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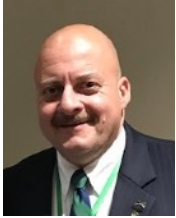
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## President's Message



Brothers All,

Happy April, Brothers – amongst other things, it's also a time to take a deep breath and move forward from the whirlwind of March activities and festivities. I hope you all had a great March; I know I did.

**Recruiting and Retention:** Remember our base 5% net growth expectation of all Divisions (with a 10% stretch goal!). What have you done lately to help your Division reach that goal? Just because we've passed Irish-American Heritage Month and all its events and festivities, doesn't mean that countless opportunities for engagement and recruiting don't exist.

It still being late in the Lenten Season, and as we focus on our faith, it's important to remember the **AOH Easter Appeal**, where we work to support seminarians, especially in monetary fashion. I urge you and your Divisions to prayerfully consider a generous contribution.

Our **Spring State Board Meeting** is just around the corner, on Saturday April in 29<sup>th</sup> in Cincinnati, at the Holiday Inn Eastgate. We'll start at noon with a facility walkthrough, then go right into meetings. Agenda and details to follow!

Brothers, where and when you deem appropriate, **I'll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events.** 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

## Chaplain's Comments



'What is truth?' This question, asked by Pontius Pilate of Jesus in his interrogation of him before sentencing him to death, is important question for our reflection as we prepare to celebrate the mysteries of the life, the death and the resurrection of the Lord. It reveals to us that Pilate does not recognize the truth because he does not really hear the voice of Jesus. He hears words. But he doesn't understand their meaning. He is so intent on protecting his own interests that he cannot see the truth staring him in the face in the person of Jesus. He is so intent on self-preservation that he totally misses the point of what it means for Jesus to be the Son of God. He has closed his mind to the reality of who Jesus is. And so when Jesus tells him that he has come into the world to testify to the truth, his only response is that rhetorical question: "What is truth?"

"What is truth?" In a world which denies the existence of objective truth and seems to view reality as if it were a talk show or exit poll, how can we know the truth for what it is, rather than for just what we want it to be? The answer, I believe is found in the words of Jesus, who says, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

If we listen to the voice of Jesus, then we must recognize the truth that God is not always found in miracles and extraordinary events, but in the ordinary, every day moments of our lives. If we listen to the voice of Jesus, then we must recognize that Christ walks among us not in the regal robes of the powerful, but in the poor we pass on the street, the neighbor who struggles with cancer, the cousin who struggles with addiction, the coworker or family member who drives us crazy. Christ is always present to us. Only, like Pilate, we so often close our hearts to the truth that we fail to recognize him, even when he is looking us in the face.

Christ is at work not only in those major events of our world, when there are apparent victories of good over evil, but in the every day struggles we all encounter—in

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## Project St. Patrick



The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Project St Patrick Easter Appeal kicked off Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023. The Project St Patrick Easter Appeal is designed to assist US Diocesan Seminarians nationwide. This year we are also reaching across the ocean to 23 Seminarians in St Patrick's Pontifical University in Maynooth, Ireland, the only remaining Seminary for Irelands Seminarians.

We are asking each State Board, County Board and Division nationwide to commit to providing assistance to this cause. Small Divisions are asked to raise one \$500 grant with the goal of raising two. Large Divisions are asked to raise two \$500 grants with the goal of four. The money raised will go directly to US Seminarians to assist with everyday expenses while the money raised for Ireland will assist with the pilgrimage for 23 Seminarians to the Holy land."

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## Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

the example parents set for their children—in the efforts of husbands and wives to treat one another with dignity and respect even when they feel like giving up on their relationship—in the little victories we all know when in the midst of our struggles we choose right over wrong, when we choose self-giving over self-serving, when we choose to be people of hope rather than to give in to despair.

All around us, in every part of the world, Christ reveals the truth of his kingdom in our midst, doing so in ways that are so common and ordinary that we do not easily recognize them. As disciples of Jesus, we must be willing to open our minds and hearts, that we may hear the voice of Jesus speaking to us the truth of his life, the truth of his kingdom, the truth of his love. We must be willing to learn from that truth and live it in our own lives, so that we can recognize Christ when he comes to us in the poor and the hungry, so that we can recognize Christ's power in the weak and the helpless, so that we can recognize the saving power of his Cross in our own struggles, in our own suffering.

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of our salvation on Holy Thursday, in the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on Good Friday, on Holy Saturday as we initiate new members of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and in which the resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed in the beautiful and joyful Easter Exultet, and finally in the joy of Easter Sunday, let us remember that through our own baptism, we share in the Cross of Jesus. Through our own

baptism, we carry the truth of his Cross in our own bodies, something of which we are reminded every time we make the sign of the cross, every time we are blessed with Holy Water. As we renew our baptismal vows at the Masses of Easter, let us seek to renew our hearts, that we might embrace the truth of Jesus is and the truth of the person to which he has called each every one of us to be. And let us do our part to share in the Gospel message first proclaimed to us, that we might truly become people of the truth—people who recognize the power of God's love alive and active in our world, making a difference in our lives and moving us, in turn, to make a difference in the lives of those around us, of those who do not yet recognize Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, of those who have not yet opened their hearts and minds to the possibility of God's love, poured out for them in the person of his only begotten son, who lived a life not of power and riches but of weakness and poverty, so that in our weakness, in our poverty, indeed, in our own crosses, we might recognize the truth of God's love and God's power working in our lives.

Fr. John Keehner—National and Ohio State Chaplain



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**Newsletter News**

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as an attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at [jjcasey973@gmail.com](mailto:jjcasey973@gmail.com)

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



The state of Ohio Hibernian convention is right around the corner, June 23 to 24 and we've been working hard to make this convention a very successful and fun event....The Place to Be in '23!!!

The 2023 convention is being hosted by the Cincinnati St. Patrick's Division #1 and the State of Ohio LAOH. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Eastgate. (4501 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245). Please see the accompanying hotel information to reserve your room online or by calling Holiday Inn.

**Registration is now open and we encourage you to sign up as soon a possible.**

**Friday night "ice breaker"** will have a Polynesian theme. Bring out your luau shirts and hula skirts for a fun evening.

**Saturday night** will have Mass at 4:30 and dinner at 6pm.

Please see the registration form for details. All information is located at [ohioaoh.com/state-convention](http://ohioaoh.com/state-convention).

For registration questions contact: Bob Eveleigh at [eveleighbob@aol.com](mailto:eveleighbob@aol.com)

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June 23-24th, 2023  
 Holiday Inn -- Eastgate  
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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<b>REGISTRATION AND VOTING:</b>		<b>ALL AOH/LAOH MEMBERS MUST SELECT, UNLESS SIGNING UP FOR FULL PACKAGE</b>	\$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SOCIAL EVENTS:</b>			
<b>ICE BREAKER -- FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd</b>		<b>Includes 2 Drink Tickets</b>	<b>\$70.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Cheese & Fruit Platter, Petite Beef Wellingtons, Vegetable Pot Stickers, Sweet Thai Chicken Meatballs, Veggie Platter Shrimp Cocktail Shooters, Caprese Salad Skewers			
<b>SATURDAY DINNER -- JUNE 24th</b>		<b>Includes 2 Drink Tickets</b>	<b>\$110.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment to be announced at a later date			
Choice of Entrée:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Roast Beef	Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Herb Chicken Breast	Oven Roasted Redskins Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots & Broccoli	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Restriction (please advise)		
All Entrees include House Salad w/ Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette, Cheesecake w/ Berry Sauce or Chocolate Cake			
<b>FULL PACKAGE (INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND ALL EVENTS):</b>		<b>MEMBER:</b>	<b>\$200.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>GUEST:</b>	<b>\$175.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE -- JUNE 16th, 2023**

Please make checks payable to : 2023 Ohio AOH/LAOH Convention

Completed Registration Forms & Payments can be sent to:

Bob Eveleigh, 600 Dottie Court, Cincinnati, OH 45215

## 2023 OHIO AOH/LAOH STATE CONVENTION ROOM INFORMATION



Online reservations may be made at [ohioaoh.com/state-convention](https://ohioaoh.com/state-convention)

Rooms may also be reserved by calling 513-752-4400 or 1-800-HOLIDAY and referencing block code HIB.

Rooms are subject to availability and must be reserved by June 1, 2023, or they will be released.

Rooms may be reserved for 6/22, 6/23, & 6/24 for the group rate.

\$130 a night – 1 King Bed Standard or 1 King Bed w/ Sofa Bed or 2 Double Bed

\$155 a night – 1 King Bed Suite w/ Sofa Bed

\$190 a night – 1 King 2 Bedroom Suite w/ Sofa Bed

\$210 a night – 1 King 2 Bedroom Large Suite

(plus applicable taxes, all rooms include breakfast)



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**2023 Convention Program Book Request**

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### State Organizer's Report

I hope everyone enjoyed their festivities over St. Patrick's Day. I noticed on Facebook there were many events leading up to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Did you take advantage of the comradery to talk about the Hibernians?

A funny story.....I was sitting at the bar in a pub (no surprise there!) on parade day in Akron and struck up a conversation with a couple of gentlemen next to me. One asked what was going on today to bring out such a crowd and I told them about the parade. I asked where they were from and they said "Hubbard". I mentioned a Hibernian friend I had there and he ended up knowing him. I then mentioned the AOH and he was interested to know more, so we exchanged cards and I sent him an application and information to our websites. He is now planning on joining the Trumbull County division. It just shows that you need to be proud of your membership and open to talking about it.

Green Season is over and now we will look forward to the different Irish festivals that will start happening in a couple months. If you're hosting festivals, be sure to have a table with plenty of brochures and, of course your banner. Also, make sure you have someone manning the table at all times. If you are attending Irish festivals, be sure to wear your Hibernian shirts or jackets to show your pride.

I hope to see a lot of you at our State Board meeting later this month at the hotel where our convention will take place in June. It should be a good meeting.

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer

### Mark Your Calendars

#### State Board Meeting

April 29

Noon

Holiday Inn Eastgate

4501 Eastgate Blvd.

Cincinnati OH 45245

#### 2023 State Convention

June 23 - 24

Cincinnati OH

#### 2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL



## Catholic Action

In April we pass from Lent into the Easter season. The Lenten liturgical color of violet gives way to red for Palm Sunday, white for Holy Thursday, red for Good Friday, and white for Easter and the Easter season. We should make every effort to attend the beautiful liturgies of the Triduum, Holy Thursday through 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

Palm Sunday	April 2	
Easter Sunday	April 9	Solemnity
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	April 16	Solemnity
Anselm, Bishop and Doctor	April 21	
Mark, Evangelist	April 25	Feast
Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor	April 29	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 abbacy of Armagh (1105), at the age of 26. Shortly thereafter, he was consecrated its bishop. He proved to be a model bishop, conducting visitations, conserving the temporalities of the see, and restoring discipline. Celsus was instrumental in bringing the reform movement sweeping the continent of Europe to Ireland. He held a great synod at Rath Breasail (1111), at which he sought to enforce these reforms. One of the problems of the Irish church was its organization around the power of the abbots rather than the bishops, a situation leading to the frequent neglect of the spiritual life of the people at large. Celsus replaced the old monastic organization with a diocesan one under the bishops. There was considerable resistance to many reform measures. Celsus is also said to have rebuilt the cathedral of Armagh. The church at this time suffered from depredations carried out by the O'Briens and the O'Rourkes, and Celsus was called upon at times to mediate among warring chiefs. In his efforts, Celsus was supported by St. Malachy. 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.

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**Catholic Action, cont.****STATE NEWS AND ISSUES****Laserian, Abbot and Bishop of Leighlin (d.639)**

April 18

Also known as Laisren or Molaisse, the early life of this saint is poorly documented. He may have spent several years at Iona, and then went to Rome, where he was ordained by Pope Gregory the Great. Later, he appears at Leighlin, in a monastery run by its founder, St. Goban. At a local synod held at White Fields, St. Laserian was notable as a defender of the Roman usages for Easter, as opposed to the Celtic usages still prevalent in Ireland. The synod could not reach agreement, and Laserian was sent to Rome with a deputation to seek the Pope's assistance in settling the matter. There, Pope Honorius consecrated him bishop and named him legate for Ireland. Upon his return to Ireland, the saint seems to have settled the Easter controversy, at least in southern Ireland. Upon the resignation of St. Goban, Laserian assumed the abbacy at Leighlin, an office which he held until his death.

**Malrubius, Abbot (d. 722)**

April 21

Also known as Maelrubha, this saint became a monk at St. Comgall's monastery at Bangor, County Down. At the age of 29, he went to Scotland, likely spending some time at Iona before going to the mainland. He established a church and monastery at Applecross in Ross, which served as his base of operations for the remainder of his life. He preached to the Picts, extending his reach to the Isle of Skye. The coast of Scotland between Applecross and Loch Broom contains a number of places named after him, and at least twenty-one churches in Scotland bear his name. An island in Loch Maree contains a spring dedicated to him which till recent times was sought for its healing properties, especially for insanity. The saint ruled as abbot at Applecross for 51 years, dying at the age of 80. Some accounts say he was martyred by Vikings.

**Ibar, Bishop of Beggery (5th century)**

April 23

Few reliable details are known of this man. He was likely a disciple of St. Patrick. He ran a famous monastic school on the island of Beggery (Beg-Eire) and is reputed to have lived to a great age.

**Asicus, Bishop of Elphin (d.c. 470)**

April 27

Also known as Tassach, this saint was a disciple of St. Patrick, a monk, and probably the first bishop of Elphin. He was said to have been a skilled brass worker or coppersmith, and also a married man. He resigned his see--accounts vary as to the reason--and retired to solitude on the island of Rathlin O'Birne in Donegal Bay for seven years. His monks eventually tracked him down. They tried to bring him back to his see, but he died on the way.

--From a letter to "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ," from The Catholic Conference of Ohio (our bishops):

In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children.

--I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our state convention in June.

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

Faternally,

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## Veterans Affairs Report

### **1) Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Veterans:** [www.va.gov/coronavirus](http://www.va.gov/coronavirus)

As of 3/19/2023: **VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 33,458; 1,003 Deaths; Active Cases: 143**

### **2) AARP Tax Preparation Assistance for Military/Veteran Community**

AARP is making its special tax preparation aide service available to the military and veteran community. The volunteer-run program helps file state and federal tax returns. Trained Tax-Aide volunteers are IRS-certified each year to ensure they understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Tax-Aide is free and available either virtually or in-person (by appointment only) to all veterans, servicemembers, and their families regardless of age or whether they are AARP members. More information on this service and how to sign up is here: <https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/>

### **3) VA PACT Act Fraud Prevention**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has noted an uptick in fraud attempts by companies that try to contact veterans and purport to offer assistance in making a PACT Act claim only to defraud the veteran and their family from their earned benefits. VA has received multiple reports of unaccredited law firms or companies targeting Veterans to offer their services to file claims for presumptive conditions. Unaccredited law firms and companies are reaching out to help for a fee as high as 40% of the Veteran's retroactive payment and 40% of the Veteran's first year of entitlement payments. The VA offers these tips to avoid PACT Act fraud:

- Apply directly to VA. You may submit your application securely online via [VA.GOV](http://VA.GOV) or in person at any regional office. You may file your claim directly with VA, and VA will help you gather the necessary evidence to support it. There are no costs or hidden fees to apply. If you need help filing a claim, there are accredited representatives to assist you for free; **DO NOT PAY FOR THOSE SERVICES!!**
- Be cautious of aggressive law firms or companies. Firms may use frequent communications (phone, text, and media messages) to establish a sense of urgency.
- Be cautious of for-profit companies that use VA's name. They may alter their name to create a false association with VA and establish legitimacy.
- Review all legally binding documents thoroughly. Never sign a blank form someone else will fill out later or give them full discretion to act on your behalf.
- Be wary of media advertisements regarding legal representation for presumptive VA claims.
- If a company or individual is projecting misinformation or has questionable business practices regarding VA entitlements, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at and the Better Business Bureau or contact the VA Office of Inspector General Hotline: [www.va.gov/oig/hotline](http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline)

National VA Committee meetings are typically held online every third Tuesday of the month at 7pm ET. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Also, be sure to visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at [www.ohiovets.gov](http://www.ohiovets.gov) to learn more about veterans benefits as well as the National AOH site at [www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs](http://www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs) for information about services around the country.

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## State Historian's Report

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



The Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd operated refuges for girls and for fallen but penitent women. The Sisters were brought to Columbus from Cincinnati in 1865 by Father Edward Fitzgerald, pastor of St. Patrick Church, out of concern for the women who followed civil war soldiers to Camp Chase (a Union prison camp in Columbus).

On April 22, 1886, four Sisters of the Good Shepherd established a convent at West Broad and Sandusky Sts. (the present Rt. 315) in Franklinton on the west side of Columbus. They were led by Mother Gertrude Malloy (1810-1896). The convent and property was formerly the private home of Lucas Sullivant, the founder of Franklinton.

The convent served girls who were in danger because of small crimes or lack of family support. They were usually taught sewing and embroidery along with their elementary education, enabling them to support themselves upon leaving the convent. By 1893 five thousand women and girls had been helped at the Good Shepherd Convent. New buildings were added to the convent site as the number of women and girls being trained increased. Sometime during the late 1870's a small chapel was added to the convent (the cornerstone was laid July 7, 1876).

As the convent grew, a new and much larger chapel was built and it was dedicated on December 10, 1907 by Columbus Bishop James J. Hartley. The *Catholic Columbian* (newspaper of the Diocese of Columbus) described the chapel as follows:

*"The design is cruciform, measuring one hundred and ninety-six feet from the front entrance to the end of the west transept and the same from end to end transversely.*

*The new chapel is a splendid expression of structural devotion to the Most High. The building is of Romanesque style, symmetrical and substantial. The interior is very spacious and ornate. While the mural decorations are simple and chaste, they are exquisite in detail, and the general effect striking and imposing. All in all the chapel of the convent, of the Good Shepherd is one of the most beautiful Catholic edifices in the State Of Ohio, a creation of which the diocese of Columbus may well feel proud.*

*The walls of the chapel are pierced by thirty stained glass windows all of uniform design as to shape, artistically colored and all contributed by generous friends of the Convent of the Good Shepherd."*

In its description of the stained glass windows, the *Catholic Columbian* listed each of the 30+ windows, as well as, the donors. It noted that the window of **St. Patrick** was donated by **Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians** (Division No. 2 was founded in 1881).

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A photo has been located of the chapel (shown above); however, this is a photo of the original 1876 chapel. Research continues in order to locate a photo of either the interior or exterior of the 1907 chapel.

The Broad Street convent existed until 1964, when the Sisters of the Good Shepherd were forced to relocate to 2440 Dawnlight Avenue in Columbus due to the construction of the Spring-Sandusky Freeway (now Rt. 315). There they continued their work as the Rosemont Center.

On January 18, 1965 the Good Shepherd Convent and Chapel in Franklinton were demolished. It is unknown at this time if any of the windows were saved or relocated to the new chapel at the Dawnlight Avenue property.

The Sisters withdrew from the diocese in 2001, and although it is no longer a Catholic institution, the Sister's work with troubled youth continues at Rosemont Center.

### Hibernian Stained Glass Window and Gifts Project

Beginning in the mid 1800s the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** and **Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians** began the practice of donating stained glass windows to Catholic churches in the United States, Canada and Ireland. This practice continued into the mid-1900s.

In addition to windows, Hibernians also donated other gifts, such as, baptismal fonts, altars, chalices and even confessionals. This was not an unusual practice as many Catholic Societies also donated windows and gifts in the name of their organizations.

Since 2000 the Ancient Order of Hibernians has been on a nationwide search to locate and identify donated stained glass windows and gifts. Beginning with a list of approximately 10 known windows, the current list has expanded to include **346** windows. Many windows remain unfound nationwide while others have been lost due to fires and church demolitions.

### Hibernian Window Statistical Review

Updated: March 6, 2023

Locating this new window in Columbus the total count of Hibernian Windows found to date is **346**. Of these **338** have been found in the United States; **5** have been found in Canada; and **3** have been found in Ireland. Hibernian windows have been found in **35** states and **2** foreign countries.

The total number of windows located in Ohio increases to **31**. Ohio ranks fourth in the number of windows found to date (**31**). First is Massachusetts with **59** windows; second is Pennsylvania with **42** windows; and third is New York with **41** windows.

New windows are still being located. It has been estimated that there may have been as many as 500 Hibernian windows donated nationwide.

If you would like a copy of the complete list of Hibernian windows and gifts that have been located to date, please contact *J. Michael Finn, Ohio State Historian* at [fcoolavin@aol.com](mailto:fcoolavin@aol.com)

### Ohio AOH license plate

Brothers, I am working on a project to possibility have an AOH license plate in Ohio but to do that I need to get 100 licensed drivers to sign the attached petition to be considered. By signing the petition does not commit you to get the plate but hopefully if it is successful, you would get the plate.

What we are asking is that each of you to get 7 people to sign the petition and if possible, scan and email it to me.

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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.

\*\*\*Please do not sign this petition unless it is your present intention to purchase this plate if and when it is issued.\*\*\*

**PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (Duplicate this form as necessary)**  
(PRINT or TYPE)

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

### Division News

#### Patrick Pearse Div. #1, Franklin Co.

Brothers, it's April and it's time for some Irish Road Bowling. Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. on the Deer Creek State Park Beach Road. A good time and a good cause. All proceeds to Freedom for All Ireland.

We unfortunately have a bit of a conflict with the State Board meeting in Cincinnati, so our Worthy President Mr. Harper and others won't be able to join us. But those of you not heading to Cincinnati, we'd like to see you on the beach road with your AOH team. Sponsorships are available. Contact Mike Cosgrove at [pearseffai@gmail.com](mailto:pearseffai@gmail.com)



Patrick Pearse Division #1 President Bruce McPherson read a poem and shared information about the AOH with the Brian Muha Foundation / Run the Race students during their St. Patrick's Day Party. The Foundation was this year's Proclamation Day Charity designee receiving \$500 from the Division's Missions and Charities Fund.

#### Joseph T. Nalley Sr. Div. #6, Mahoning Co.

The AOH and LAOH of division 6 of Youngstown, Ohio took part in the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Mahoning Valley St. Patrick's day parade. The MV parade started out with a comment made on-air by WKBN radio broadcast by Peter Gabriel in 1979, and so it began. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is proud to represent Youngstown Ohio.



**Division News, cont.**

**Irish Brigade Div. #1, Medina Co.**

Irish Brigade Division marched with the Mark Heffernan and St. Brendan Divisions in the Akron St. Patrick's Parade on March 11th. Mike McKenzie of the Mark Heffernan Division was the Grand Marshal.



The Irish Brigade Division will have their Annual Charitable Beer Tour at 9:00 am on April 22, 2023. We will meet at Hinckley Township Hall, 1410 Ridge Rd, Hinckley, OH, corner of 303 & 3. We will tour Medina Breweries and will return to Township Hall around 5:00 pm. Food, Fun and Games for only \$80.00 per person. Contact Pete Chrystal 440-725-8053 or at [pvchrystal59@gmail.com](mailto:pvchrystal59@gmail.com)

