from Columbus to serve as a National Officer of the AOH.

At the next National Convention, held in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 11, 1892 Dundon was re-elected as National Treasurer. He attended the historic National Convention, held in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 8, 1894 and was re-elected National Treasurer. Finally, at the next National Convention, held in Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 1896 he was again re-elected as National Treasurer for a fourth term, serving until 1898. Remarkably, Dundon was elected to four consecutive two-year terms as National Treasurer of the AOH which is a tribute to his ability and honesty.

Dundon was also a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, serving as president in 1907, and a charter member of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus. He retired in 1917 from the lumber business.

Thomas J. Dundon died on January 17, 1926 at his home at 38 South Champion Avenue in Columbus at the age of 71. His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Church in Columbus and he is buried at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Columbus. His wife Ella passed away in 1931.

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.

J Michael Finn

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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From the Desk of National President O'Connell

Brothers,

This is a great example of an election season reminder. Simple and to the point from the New York State President.

Thank you Brother Lambert,

Danny O

Brothers,

With the election season upon us, just a friendly reminder that the AOH National Constitution Article XVII, Section 6 prohibits partisan politics within our order. Section 6 is as follows:

Section 6. No member, Board or Division shall support or oppose any person for public office in the name of the Order. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall require expulsion, or suspension for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, and any dues paid prior thereto shall be forfeited. A presiding officer who fails to bring charges against any violator of the foregoing provision shall himself be subject to the penalties set forth above, and in addition, shall be removed from office and may not resume his seat during the balance of his term. Nor shall any member make a statement(s) clearly supporting or opposing any political party or candidate, either while present at AOH meetings/gatherings, or elsewhere in the name of the Order.

Please be guided accordingly.

In our Motto, Tom Lambert NYS AOH President

Mark Your Calendars

2021 State Convention

Cleveland OH

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL



Pro Life Report

HEADLINES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Following are headlines you may or may not have read. If you have been reading my previous OHIO AOH PRO LIFE BULLETINS, you should be able to fill in the copy.

US AID HEAD TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL:

STOP PEDDLING ABORTION AS COVID-19 RELIEF.

UN EXPERT GROUP: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES MUST INCLUDE SAFE, LEGAL ABORTIONS

U.S. BLOCKS UN AGREEMENT OVER ABORTION. DEMOCRATS LASH OUT AT USAID HEAD FOR OPPOSING ABORTIONS IN COVID-19 RESPONSE.

U.S. FAILS TO STOP PRO-ABORTION MANDATE FOR THE UN POPULATION FUND.

WAR CONTINUES BETWEEN U.S. AND UN OVER ABORTION PROMOTION IN COVID RESPONSE.

UN SECRETARY GENERAL TELLS FEMINISTS HE WON'T LET TRUMP UNDERMINE ABORTION RIGHTS

[All above are headlines from C-Family Friday Fax]

More headlines you may have missed:

PRO LIFE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS CALL ON FEDERAL GOVERMENT TO CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN MEXICO CITY POLICY, (and) BLOCK FUNDING TOPRO-ABORTION INSTITUTIONS AT THE UN.

ACCORDING TO LIFESITE NEWS, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW FUND TO ADDRESS COVID-19 PANDEMIC. HE IS ASKING ALL NATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE 10% OF THEIR ANNUAL INCOME.IN U.S. DOLLARS THIS AMOUNTS TO 8.7 TRILLION DOLLARS, WHICH IS, GREATER THAN THJE CURRENT 3TRILLION DOLLAR UN BUDGET! AMOUNG THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN IS ABORTION ON DEMAND.

(From Population Research Institute)

JW (Judicial Watch) uncovers NIH (Nat. Institute Health)

PURCHASES ABORTED FETAL PARTS FOR HUMANIZED MICE TESTING.

SOME COVID-19 VACCINES MADE WITH ABORTED FETAL TISSUE.

U.S. AMBASSADORS SET RECORD STRAIT

"First of all I want to clarify that there is no internationally recognized right to an abortion", said Ambassador -at-Large Kelly Currie. Currie attempted to cite U.S. Law that prohibits U.S. Tax payer funds for coercive family planning to, justify the decision to withhold funding to the UN Population Fund.

U.S. Ambassador to Geneva, Andrew Bremberg, in response to UN "experts" who accused the U.S. and its' states that did not label abortion as an essential service during the Covid-19 pandemic and of violating omen's reproductive rights. Bremberg called the interference of these "experts" into U.S. Politics bizarre, absurd and inexplicable. Further, he accused the "experts" of ignoring ongoing human rights abuses by China including

forced abortions, forced sterilization and forced birth control.

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MORE ABOUT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

According to AMERICANS UNITED FOR LIFE, PP agent of influence in Hollywood is Caren Spruch. Her title is Director of Arts and Entertainment

Engagement. She is being called PP secret weapon. One of her first films was "Obvious Child" a romantic comedy about abortion. It is a story about abortion and a stand up comic who gets pregnant after a one night stand and her abortion at Planned Parenthood. M's. Spruch on behalf of PP is advising on over 150 movies and TV shows. "A lot of people learn about sexual and reproductive health care through pop culture and entertainment programs",

said Melaine Newman, one of Spruch's superiors at PP. She went on to say "Pop culture has changed views about LGBTO issues, for example pop culture has the power to challenge the abortion stigma too".

REVISITING ROE vs WADE DECISION

The U.S. Supreme Court admitted: "If...person hood [for the unborn] is established, the appellant's case, of course collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the 14th Amendment. Science has clearly proven that life begins at conception when a new human being is formed.

Will the Supreme Court rehear this case or follow up to their question that they could nor resolve "THE DIFFICULT QUESTION OF WHEN LIFE BEGINS".

With the Court recently struck down a Louisiana law requiring abortion clinic doctors to have hospital admitting privileges at the nearest hospital in case of complications, (Ohio passed a similar law) we still have a lot of

work.

With abortion on demand and the legalization of assisted suicide can we be far from euthanasia? It will start slowly by withholding medical care for the terminal ill. "Why waste money on a lost cause". Next will be the reduction and then elimination of medical care for the elderly at some arbitrary age by Medicare and Medicaid. Again, "why waste money that could be used else where".

Brothers, as I have written before, most of us do not support the current culture of death, but have trouble identifying with either abortion or assisted suicide as our families are very pro life, but we can do something, PRAY. I am asking each of you in your personal prayers and in your division prayers for RESPECT FOR ALL LIFE FROM NATURAL CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH!

Respectfully submitted:

DAVID MANLEY, State AOH Pro-Life Chair



Catholic Action

To All Hibernians:

The month of October still remains within Ordinary Time. October is a month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

- Oct. 1 Theresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Memorial
- Oct. 2 Guardian Angels, Memorial
- Oct. 7 Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
- Oct. 15Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor, Memorial
- Oct. 17Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
- Oct. 19John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
- Oct. 22Pope St. John Paul II
- Oct. 28Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

In the sixteenth century, Christian Europe was facing a serious threat from the Islamic Turks, who were expanding into the Balkans and raiding other parts of Europe, increasingly threatening control of the Mediterranean, and enslaving Christian captives. Pope Pius V was instrumental in assembling a coalition of the Catholic powers to resist. On October 7, 1571, the coalition's naval forces under Don Juan of Austria inflicted a stinging defeat on a Turkish fleet off the coast of Greece--the Battle of Lepanto. Having urged all Catholics to pray the rosary for a victory, the Pope instituted the feast day which we now celebrate October 7 as Our Lady of the Rosary.

IRISH SAINTS OF OCTOBER

Oct. 11 Canice, Abbot (c. 515-99)

According to some sources, Canice, also known as Kenneth, was born at Glengiven, and became a monk and priest in Wales under St. Cadoc, at Llancarfan. He traveled to Rome, studied under St. Finian at Clonard, and evangelized in Ireland and Scotland. He was a close friend of Columba, whom he accompanied on a mission to the Picts. Canice may be the founder of monasteries at Aghaboe and Kilkenny in Ireland, and he also left a number of traces in place-names in Scotland.

Oct. 13 Comgan, Abbot (8th century)

Son of a prince of Leinster, he succeeded his father, but was forced to flee to Scotland, where he settled near Skye, built a monastery, and lived an austere life there. He was buried on Iona by his nephew, St. Fillan.

Oct. 16 Gall (d. c. 635)

Gall distinguished himself as a scholar of grammar, poetry, and Holy Scripture under Saints Comgall and Columban at Bangor and was ordained a priest. He was one of twelve disciples who accompanied Columban to the Continent, first evangelizing in France and later in what is now Switzerland. Gall did not accompany Columban when the latter departed for Italy. Some legends have it that this resulted in a falling out between the two that was only healed at the death of Columban, but this may simply be a story to explain their separation. Gall became a hermit, and eventually the famous monastery of St. Gall came to occupy the site of his hermitage. Several stories would seem to indicate that the saint was an avid fisherman. He turned down offers of bishoprics and abbacies to remain a hermit. St. Gall is considered the apostle of Switzerland.

Catholic Action, cont.

Oct. 21 Fintan, Abbot (d.c.635)

Also known as Munnu, Fintan was a monk of Cluain Inis, spent some time at Iona, and upon returning to Ireland founded a monastery at Taghmon, Wexford, serving as its abbot. He was a firm supporter of the Celtic liturgical practices. He reportedly contracted leprosy late in life.

Oct. 27 Otteran, Abbot (d. 563)

Also known as Odhran, this saint may have been a Briton. He was an abbot in Meath before he left Ireland among the twelve companions who accompanied Columba to Iona. There are some very odd stories about Otteran, perhaps incorporating elements of pagan mythology. Interestingly, the Viking settlers of Waterford chose him as their patron.

Oct. 29 Colman of Kilmacduagh, Bishop (d.c. 632)

Son of a chieftain, reportedly consecrated a bishop unwillingly, he lived as a hermit in the Burren. He built a monastery at Kilmacduagh and is considered the first bishop of that see. Like many Irish saints, there are many fanciful stories about him. Colman is said to have been aided in his devotions by a rooster, a mouse, and a fly: the first woke him up for the night office, the second kept him from falling asleep again, while the third served as a bookmark.

Oct. 31 Foillan, Abbot (d.c. 655)

With his two sainted brothers, Fursey and Ultan, he left Ireland for England c. 630, built a monastery at Burgh Castle, near Yarmouth, and evangelized the East Anglians. When his monastery was destroyed by the pagan Mercians under Penda, Foillan and his brother Ultan decided to follow their brother Fursey to Gaul, where they were welcomed by the Neustrian king, Clovis II. Foillan was founder and first abbot of a monastery at Fosses and converted many of the locals. He was murdered by outlaws.

ISSUES

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.

Ohio Right to Life's candidate endorsements may be found at www.ohiovotesforlife.org.

LOCAL NEWS

On October 10, along with other Catholic individuals and organizations of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, a contingent of Hibernians from Joseph T. Nally, Sr., Division 6, as well as members of the LAOH, will participate in the annual Public Square Rosary Rally. Due to pandemic measures, the usual procession from St. Columba Cathedral to the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be modified to be a motorized procession.

Have local news? Please send for inclusion in this report.

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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 be around \$70 PP. More details to come.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.

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Next Thursday, October 1st, we will have our October Business Meeting in person at Tara Hall at 7pm. We will gather on the back patio, weather permitting.

Tara Hall is open on Friday evenings. No live music yet.

Tara Hall Fundraiser Raffle

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

For more information contact Tara hall at tarahallcolumbus@gmail.com

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

Although we had planned to have a special meeting for the presentation of the Organizer Recruitment Award (ORA) three-dimensional black Shillelagh pins, we decided to mail them to the awardees, for each member to add to their green

AOH sash. It remains unclear when we will be able to gather, in person, for this celebration, an important event for our Division's future.



This award recognizes a member for sponsoring the recruitment of a new member or the reinstatement of a member in the AOH. Initially when a member recruits his first member, the Organizer will award the sponsor with an ORA pin. Following the receipt of his first ORA pin, each time a member recruits three members, he will again be recognized for his effort with an ORA pin.

Our Division has now transitioned to meeting virtually, via Zoom. In addition to the monthly meetings, President Binegar has established a monthly zoom Happy Hour Gathering. It provides us with a time to meet socially for a short time with a beverage of our choice.

Patrick Kelly, Organizer

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