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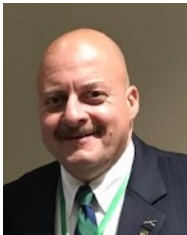
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## President's Message



Brothers All,

Annnd just like that, 2019 is almost a wrap...already! As I write this note, we're already at that most joyous and festive time of year, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. We had a very good November, with a crisp, informative State Board meeting paired with Tara Hall's Celtic New Year Celebration on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by an incredibly passionate and informative evening with Relatives for Justice's CEO Mark Thompson on November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you think that things are "OK" in the North, what with the Good Friday Agreement and the economy and whatnot – think again. There's still much to be done, and in the words of the late, great MP Bobby Sands, "Everyone, Republican or otherwise has their own particular part to play. No part is too great or too small, no one is too old or too young to do something." Our help is still much needed and eagerly welcomed. Please keep this in mind as you and your Divisions think about your Christmas giving, and our Christmas Appeal.

As we look forward to the Christmas season and the New Year, please remember the reason for the season. We're called to be Christ to all we meet, and we can make that come alive, both individually and as an organization, by daily living our Motto of "Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity".

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## Chaplain's's Comments



I grew up in a home that I believed to be far separated from the ethnic traditions of my ancestors. While my family still kept customs about eating certain foods at the New Year which I attribute to my German ancestors (namely, pork and sauerkraut), I often wondered if there were any vestige of tradition remaining from my Irish great grandparents, who were the most recent of my ancestors to arrive in America, especially regarding how we celebrated Christmas.

Growing up in very ethnic Youngstown, I was very interested in the Christmas traditions of many of my friends—the meal of the seven fishes (OK—some of them had twelve fishes) celebrated by the Italians; the sour mushroom soup and ritual of sharing of oplatki which marked the celebrations of many of my Polish and Slovak friends, even the burning of the yule log on Orthodox Christmas Eve which some of my Serbian friends. I was shocked to learn that many of my friends opened their presents immediately after Midnight Mass rather than waiting until sunup, as my family always did.

What I didn't know then but have since come to appreciate is that some of the very foods I most associated with Christmas as a child—minced pie, fruit cake (yes, Virginia, I DO love fruitcake!) and steamed pudding—all were foods that my Irish ancestors would have known well. And while the Christmas tree was always the focus of our decorating, we never failed to hang a holly wreath

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### President's Message (cont.)

Have a great Holiday season, Brothers. 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.)

on the front door until they became impossible to find, and a plastic holly "kissing ball" which adorned the doorframe separating our kitchen from the living room for many years. I was happy to have learned since that decorating the home with ever green boughs of holly was a winter custom in Ireland which predates Christianity and which remained popular. Since holly grew just about everywhere, no home was too poor to be decorated for the celebration of the birth of Christ, made possible by snipping a few branches from a nearby tree.

One tradition I later learned was remarkably Irish was the placing of a lit candle in a window on Christmas eve. As a child, I convinced myself that the purpose of the lit candle (in our case, electric) was to guide Santa to our house. Of course, the tradition transcends my childhood belief. The candle was lit, rather, as a guide to Mary and Joseph, so that should they be wandering on a cold night, they would find a warm place to stay and food to nourish them after their travel—not the cookies and milk we left for Santa (or the ham sandwich and beer which my father claimed Santa REALLY wanted), but seed cake and a cup of tea to warm them. Some historians have even suggested that this tradition dates back to

the years of the penal laws of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when Catholicism in Ireland was outlawed and the lit candle was placed in the window as a sign to wandering priests that the home was Catholic and provided a safe haven where they could rest and where they could also celebrate Mass. Whatever the origin of the tradition, it is a beautiful one, expressing not only the tenacity with which the Irish held onto their faith but also the mystery of Christmas itself, of the Light of Christ coming into a world darkened by sin and suffering.

As we celebrate the season of Christmas in the coming weeks, may we allow that same light to guide us, no matter how dark our paths may seem, that we might find a place where we are welcomed and where we are nourished by the God who gives himself to us in so many ways, but specifically in his Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr. John Keehner, State Chaplain



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## Division News

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

The 4th Annual Irish Brigade Charity Beer Tour is scheduled for March 28, 2020. Discounted tickets are now on sale for \$60 until the end of the year. After December 31, they are \$65. They make great Christmas gifts. Contact Dave Manley at 330-273-3118 or Ray Schulte at 216-318-6896.

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

*Friday, December 6th | Tara Hall Presents: The Kells*

Doors at 7pm, Show at 8pm!

*Saturday, December 7th | Officer Installation & Christmas Party at Tara Hall, 274 Innis, Columbus, OH*

Join us on Saturday, December 7th for the Franklin County AOH & LAOH 2020 Officer Installation Banquet at Tara Hall. All family & friends are welcome to join us!

*Friday December 13th, Saturday December 14th, & Sunday, December 15th | Divas Christmas Special!*

Friday - 8pm, Saturday - 8pm, Sunday - 3pm

Come on down and join us for The Divas Christmas special. Tickets could be purchased in advance, [click here!](#)

*Friday, December 20th | December Birthday Night/Christmas Special w/The Hooligans & Friends*

Potluck dinner at 7pm, Show at 8pm!

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

A brand new newsletter from Washington County. Contact Pat Kelley at <[pkelly03@sprynet.com](mailto:pkelly03@sprynet.com)> and I'm sure he will send you a copy.

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## **From the Desk Of President McKay**

Brothers,

We as Americans are on the eve of celebrating the beloved Holiday of Thanksgiving, a day when we celebrate our families and are reminded of how grateful we should be that we enjoy the freedoms and opportunities of this great Country. We should also never forget that this great holiday has its origins in people fleeing persecution to seek a new life in a new world and establishing the basis of the American dream.

It is, therefore, both sad and ironic that the bright message of this great Holiday is overshadowed by the imminent deportation of Malachy McAllister. Despite being an active and contributing member of the American community for over twenty years, this may be the last Thanksgiving this Grandfather may be permitted to spend with his American citizen children and grandchildren. Upon fleeing to America after loyalist paramilitaries sprayed his home with submachine gun fire only miraculously missing his children who were at home at the time, Malachy has asked nothing from America than the refuge it has granted so many immigrants who have come to America seeking safety and a new start.

Malachy has never denied that as a youth three decades ago, he was incarcerated for activities during the conflict known as “the Troubles.” The U.S. played a pivotal role in ending that conflict in contribution to the Good Friday Agreement, a document that has delivered two decades of peace in Northern Ireland by reconciling the past and committing to renewal. It is therefore ironic that Mr. McAllister is now being deported as U.S. law is inconsistent with that great triumph of U.S. diplomacy. It may have been this inconsistency that Judge Maryanne Trump-Barry, sister to the President, was speaking to when she made an unprecedented appeal to the Attorney General:

“It simply should not be that particularly in circumstances such as those we now have before us, the individual and his individuality are largely, if not entirely, irrelevant, lost in a sea of dispositive definitions and harsh and complex laws. And we cannot be the country we should be if, because of the tragic events of September 11th, we knee-jerk remove decent men and women merely because they may have erred at one point in their lives. We should look a little closer; we should care a little more. I would ask — no, I would implore — the Attorney General to exercise his discretion and permit this deserving family to stay.”

We also sadly note, that since the rulings denying Malachy’s asylum request, new information continues to come to light daily as to the true nature of the conflict known as “the Troubles”; that the British government was not an impartial agent of law and order, but an active partisan belligerent. The presiding Judges of Mr. McAllister’s asylum did not have the benefit of subsequent evidence, testified in another case in the British courts, that the McAllister home was targeted on information provided by British intelligence. We believe that information, if available at the time, could have dramatically changed their decision and speaks to the real threat Mr. McAllister is returning to in Northern Ireland.

We ask all Hibernians, and all who value the American dream, to remember the McAllister family as we gather with our own families this Thanksgiving and pray that the light of justice may pierce the gloom of this “Black Friday”.

In our Motto,

Jim McKay

AOH National President

## History

### Our Chaplains

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

In this article we will discuss a very important and honored position within the Ancient Order of Hibernians – that of **Chaplain**. The chaplain's position is an appointed position. He is appointed by the President of the particular jurisdiction (National, State, County or Local). It is generally protocol that the chaplain appointment be approved by the local Archbishop or Bishop.

The Chaplain holds a position of respect and honor within the Order. At meetings and formal affairs of the Order the Chaplain should sit at the right of President and is a trusted advisor in all matters pertaining to the good and welfare of the Order.

The AOH National Constitution (Section 8) defines the qualifications and duties of the Chaplain as follows:

*State, County, District, and Division Chaplains shall be a Priest or Deacon or a Professed Religious Brother and shall:*

- *Provide spiritual guidance for their respective jurisdictions*
- *Advise on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order*
- *Attend meetings and participate in discussion with their jurisdictions*
- *Be a member of the Catholic Action Committee of their respective jurisdictions*

As we are an Irish Catholic organization, we must recognize that our *Practicing Catholic* qualification for membership is very important. Protection of the Church and the support of its teachings and beliefs are of historic importance to the Order. This has always been a mission of the Order going back to our ancient beginnings. It has contributed to our Unity as Irish Catholic men. Catholicism is the glue that binds us together and our faith should always be reflected in our work and activities.

At the national level the most famous National Chaplain was Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (he served when he was a Monsignor from 1937 to 1941). The fact that Archbishop Sheen has currently been approved for sainthood should be a source of pride for all Hibernians. On July 6, 2019, the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgated the decree approving Archbishop Sheen's final miracle needed for beatification. Archbishop Sheen will be beatified in Peoria, Illinois at a date yet to be determined. Also, serving in the position of National Chaplain were illustrious American Churchmen Francis Cardinal Spellman and Richard Cardinal Cushing.

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### Our Chaplains, cont.

The only known priest from Ohio to serve as National Chaplain was Monsignor Donal O’Carroll. The good Monsignor was born in County Tipperary, Ireland and served as a priest in the Steubenville Diocese (his picture is included with this article). He was appointed by National President Michael J. Coogan of Dayton, Ohio in 1989 and served until 1990. Today, the AOH Division in Washington County bears the name Monsignor Donal O’Carroll Division. Monsignor O’Carroll also served as Ohio State Chaplain for many years.

In addition to our chaplains the AOH also has members of the clergy who are regular members of our order. Some of our clergy members are retired and some are still active in their ministry. It would be a great idea for a Division to honor the clergy who are members of their Division on an annual basis with a dinner to show appreciation for their service. In today’s difficult times, they need our constant prayers and support.

Please remember all of our chaplains and clergy members, living and deceased, in your prayers. Don’t forget to thank them for their service as ordained ministers of our faith.

There is an old Irish blessing for a priest. It goes “Go mbuanáí Dia í Cota Chríost thú.” Translated that means “May God keep you in the Coat of Christ.”



## Mark Your Calendars

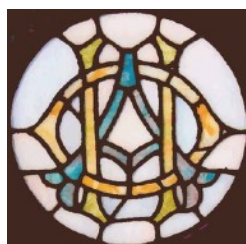
### 2020 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

July 22-25

### 2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA



## **Ohio AOH ProLife Bulletin**

### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF AMERICA**

By now you should be aware that Planned Parenthood is no longer receiving in excess of \$60 million dollars of our federal tax money when they decided not to comply with the regulations of Title X of the Family Planning Program. PP and their Media allies screamed that millions of women were being denied health care, especially low income women. NOT TRUE, of the 4000 plus women health clinic receiving Title X funds around 400 are part of PP. Planned Parenthood has clearly demonstrated that they are all about abortion not women health! It should be noted that the most conservative estimate of abortion generated revenues is \$150 million a year which far exceeds the \$60 million provided by Title X.\

(FROM : National Right to Life Sept., 2019)

However; PP is still the largest single sponsor of abortion! During the 1016 Presidential election PP spent over \$683,000 in support of candidates who favor abortion.

PP is now shifting its strategy by trying to frame abortion as a healthcare concern.

(FROM: Pro life Across America September news letter)

### **STUDENTS FOR LIFE**

The abortion Lobby and pro abortion groups have turned their collective attention to turn all taxpayer funded colleges and universities into PP subsidiaries by forcing the administration to provide abortion drugs (including RU-486). California is currently considering taking such action.

### **US CONSTITUTION**

The 14<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution, Section 1 states "...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without do process of law, nor to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law..." Is a child who survives an abortion a person? Yet we have several states that permit the child born alive to be killed or to die without any care.

### **FROM C-FAMILY**

British court rules that Northern Ireland's restrictive abortion laws violate Human Rights Law. (FROM: Oct. 11, 2019)

United Nations Nairobi Summit hosted by the UN Population Agency, declares "Abortion as a Humanitarian Right". (From Oct. 4, 2019)

President Trump's Pro life Statements at the opening of the UN Annual General Assembly made it clear that while many UN projects have attempted to assert a global right to taxpayer funded abortions on demand, "America will never tire of defending innocent life...we Americans believe that every child is a sacred gift from God". (FROM: Sept.29, 2019)

US Coalition tells the UN "There is no International Right To Abortion" The Us lead a delegation of 21 countries that any suggestion of right to abortion being a human right or any international right to abortion is just plain wrong. The speech was given by US Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar 111.

(FROM: Sept.26. 2019)

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## **Ohio AOH ProLife Bulletin, cont.**

Trump Stops Abortion Once More at UN Security Council.”The Europeans are working feverishly to include a right to kill babies at the powerful Security Council. All abortion rights language was eliminated from the UN Security Council's resolution on women in crisis and conflict. The Trump administration has been pushing to eliminate the phrase “sexual and reproductive health. The European coalition had insisted that abortion be funded as humanitarian aid. Also Senator Mitch McConnell has pulled a major spending bill on foreign operations because pro abortion senators put in spending for abortion groups overseas and spending for the UN Population Fund that has been linked to coercive population control programs in China. (FROM: Nov. 2, 2019)

### **HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL**

This is the Pro Life Group that received a donation from the State Board as a result of approval at our 2019 Toledo state convention. During any 24 hour period they receive an average of 1068 contacts in at least 2 languages.

Heartbeat has been showing up at the presidential debates to distribute pro life literature and carry signs to inform the public of the anti pro life position of the presidential candidates hopefuls. They were welcomed at the Texas or Ohio debates but Detroit was a different story. Detroit imposed restrictions that prohibited anyone with a message contrary to that of the candidates. Heartbeat volunteers were harassed and threatened with handcuffing! American Freedom Law Center has filed a Federal Civil Rights law suit on behalf of Heartbeat International against the City of Detroit.

### **OHIO**

Ohio Department of Health has released the abortion figures for 2017. Ohio abortions have decreased by 2.24%. Cuyahoga County has gone down by 1.14%, Hamilton by 5.12% and Franklin by 23.49%. BUT, Lucas county has increased by 12.73%, Summit by 14.92% and Lucas by 22.74%.

Recently the Ohio Sixth Circuit Court agreed that Planned Parenthood has no constitutional right to state tax funds. Ohio is on the Pro Abortions list to have our state legislature legalize the right to abortion up to the moment of birth. Currently 11 states have such laws including several that should the abortion fail and the child survive it can be murdered. As AOH members we must make our position against any such legislation known.

### **DIVISION PRO LIFE CHAIRS**

Please contact me at [ruthannanddavid@gmail.com](mailto:ruthannanddavid@gmail.com) with your division's pro life activities. You might consider contacting your local Pro life or Right to Life group to see what they might need in time or materials.

Respectfully Submitted;

DAVID MANLEY. State AOH Pro Life Chair

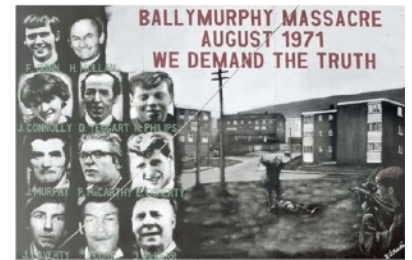
# FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

State Director's Report

## BALLYMURPHY UPDATE

November 2019

In Britain's latest attempt to disenfranchise the victims of the Ballymurphy Massacre, Prime Minister Boris Johnson aims to amend the Human Rights Act to be inapplicable to any incidents prior to its enforcement. Currently, the Act, which was implemented in October of 2000, obligates nations to investigate incidents of death due to lethal force at the hands of agents of the state. There are currently 200 ex-soldiers under criminal investigation for the unlawful murders of civilians during the Northern Ireland Troubles which includes the incidents of both Ballymurphy and Bloody Sunday. If Johnson is successful in his attempts, the ex-soldiers currently under investigation as well as countless others will be acquitted and immune to prosecution for their acts.



### IN OTHER NEWS :



A new shrine has been erected in Corpus Christi parish in Belfast commemorating the relationship between Mother Teresa and the parish. The shrine, pictured to the left, also pays tribute to the victims of the Ballymurphy Massacre and Springhill-Whiterock Massacre.

### AOH National Board Irish Lecture Series featuring Mark Thompson

Mark Thompson, CEO of Relatives for Justice spoke at Tara Hall (274 E. Innis Avenue, Columbus, Ohio) on Saturday, November 16, 2019. The event was well attended.

Patrick Williams, State Director State FFAI Chair

Ancient Order of the Hibernians Freedom For All Ireland Committee

## Catholic Action

In December we begin a new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent (December 1) and pass through the liturgical season of Advent into that of Christmas. Advent represents the time of preparation for the coming of the Savior. The liturgical color, representative of repentance and humility, is violet, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as *Gaudete* Sunday, when the color rose represents the joy of approaching the Christmas season. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, usually celebrated on December 8, is celebrated this year on December 9, since the 8th is a Sunday. Not all locales are celebrating it as a holyday of obligation. The Christmas season begins with the vigil Mass of Christmas. The liturgical color is white.

### MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF DECEMBER

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| December 9  | The Immaculate Conception    | Solemnity |
| December 25 | Christmas                    | Solemnity |
| December 26 | Stephen, the First Martyr    | Feast     |
| December 27 | John, Apostle and Evangelist | Feast     |
| December 28 | Holy Innocents, Martyrs      | Feast     |

### IRISH SAINTS OF DECEMBER

Finnian of Clonard (c.470-c.549) December 12

One of at least three saintly Finians, this Irish saint may have been born at Myshall, Carlow, Ireland. He may have spent some years in Welsh monasteries. Later he founded several monasteries in Ireland, including Clonard, in Meath, which for many centuries was renowned for Biblical scholarship. Though often referred to as a bishop, there is not solid evidence of his consecration.

Flannan (7th century) December 18

Son of an Irish chieftain, he received a monastic education. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he was consecrated bishop by Pope John IV. Upon returning, he settled at Killaloe and is considered its first bishop.

Ursicinus (d.c. 625) December 20

Probably an Irishman, he was a disciple of St. Columban on the Continent, founded a monastery at St. Ursanne in present-day Switzerland, and evangelized the local people.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life will be held on January 24, 2019, on the Mall in Washington, D.C. If you have never attended, you are missing an inspiring event. Watch the Hibernian Digest and news from your state leaders for information on AOH activities in Washington. Check with local diocesan and pro-life organizations for local observances as well.

### ISSUES

--The Ohio Nurses Association has adopted a position in favor of physician-assisted suicide.

--The State Senate this past month passed two pieces of pro-life legislation. SB 155, the Abortion Pill Reversal Act, sponsored by Peggy Lehner (R-6), requires abortion clinics to inform patients 24 hours prior to beginning the drug regimen that so-called chemical abortion is reversible up to a certain point. SB 208, the Born Alive Abortion Infant Protection Act, sponsored by Terry Johnson (R-14), requires abortion providers to protect the health and life of a child who survives an abortion and immediately call for emergency transport.

### LOCAL NEWS

As they have done for a number of years, Hibernians of Joseph Nalley Sr., Division 6, Youngstown, will aid the Salvation Army bell ringers in the local interfaith effort to brighten Christmas for local people in need.

Do you have local news? Please send it along for inclusion in this report. A Merry Christmas to all.

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