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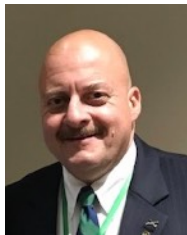
Ohio State Board

Newsletter

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President's Message



Brothers All,

Happy April, my Brothers! As Spring “springs into action”, now’s the time for us to do the same, especially on two fronts: Retention and Recruiting, and the upcoming Spring State Board meeting and June State Convention. Lots to talk about, and my apologies for the

long remarks, but here goes...

Our 2020 Retention and Recruiting results were mixed, but also very encouraging to me:

- The bad news was that three Divisions reported significant or even catastrophic losses (50% loss - 56 to 28 members; 31% - 60 to 41 members; and 8% - 99 to 91 members).
- The good news was that three Divisions reported no gain/loss, and SIX Divisions reported an INCREASE in membership – great results given the situation!
- If those declining Divisions had only reported modest losses (say, 10%, 10%, and 5%, respectively), Ohio would have had a membership increase of ~1% - which would have been the first membership increase in several years. I’ll share more details in a separate email.
- You all know that there are three bottles of Redbreast 12 waiting for 2021’s most successful Divisions and recruiter. With the encouraging 2020 results, I’ve chosen to purchase an additional two bottles for two deserving 2020 Divisions: **Summit County #2** takes one bottle for the largest increase (increased membership by 12!), and **Washington County** takes the second bottle for the largest percentage increase (increased membership by 13.16%!).

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Chaplain's's Comments



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Christians, praise the paschal victim!
 Offer thankful sacrifice!*

*Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep,
 Christ the just one paid the price,
 Reconciling sinners to the Father.*

Death and life fought bitterly

For this wondrous victory;

The Lord of Life who died reigns glorified!

Easter Sequence
 Roman Rite, Eleventh Century

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia!” This the day which follows the night of nights, the mother of all vigils. This is the day of our salvation, in which we celebrate the triumph of light over darkness, of love over hatred, of life over death. Having waited in vigil to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, the Church gathers this day in joyful celebration, proclaiming the triumph of Christ Crucified and Risen. The altar and sanctuary which were stripped as the Triduum began are now festively decorated with fresh flowers, linens and candles. The baptismal font is filled with water and the paschal candle, newly blessed and lit during the night vigil, burns brightly in the sanctuary, shedding its light upon the ambo as the Word of God is proclaimed. Alleluias, which have been silent since Ash Wednesday, resound once again as the Church celebrates the victory of Christ over death and sin. Today, in the midst of the Liturgy of the Word, the jubilant eleventh century paschal sequence is sung. The faithful renew their baptismal promises and are sprinkled with holy water from the newly blessed font as a reminder that by virtue of our baptism we share with Christ in the mystery of his death and resurrection. In one sense, Easter Sunday is the culmination and fulfillment of what began on Ash Wednesday. But in another sense, it is but a beginning of a month of Sundays—fifty days of intense celebration that Christ is risen from the dead—fifty days in which we take to

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President’s Message, cont.

- Many thanks again to our great State (and Deputy National) Organizer Joe Casey, who has done an incredible job of maintaining our focus and driving our efforts on this front.

As we continue through the year, please... be positive, be engaged, and be excited about who and what we are. It’s hard to get others excited about our organization unless they see our passion and love. Remember those bottles of Redbreast 12. Get out there and win one of those bottles!

Please join us for our Zoom-based **Virtual State Board meeting on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7pm**. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. Our Chairmen are bringing increasingly better and more interesting reports and news, and we learn a lot from them.

Our **State Convention** is just around the corner. Please visit the convention page on our state website at <https://ohioaoh.com/2021-state-convention>. It already has all the information you need for hotel reservations, convention package registration, convention program book ad requests, and much more. We look forward to seeing you in late June!

Please share your good news and great work. I can’t wait to hear about your successes and joy. Where and when you deem appropriate, I’ll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events whenever and wherever possible. Please feel free to send invites, and you can bet I’ll attend if at all possible.

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

Bob

Chaplain’s’s Comments, cont.

heart the mystery of our salvation—fifty days in which we celebrate the resurrection which Christ has promised to share with all who place their faith in him.

My prayer for all of us who are members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will allow ourselves during this Easter Season to be touched by the presence of the Lord who died for us and rose from the dead for our salvation. May we place our hope in him who saved us from our sins be beacons of light in the midst of a world that is darkened by sin and suffering, allowing our lives to reflect the love of the Risen Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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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.**

State Board Meeting

The Spring 2021 State Board meeting will be a Zoom Board Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday April 27th. Look for additional info to come, with a zoom link from Director Lehn, and I'll also share a draft agenda as we get closer to the date.

We will do a walk-through of the Convention Hotel at 12pm noon on Sunday, April 25th, then will briefly meet with the LAOH and the hotel staff to discuss any questions and clarification points.

Ordinarily, we host the Spring AOH Board meeting at the convention hotel, but heavy bookings (great for the hotel!) forced them to only be able to offer limited time windows for our meeting needs. Between that situation, and some board member availability issues, the 4/25 Sunday would have been the only possible timing, and we'd prefer to allow our members to have Sundays with their families and parishes and worship.

So with that in mind, we'll walk the hotel and have our discussions with the staff at noon on Sunday April 25th with as many of you who feel able to join, and we'll hold our state board meeting via Zoom the following Tuesday April 27th.

The hotel address is: The DoubleTree by Hilton, Cleveland – Westlake

1100 Crocker Road

Westlake, Ohio 44145

We look forward to seeing you all on the State Board meeting call, and as many of you as possible at the Sunday hotel visit.

As always, thank you all, for all you're doing for our order and our great state.

History of the Easter Lily



The Easter Lily (Irish: *Lile na Cásca*) is a badge in the shape of a calla lily flower, worn at Easter time by the Irish as symbol of remembrance for Irish republican combatants who died during or were executed after the 1916 Easter Rising, as well as, to honor all those who have given their lives in the cause of Irish freedom in 1916 and in every decade since.

The first Easter Lily badges were originally designed in 1925 by the republican women's organization, Cumann na mBan. At that time, the dual purpose of the badge was to raise money for the Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund and to honor the sacrifice made by the men and women of the 1916 Rising.

The original Easter Lily badge was hand-made by republicans, who sold it often at great risk throughout the country. Traditionally, Easter Lilies were sold outside church gates on Easter Sunday and worn at republican commemorations.

Today, republicans continue to honor the heroic sacrifice made in 1916, when republican revolutionaries, outnumbered and ill-equipped, took on the might of the British Empire and asserted in arms Ireland's right to freedom.

Everyone is encouraged to wear the Lily at Easter time as an emblem that promotes the ideals of those Irish patriots who gave their lives that Ireland might be free.

Mike Finn

If any Division President would like to sell these in their division, please contact Patrick Williams at (330) 802-0526 or karimcwilly@gmail.com.

State Historian's Report

Michael J. Barry, Hibernian State President

(1908-1910 and 1910-1912)

By: J. Michael Finn, AOH State Historian



Michael J. Barry was born in County Cork, Ireland on January 6, 1860. His father was Richard Barry and his mother was Mary Fitzpatrick Barry. He and his parents immigrated to the United States and lived in Boston for a short time. The family then moved to Columbus sometime prior to 1866. Michael served 5 years in the US Army from 1881 until 1886. In 1882 he married Anna L. Early.

In 1886 Barry joined the Columbus Police Department as a patrolman. Nine years later, in 1895 he was promoted to Sergeant. In 1899, after 13 years service on the police force, he was forced to resign due to a change of administration. The city presented him with a solid gold badge, which was inscribed, "Presented to Sergeant Barry by members of the Columbus Police Department in appreciation of his services and efficiency as drillmaster."

After leaving the police force he worked for a time as a private detective for the company Barry and Fox Detective Bureau and later joined a liquor wholesaling firm as a salesman. Barry first appears as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 1895; however, he probably joined the AOH earlier than that. In December 1897, as President of the United Irish Societies of Columbus (an organization, dominated by the AOH), Barry was present at Union Station to welcome Irish nationalist Maud Gonne, on her visit to Columbus. He was also on the stage during her speech at the Columbus Board of Trade.

In 1899 Barry was elected President of AOH Division #1. He was elected County President of the AOH in 1901 and reelected in 1902. In 1901 he also served as Grand Marshal for that year's St. Patrick's Day parade, regarded by some as the grandest parade in Columbus history. Barry wrote the following in a letter to the editor following the parade: "St. Patrick's Day, 1901, has come and gone, and the festival of the great apostle of the cradle land of the Irish race having been celebrated in a befitting manner in this, the capital city of Ohio. I desire, in the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to earnestly thank those, who with such good feeling contributed to the great success of the commemoration."

Barry also thanked those members of the German community who participated. He said, "We desire to thank in a special manner our brothers from the Fatherland who with such fraternal spirit joined in the celebration – a bright augury of the complete unity of the two greatest elements in the population of our great republic – a unity that is so earnestly desired by the best minds of both races." Barry was also Grand Marshal of the 1905 St. Patrick's Day parade.

New research indicates that Barry was also a member of Clan na Gael (founded in 1867, Clan na Gael was a secret revolutionary society dedicated to the cause of an Irish republic. It was a successor to the Fenian Brotherhood in the US and a sister organization to the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland). He may have become a member as early as the late 1890s. Several newspaper articles regarding the national convention of Clan na Gael held in Washington D.C. on July 4, 1902, indicate that Barry was a member of the executive

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committee of the Clan, along with the National President and National Treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. There are some indications that there was a Clan na Gael "camp" (D62) in Columbus as early as 1869 and there were several others around Ohio. Research has not uncovered any other local members.

In September 1903 he was named Chairman of the Executive Committee for the statewide one hundred year commemoration of the death of Irish patriot Robert Emmet held in Columbus (that event brought nearly 54,000 visitors to Columbus).

In 1908 Barry was unanimously elected by acclamation to a two year term as Ohio State President of the AOH at a grand State Convention held in Lima, Ohio. Reportedly, this was the first time a State President had been elected by acclamation in Ohio. Barry was re-elected by acclamation as State President at the 1910 State Convention held in Dayton, Ohio. He served until 1912.

At the AOH National Convention held in Chicago, Illinois on July 16, 1912, Barry was elected as a National Director of the Order. He served as National Director for one two-year term. At the National Convention held in Norfolk, Virginia on July 21, 1914 Barry was appointed one of five Hibernians to collect funds for the AOH Ohio 1913 Flood Relief Fund established by the Hibernians to assist victims of the 1913 flood.

Barry was known as a speaker on Irish politics. He was often invited to speak at banquets and other events held by various groups. He was also a leader and officer in other organizations of which he was a member, such as, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and the Franklin County Democratic Club.

Being a Democrat, he was involved in Columbus politics. He was elected to two terms on City Council (1913 and 1916). City Councilman Barry was responsible for the construction of the Fourth Street Viaduct (a bridge that extended Fourth Street over the railroad yards built in 1915). In 1916 Columbus Mayor George Karb appointed City Councilman Barry as the Safety Director for the City of Columbus. He served in that position until his untimely death in 1918.

Michael J. Barry died on August 4, 1918 at Mt. Carmel Hospital where he had been hospitalized for a stomach hemorrhage. He was 58 years old. Barry was survived by his wife, Anna L. (Early) Barry; two daughters, Frances A. Harvey and Julia M. Buechner; and two sons, John Barry and Richard J. Barry. At the time of Barry's death both sons were in the Army and were stationed at Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe.

His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Church in Columbus on Wednesday, August 7, 1918. Pallbearers were four Columbus police officers and four Columbus firefighters. Honorary pallbearers included many elected city officials, as well as, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief. Members of the police and fire departments also marched in the funeral procession. Michael J. Barry is buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Columbus.

Barry was described in a resolution issued by the City of Columbus as, "... a man who has been a loving husband, a good father, an active citizen and a conscientious official."

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, fcoolavin@aol.com

Mark Your Calendars

2021 State Convention (See Pages 13, 14 and 15)

June 25 - June 26

Double Tree Hilton

West Lake, OH

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

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AOH Ohio License Plate

Brothers All,

We have the possibility of having an AOH license plate in Ohio – IF enough licensed drivers show interest! As an added benefit, some of the license plate sales will go to the AOH, which we can use for our charitable work.

The way to show interest? Glad you asked. The attached form will allow you to do that. See form on **page 9** of this issue.

Division Presidents, please circulate this amongst your membership, and talk some of your guys into doing this.

Thanks to Director Lehn, Worthy National President O’Connell, and the Youngstown Brothers for leading the charge on this very cool project.

Slan,
Bob

Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs

1) Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Veterans: www.va.gov/coronavirus

Brothers – As of 3/23/2021, the VA in Ohio has delivered 74,760 initial doses of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to eligible veterans and 50,895 have completed their second dose. VA has also issued 1,526 one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Check with your local VA facility to see how they are administering their vaccine clinics. More details can be found at this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Cases detected in the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system in Ohio (as of 3/23/2021): <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>

VA-Tracked* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 10,042; 435 Deaths; *Active Cases: 115*

2) VA Co-Payments Deferrals Due to COVID-19:

In April 2020, the VA announced a national policy of deferring healthcare copayments until after the pandemic for those veterans who incur some cost for their care at a VA medical facility. This policy did not eliminate the charges, only deferred them until a later date. There is conflicting information on when those copayments may come due. Some news sources report the VA is going to begin issuing statements to veterans and go back to pre-pandemic billing policies, and others have indicated the new Presidential administration has directed the extension of the copayment deferral program. As of 3/23/2021, the VA's FAQ website regarding copays states "patient statements for medical care and pharmacy are on hold." That means the VA is not currently issuing statements of charges to veterans for costs incurred for healthcare services. That said, the website asks veterans to check in with their local VA facility to determine if they need to make any payments or what charges they may have outstanding. Veterans can also go to the federal payments website, www.pay.gov, to determine or pay any current balances. More information and frequently asked questions can be found here: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/copay-rates/>

3) Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)– Veteran & Military Benefits:

As we enter the warmer part of the year, it's a good time to remind you of some of the benefits available for state parks and fishing/hunting licenses for veteran and military families.

Camping & Lodging: ODNR offers free camping for Ohio residents who are former Prisoners of War (POWs) or are rated by VA as having a permanent and total disability as well as free fishing licenses. They still have to pay the \$6.50 reservation fee, but the campsite is free. Active military and veterans can get a 10% discount for camping, cabins, and lodge rooms at State Parks. More details here:

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/home>

Please visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at www.ohiovets.gov to learn more about veterans benefits at the federal, state, and local level in Ohio. Also, please visit the National AOH site at www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs for information about benefits and other services around the country.

Danny Eakins

Veterans Affairs Chair

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

PETITION TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSE PLATE

We the undersigned do intend to support the production of specialty license plates designated to the _____ by purchasing the _____

Specialty License Plates from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. We understand there will be an additional cost to the standard license plate fee and also understand a portion of the proceeds will go to the designated fund.

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.

5th Annual Charitable Beer Tour, Saturday, March 20, 2021 raised \$305 for Medina County Charities.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.



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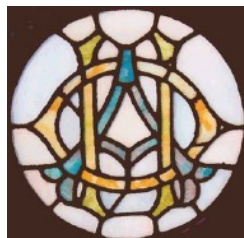
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Mahoning Co. Div. #6

Hibernians of Joseph Nalley Sr., Division 6, Youngstown, are selling front license plates featuring the AOH logo. See **page 7** for more information.

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Catholic Action

We begin the month of April with the culminating observances of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The Lenten liturgical color of violet gives way to white for Holy Thursday, red for Good Friday, and white for Easter and the Easter season. It is hoped that many Hibernians will be able to participate really, not just virtually, in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. The Sunday following Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, so designated by Pope Saint John Paul II, building upon the mystical experiences of the Polish contemplative nun, Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938).

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

Easter Sunday	April 4	Solemnity
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	April 11	Solemnity
Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	April 21	
George, Martyr	April 23	
Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor	April 29	Memorial
Pius V, Pope	April 30	Memorial

IRISH SAINTS OF APRIL

Tigernach, Bishop (d. 549) April 4

St. Tigernach (or Tierney) was baptized by St. Conleth of Kildare; St. Brigid may have been his godmother. One might say that St. Tigernach suffered the fate of St. Patrick in reverse: as a boy, he was kidnapped from Ireland by raiders from Britain. A British king gave him his freedom. After spending some time at the monastery of Rosnat in Scotland, he embarked upon a pilgrimage to Rome, returning thence to Ireland. He was consecrated bishop at Clogher and lived at his monastic foundation at Clones, County Monaghan. Tigernach became blind in his old age and spent his time in contemplative prayer.

Celsus, Archbishop of Armagh (1079-1129) April 7

Celsus (Ceallach mac Aedha) was a member of a family in which the see of Armagh had become hereditary. Like many of his predecessors, he was a layman when chosen to succeed to the archbishopric in 1105, at the age of 26. Upon consecration, he proved to be a model bishop, conducting visitations, conserving the temporalities of the see, and restoring discipline. He held a great synod at Rath Breasail, at which he sought to enforce liturgical reforms and a new organization of the diocese. Celsus met considerable resistance to these measures. He is said to have rebuilt the cathedral of Armagh. He suffered from depredations carried out by the O'Briens and the O'Rourkes and was called upon at times to mediate among warring chiefs. Celsus was supported by St. Malachy in his efforts. At his death, Celsus broke the tradition of hereditary succession by nominating Malachy to succeed him. He is buried at Lismore. Some calendars place his feast on April 1.

Paternus of Abdinghof (d.1058) April 10

St. Paternus was probably an Irishman, whose sojourning on the Continent brought him to Westphalia. There he entered the monastery of Abdinghof founded by St. Meinwerk. He adopted the life of a walled-up hermit. From his hermitage, he predicted the destruction of the city by fire unless the inhabitants repented. The fire came to pass; Paternus was among its victims. The Gregorian reformer St. Peter Damian was very impressed by St. Paternus.

Ruadan of Lothra, Abbot (d.c. 584) April 15

This saint was born in western Leinster. He was a disciple of St. Finian of Clonard. In Tipperary, he founded a monastery at Lothra and served as its abbot. Beyond these details, much of what comes down to us about him is considered unreliable.

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Maughold, Bishop of Man (d.c. 498)

April 27

Of Maughold, also known as Maccul, we know only what is found in some early lives of St. Patrick, who converted him from a life of crime and violence. To free him from association with his former companions, St. Patrick imposed exile from Ireland as a penance. He is said to have set off alone in a coracle without rudder or oars, finding his way to the Isle of Man. There, he was welcomed by two missionaries sent there by Patrick. From that time he led an austere and penitential life. He was chosen bishop over the Manx, possibly by acclamation, and succeeded in evangelizing many there.

Cronan of Roscrea, Abbot (d.c. 626)

April 28

Cronan came from what is now County Offaly. He first entered monastic life at Puayd. He practiced the unusual charity of building houses which he then vacated to provide a home for any anchorite who needed one. He is said to have built about fifty, taking nothing with him when he left. St. Cronan is probably the founder of monasteries in Offaly at Lusmag and Monahincha, near Roscrea. By the bog of Monela, near Senross, he built himself a cell, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Forannan, Abbot (d.c. 982)

April 30

Forannan is said to have occupied an Irish bishopric at Domhnach-Mor, which cannot be identified. He is reported to have embarked for the Continent with twelve companions on the basis of a dream, in which an angel showed him a beautiful valley to which he was supposed to travel. Forannan concluded that the abbey of Waulsort on the Meuse was the place pointed out to him. He was apparently appointed abbot in 962. Forannan spent some time later at the abbey of Gorze in Lorraine on a trip back from Rome. There, he was seeking instruction in the Rule of St. Benedict, which Waulsort had either abandoned or never embraced. He succeeded in reforming the relaxed practices that had developed at Waulsort, and also persuaded the local nobles to observe the Truce of God in regard to all pilgrims visiting the abbey.

STATE NEWS AND ISSUES

February 26: There has been a disturbing number of incidents of vandalism and desecration at Catholic churches and shrines over the past year, and The Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Youngstown was the site of one such attack in late February. Due to security cam footage and alert work by Youngstown PD officers who patrol the neighborhood, the lone perpetrator was quickly apprehended. About \$20,000 in damages were done to 16 exterior statues, decapitated and/or overturned.

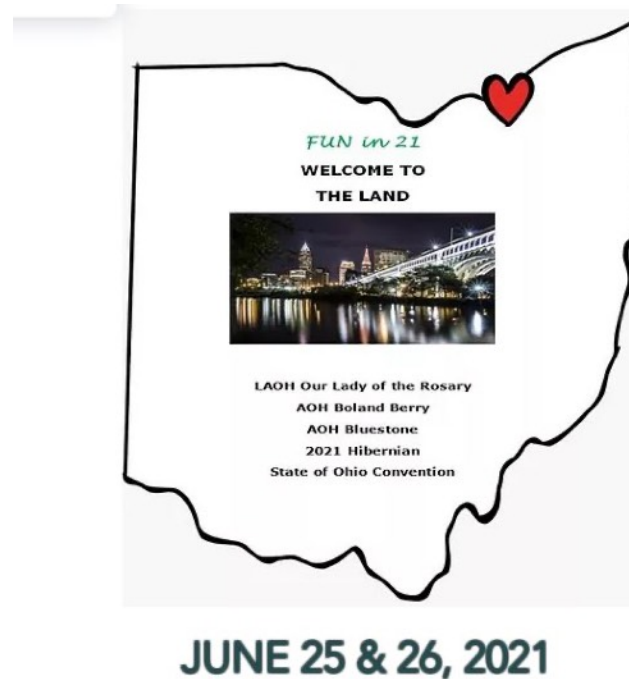
March 10: Several pro-abortion protestors who disrupted the January Mass for Life at the Catholic cathedral in Columbus have been charged with misdemeanor offenses in connection with the incident. The disrupters chanted slogans saying the Church teaches hate and urging funding for abortion, not police.

The U.S. Catholic bishops have been sounding the alarm about the threats to religious liberty and free speech, among other things, which the Equality Act represents. The measure has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives. If you would like to send a message to our Senators regarding it, check the bishops' website: www.usccb.org, click on "Issues and Actions," then "Contact Public Officials."

Do you have local news? Please submit it for inclusion in this report. Happy Easter to all.

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The 2021 Convention will be hosted by the Cleveland AOH Boland Berry and Bluestone Divisions and the LAOH, Our Lady of the Rosary Division. The DoubleTree by Hilton, Cleveland – Westlake Hotel has been booked from Thursday, June 24th for those who would like to arrive early through Saturday June 26th, 2021.

A block of 10 rooms for Thursday and 70 rooms for Friday and Saturday will be held until May 28, 2021; reservations after this date will be subject to availability. Breakfast for two will be included in the \$109.00 per night rate (plus applicable local taxes and fees).

Added incentive for choosing this hotel and location; the Parking is Free.

The Convention will include Hospitality Night in the hotel Atrium with Local Entertainment. Our Group is permitted to bring our own food and beverage with no additional licensing required. The atrium area of the hotel will also be the location for the Cleveland Hospitality Suite.

As requested by Bob and Theresa additional Hospitality Rooms have been booked at \$100.00 per night.

Our current plans also include a dinner dance, again with Local Entertainment for the banquet on Saturday evening.

We are also looking at the possibility of a golf outing or ballgame at the nearby Crushers Stadium depending on the Team's schedule for Thursday, the 24th of June.

Hotel Information: The DoubleTree by Hilton, 1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&cityhocr=CLECRDT&groupCode=CDTAOH&arrival=20210624&departure=20210627&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,en,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Website for photos of the hotel and amenities: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/clecrdt-doubletree-cleveland-westlake>.

Please feel free to contact Ray McGann at R4A1Y2@aol.com or Pat Lavelle at plave31228@gmail.com if you have immediate questions or concerns.



*Ancient Order of Hibernians
Boland Berry Division
Bluestone Division*



*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Our Lady of the Rosary Division*

February 10, 2021

Brother and Sister Hibernians,

Our Hibernian State of Ohio FUN in 2021 Convention is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you and having a very successful event.

The 2021 Convention hosted by the Cleveland Boland Berry, Bluestone, and Our Lady of the Rosary Divisions will convene at The Double Tree Hilton Westlake, a Western Suburb of Cleveland. The hotel has been booked from Thursday, June 24th for those who would like to plan an extra day in our City through Saturday, June 26th 2021.

Rooms may be booked at the following link with a cost of \$109.00 a night with breakfast included plus applicable taxes. Our block of rooms will be held until May 28th, 2021; reservations after this date will be subject to availability.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&cryhocn=CLECRDT&groupCode=CDYTAOH&arrival=20210624&departure=20210627&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.en.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

We hope you will join us for our "Sock Hop" Icebreaker on Friday evening. Ladies, time to pull out those poodle skirts, bobby socks, and saddle shoes, or peddle pushers. Guys, we look forward to seeing your hair slicked back in your bowling shirt or white t-shirt and leather jacket. The fantastic duo of Kennedy and Riley will be our entertainment for the evening.

The convention will conclude with a Dinner Dance on Saturday evening after Mass with the theme "Rock N Roll Hall of Fame" and music provided by one of our favorite local bands, the Portersharks.

Please complete and return the attached Registration with your attendance and preferences.

We also invite you to participate in our "365" FUNdraiser! You pick any date from January 1st to December 31st for the low cost of \$5.00 an entry; first come first serve but no duplicates permitted. During the Banquet, three entries will be pulled with the first awarded \$500.00, second \$225.00 and the third \$100.00. Checks should be payable to WAYS AND MEANS and mailed to: 26559 Chapel Hill Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.

Please feel free to contact Chair Persons Ray McGann at R4A1Y2@aol.com or Patty Lavelle at plave31228@gmail.com should you have any questions regarding the Convention.

See you in June,

Ray McGann
Convention Co-Chair

Patty Lavelle
Convention Co-Chair



2021 Hibernian Ohio State Convention

June 25-26, 2021

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Sponsored by:

AOH Boland Berry Division
AOH Bluestone Division
LAOH Our Lady of the Rosary Divisions

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ E-Mail: _____

AOH LAOH Guest

Current Office: _____

Division: _____ County: _____

Registration and Voting Only: \$25.00

Social Events:

Ice Breaker—Friday, June 25: \$70.00

Open bar, appetizers, and entertainment by Kennedy & Riley

Dinner Dance—Saturday, June 26: \$75.00

Dinner and Dancing with the Portersharks

Choice of Entrée: Braised Short Rib

Chicken Milanese

Vegetarian Strudel

Each Dinner Entrée Includes: Salad, Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable and Dessert

Full Package (includes registration and all events):

Member: \$170.00

Guest: \$145.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2021

Please make checks payable to **Ways and Means**.

Completed registration forms and payment can be mailed to:

Ways and Means, 26559 Chapel Hill Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

Ohio AOH President Visits Tara Hall in Columbus



On February 27th, State President Bob Harper joined his fellow Hibernian brothers at Tara Hall for the **2021 Catholic Men's Conference** watch party. Immediately after, he also viewed the **Project St Patrick Easter Appeal** Zoom broadcast, featuring Irish Bishop Alphonsus "Phonsie" Cullinan of Waterford and Linsmore.

Pictured: Division FFAI Chair Mike Cosgrove, Division President Ken Stebleton, State President Bob Harper and Division Financial Secretary Bruce McPherson.

2021 Catholic Men's Conference:

[24th Annual Catholic Men's Conference - Called to be Saints - YouTube](#)

Project St Patrick Easter Appeal:

[Project St Patrick Easter Appeal - YouTube](#)

Project St Patrick

All divisions need to establish a Project St Patrick representative and have division information filed with your diocese. This allows for the Bishop's Office to see firsthand how committed the AOH is in supporting local seminarians and those pursuing vocations. Please update your forms. Name recognition scholarships can be made to honor clergy, fellow Hibernians or someone who has passed. PSP forms are posted online at: <https://aoh.com/project-st-patrick>

Dead Theologians Society

Hello, my name is Philippe. I am from Gabon, Africa and am currently a student at the University of Arizona. I'm very grateful to be a member of the Dead Theologians Society.

DTS is truly an amazing program which helps students to love and follow Jesus Christ. It inspires us to follow the Lord like the saints did.

At Confirmation, I chose the name Patrick, after St. Patrick of Ireland. He had both great love and great courage, and I actually hope that I can be like him and bring people to the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this wonderful program.

God bless!"

www.deadtheologianssociety.com

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State FFAI Report

JOHNSON PR STUNT PROVOKES NATIONALISTS

Boris Johnson's mid-March trip to Northern Ireland is being criticized as a publicity stunt and a "day out for unionism." The visit aimed to soothe unionist tensions over new trading arrangements established by the Brexit Withdrawal Deal which many see as a betrayal to the North. Johnson rubbed elbows with occupying British soldiers while commending the UK's response to COVID alongside DUP leader, Arlene Foster. Foster

reportedly urged the PM to scrap the Northern Ireland Protocol altogether. Meanwhile, Sinn Fein was all but snubbed by Johnson, invited to photo ops but denied a long-standing request by Michelle O'Neil for a proper meeting to discuss the Irish Protocol.

The trip came amid talks of Tory overreach, including temporarily moving the Westminster parliament to Belfast and physically connecting Northern Ireland to Britain via a bridge or tunnel--dubbed a "unionist umbilical cord" by critics. Further infuriating nationalists was an announcement that the British government had plans to open a Direct Rule office in an undisclosed location in Belfast. Sinn Féin's Chris Hazzard warned of a "power grab" and a further effort to "undermine the Good Friday Agreement and its institutions".

"The British Tory party has no mandate in Ireland," he said. "This latest action is yet another example of the contempt this Tory government has for our peace agreement in Ireland and for the people who elected administrations in the north, in Scotland and in Wales."

SINN FEIN UNDER SEIGE

Just days after former Sinn Fein Junior Minister Gerry Kelly's Antrim Road constituency office was threatened by a bomb alert, Kelly was the target of yet another attack. Kelly said a car was seen slowing down outside his home when "two devices were thrown out of the back passenger seat just before a loud explosion". The devices were later found to be fireworks. Kelly called the incident "the latest in a sinister pattern of attacks and threats against public representatives." The recently opened Antrim Road office has been the target of vandalism as well, the building sullied with fresh graffiti. Other constituency offices have been targeted with warnings and threats to which Kelly asserts, "I and other Sinn Féin representatives will not be deterred by incidents like these."

Post-Brexit port checks now don intimidating posters, many of which depict a masked man holding a gun reading: "Our forefathers fought for our freedom and rights. No border in the sea or we continue the fight." Many are demanding the posters be removed by authorities as their intent is to provoke an already deeply divided public.

LOYALIST GUN LINKED TO 12 NATIONALIST MURDERS

Newly published reports by the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) have uncovered the blood-soaked journey of a Troubles-era rifle, a Czech-made VZ58. The weapon with serial number R18837 was first linked to 1994 murder of 76-year-old Tyrone pensioner Roseanne Mallon, its final victim. Smuggled into the north by loyalists, the weapon is believed to be used by the Ulster Defense Regiment (UDR) in a sustained terrorism campaign across east Tyrone and south Derry. The British Army-recruited UDR carried out 12 brutal slayings and several more attempted murders between 1988 and 1994 with the weapon. After the weapon was discovered during the search of a derelict house, the Weapons and Explosives Research Centre, notoriously run by the murderous RUC police Special Branch claimed the gun had no known history—a deceptive claim that leaves little doubt of collusion. Subsequent investigations, although incomplete and lacking, further demonstrated a state policy targeting republicans and nationalists.

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U.S. CALLS FOR A FREE AND UNITED IRELAND

A Sinn Féin-sponsored U.S. ad campaign is voicing its support for a united Ireland amid Brexit turmoil. The open letter, which ran in several prominent newspapers including the Washington Post and New York Times, was supported by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the Brehon Law Societies, the Irish American Unity Conference, the James Connolly Irish American Labor Coalition, and was paid for by Friends of Sinn Féin. President Biden and the new administration has been in clear opposition to a hard border through Ireland and has publicly criticized Britain for not upholding its commitments under the Irish Protocol. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said that President Biden is “unequivocal” in his support for the Good Friday Agreement. In a further act of solidarity, a resolution was introduced to the U.S. Senate the day before St. Patrick’s Day reiterating America’s continued support for the Good Friday Agreement.

FULL TEXT:

“On St. Patrick’s Day, our eyes turn to Ireland and the celebration of all things Irish. The ties of family and friendship between the USA and Ireland have endured for centuries.

“Ireland has given much to the USA. We have given much to Ireland. A generation in Ireland has grown up in the peace made possible by the support of successive American administrations and the efforts of Irish America.

“The 1998 Good Friday Agreement replaced conflict and violence with a peaceful and democratic pathway to a United Ireland.

“The Good Friday Agreement has changed Ireland for the better. Challenges remain but twenty-three years on, Ireland continues to seek the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. The Unionist (Pro- Union with Britain) electoral majority in the North is gone. Their rights, and the rights of all, are guaranteed in a United Ireland. It will be a welcoming home for all.

“A new Ireland is emerging, and more and more people are looking beyond the divisions of the past. A new Ireland that is seeking to undo the damage of the undemocratic partition of Ireland 100 years ago and the recent British government imposed Brexit.

“The Good Friday Agreement provides a referendum on Irish Unity. It is for the people to determine their future. The choice is clear. A United Ireland and membership in the European Union. Or a divided island at the mercy of the British Government.

“It is now time to have an inclusive, informed and respectful discussion. “We appeal to the Irish Government to promote and plan for Unity.

“As Americans, we call upon our government and public representatives to urge the British Government to set the date for the Unity Referendum.

“This is the time for the people of Ireland to have their say.

“With your support, we can be the first generation of Americans to visit a free and United Ireland.”

Patrick Williams, State Director
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Freedom For All Ireland State Chairman

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