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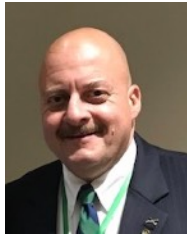
Newsletter

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President's Message

Brothers All,



As I write this note, we're already at that most joyous and festive time of year, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. 2021 is almost a wrap, and we've done much, but there's still work to do. As the old joke goes, "The job isn't finished til

the paperwork is done..."

It's **report and dues submittal season**. Brothers, you know what you have to do. Timely report submission is a critical administrative and leadership task. Your Division's leaders should take this responsibility seriously. To help with the work, this week Worthy Secretary Chrystal and I will send the End-Of-Year Checklist to all Divisions. As a follow-up, I'll be making phone calls to ensure completeness. No excuses, no reasons for failure to act in a correct, timely fashion. Let's just get it done. This includes:

- Your Form 9, which should be submitted soon after new officers are elected and installed;
- Your Form 11 and dues assessment checks;
- Your IRS reporting.

Recruiting and Retention: Remember, our base expectation is a net 5% growth each year. Several Divisions are reporting good results for the year. Organizer Casey has reached out to many of you with membership inquiries from the National website – these are "free" new members that have quite literally fallen into our laps. Please follow up and bring 'em in! ***What have you done this month to help your Division reach that 5% target, and maybe win one of those bottles of Redbreast 12?***

Freedom for All Ireland and Project St. Patrick: As you may remember, at the recent state board meeting, I mentioned that in the upcoming winter/spring, I want to do fundraising events for FFAI and PSP at a couple of different Divisions. Summit #2 and Franklin County immediately stepped up and volunteered to

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Chaplain's's Comments



Being named John, I have many saints to call upon to intercede for me as I struggle to navigate my way through life in this world. When I was younger, I would often focus my efforts on asking St. John the Evangelist, the Beloved

Disciple, to intercede for me. And

while I knew that St. John the Baptist was just as important, in fact, the very one of whom Jesus said that "no greater man born of woman" has ever lived, I so often kept him at arm's length.

I'm not sure why I shied away from John the Baptist. Maybe it was his reputation of being a rabble rouser. Maybe it was his extreme diet and clothing. After all, he was known to wear camel hair and to live on a diet of locusts and wild honey. Maybe it was the fact that his words were not only challenging but even at times harsh when speaking to such groups as the Pharisees. But then again, are not the words of Jesus himself at times difficult to accept, especially when he refers to the Pharisees and Scribes as whited sepulchers?

And yet, as I have grown older, and perhaps a bit wiser (only a bit, as my siblings like to point out to me), I find myself more and more drawn to the person of John the Baptist. John was not afraid to speak the truth. In a world which is increasingly hostile to what we, as Christians, believe the truth to be, I find that I need the courage of John the Baptist to be able to speak up for what I believe to be the truth. And while I never thought of him as being particularly humble, I am increasingly drawn to the words he spoke in giving his own testimony

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host those two events. Our FFAI Chair Pat Williams is already running with the ball (in true Hoban fashion!) and is tentatively targeting a late March timing at their Brown Street Hall. More to come on that, and more to come on a Project St. Patrick fundraiser as well.

Missions & Charities and Hibernian Hunger Project: I know that many of you increase your efforts during these holiday seasons. As you continue to serve, PLEASE share your good news with all of us.

In November, I was able to join our Cuyahoga County brothers at their annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. A packed house, and a great event. Where and when you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events, too. Please feel free to send invites, and you can bet I'll attend if at all possible.

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".

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

Slan,

Bob



Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

to Jesus when he said, "The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom stands and listens for him, and is overjoyed to hear the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must increase; I must decrease." *He must increase; I must decrease.* These words are certainly challenging. I find them personally challenging, as if John himself were saying them directly to me that I might follow his example of allowing his entire life, his entire being, point the way to Christ.

During this Season of Advent, specifically the second and third weeks, we are invited to focus on the person of John the Baptist not as an end in himself but rather as the voice of one crying out in the desert, "make straight the way of the Lord." We are invited to follow his example in always allowing ourselves to point to Jesus. Like John, we are called to be voices crying out a similar message, so that the world will be ready when Christ comes again to

usher in the end times. We are called to follow the example, who allowed his own life, his own ego, to be emptied so that we might focus not on ourselves, but on Christ Jesus himself, who is the light to which John gave testimony, who is the Word become flesh, who is the Only Begotten Son of born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea in the fullness of time.

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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 jjcasey973@gmail.com

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

Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs

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

Brothers – As of 11/23/2021, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 140,944 individuals. More details can be found at this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Please continue to check-in with your local VA facility to see if there are impacts on their operations prior to your appointments: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=OH&dnum=ALL>

VA-Tracked* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 15,597; 662 Deaths; Active Cases: 497

2) VA Presumptive Period for Persian Gulf War Veterans Extended:

The Department of Veterans Affairs has extended the presumptive period to Dec. 31, 2026 for qualifying chronic disabilities rated 10% or more resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to ensure benefits established by Congress are fairly administered. If an extension of the current presumptive period was not implemented, service members whose conditions arise after Dec. 31, 2021 would be substantially disadvantaged compared to service members whose conditions manifested at an earlier date. VA presumes certain medically unexplained illnesses are related to Persian Gulf War service without regard to cause, including, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders. Also included are undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to abnormal weight loss, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders and sleep disturbances.

Persian Gulf War Veterans and their caregivers can learn more about VA support and benefits at this website: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-gulfwar.asp>

All veterans and family members in Ohio can also get assistance in filing claims from their local County Veterans Services Office: <https://dvs.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dvs/resources-for-veterans/find-a-cvso>

National VA Committee meetings are held online every third Tuesday of each 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 to learn more about veterans benefits as well as the National AOH site at www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs for information about services around the country.

Best wishes to all of our Brothers, and my appreciation to all of our veteran Brothers and their families. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

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State Historian's Report

The Ohio Hibernian Rifles – Part II

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

The Hibernian Rifle Regiment was composed of individual Hibernian Rifle companies from around the state under a single command structure. This allowed the Regiment to participate in state-wide activities as a unit, and allowing the individual companies to act on their own within their respective communities.



Colonel John Kinnane, Springfield, Ohio

There appears to have been two attempts at forming a Hibernian Rifle Regiment in Ohio. The first attempt was reported on November 26, 1893 when the First Regiment of Ohio Hibernian Rifles was formed at Dayton, Ohio.

The election of officers was held in December 1893. It was reported that future Ohio Companies were planned for Lima and Lorain. On Thursday, April 26, 1894 the installation of the First Regiment of Ohio Hibernian Rifles was held in Armory Hall in Dayton. State Delegate John H. Conway of Dayton installed the new officers. An address of welcome was delivered by Father William H. Sidley also of Dayton. The new regimental officers installed were as follows:

Colonel John Kinnane, Springfield (pictured)
 Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher P. Sweetman, Dayton
 Major John P. Connell, Dayton
 Adjutant Michael Costello, Dayton
 Chaplain Rev. Martin L. Murphy, Springfield
 Surgeon Dr. Thomas M. Reade, Springfield

The newly installed First Regiment consisted of the following Companies:

Company A, Cincinnati: Captain George F. Lee Commanding
 Company B, Dayton: Captain P. J. Madden, Commanding
 Company C, Middletown: Captain Charles Niederland, Commanding
 Company D, Springfield: Captain Patrick J. Shoumlin, Commanding
 Company E, Springfield: Captain John L. Coleman, Commanding
 Company F, Piqua: Captain unknown

It is not entirely clear why other existing Hibernian Rifle Companies in the state were not included in this Regiment as they were certainly operating at the time. Their initial plan may have been to form a regional regiment rather than a state-wide regiment. The record remains uncertain. It is known, however, that individual Rifle companies continued to be founded throughout Ohio.

The second Hibernian Rifle regiment founded in Ohio was identified as the First Regiment, Hibernian Rifles in Ohio. The AOH Constitution required that the National President issue a commission for each State Regiment formed following application and approval by the State President. On May 17, 1905 AOH National President James E. Dolan visited Columbus to confer with National Treasurer James T. Carroll of Columbus. At that time President Dolan approved and issued the commission for the establishment of the First Regiment, Hibernian Rifles in Ohio.

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Col. M. J. Ryan, Hibernian Rifles of Ohio

On May 21, 1905 State President John F. Cantwell of Youngstown presided at a statewide meeting of Hibernian Rifle companies in Ohio held at the Chittenden Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting had been called in order to form the First Regiment Hibernian Rifles in Ohio. At this meeting, rifle companies were identified and state-wide nominations were accepted for the various officer positions in the new Regiment. Ballots were distributed and requested to be returned before June 15. On June 16, 1905 the election results were announced by President Cantwell and the following regimental officers were declared:

Michael J. Ryan, Columbus, Colonel (pictured)
 Patrick J. Shoumlin, Springfield, Lieutenant Colonel
 Charles E. Owens, Dayton, Major, First Battalion
 A. E. Burke, Second Battalion, Cleveland, Major, Second Battalion
 Dr. Frank M. Burns, Cincinnati, Surgeon Major

The individual Companies identified at the installation meeting as units forming the First Regiment of Ohio Hibernian Rifles were the following 7 Companies:

Company A, Columbus: Captain Hilary C. McAlister, Commanding
 Company B, Springfield: Captain Michael J. Bahin, Commanding
 Company C, Dayton: Captain John Kneipp, Commanding
 Company D, Cincinnati: Captain James P. Kelly, Commanding
 Company E, Cleveland: Captain John J. Burke, Commanding
 Company F, Zanesville: Captain John O'Brien, Commanding
 Company G, Toledo: Captain Eugene O'Brien, Commanding

Regimental Encampments

One activity of the Ohio Regiment was an annual Encampment. Many of these were done in conjunction with the AOH/LAOH state conventions. The encampment was set up in a local park. Drilling exercises and competitions were held between Companies, often with prize money awarded to the winners. Also, the local park was often temporarily "renamed" after an Irish historical figure or in tribute to someone.

Colonel Ryan announced after his appointment his intent to have a state-wide encampment during the summer of 1905. This was announced to be held at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio beginning July 31, 1905. It is unclear if this encampment occurred as there was no subsequent reporting of the event. The following is a description of a typical encampment, illustrating some of the things that were involved:

1906 Akron Convention Encampment – The following is an excerpt of an order issued by Colonel Michael J. Ryan regarding the encampment to be held during the 1906 AOH State Convention in Akron, Ohio.

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Order August 5, 1906: "First Regiment, Hibernian Rifles, Ohio, will go to camp at Lakeside Park, Akron, Ohio, on Sunday, August 19, 1906. The camp is to be known as 'Camp Jack Barry.' Each man will carry one days rations and will be expected to provide for himself in camp. Each man will provide himself with a blanket, soap, towel, brush, comb and whisk broom, tin cup, tin plate, knife, fork and spoon, several pairs of white gloves, and plenty of standing collars." By the Order of: M. J. RYAN, Colonel Commanding and J. E. TOOLE, First Lieutenant and Adjutant

The AOH/LAOH State Convention was Tuesday, August 21 and ended on Thursday, August 23, 1906. The Regimental Encampment was held on the baseball field of Lakeside Park in Akron with seven Ohio companies being present. The encampment was named *Camp Jack Barry* in honor of Commodore John Barry, Father of the US Navy. The encampment opened on Sunday, August 19, 1906. The Regiment was one of the principal features of the parade that was held on Tuesday afternoon, August 21. The convention was held in the Music Hall in Akron.

Colonel Ryan announced prizes for the best drilling Companies totaling \$200 would be awarded. Company B of Springfield won first prize of \$100; Company A of Columbus won the second prize of \$60; and Company H of Zanesville was awarded the \$40 third prize.

In front of the Ohio State House.



Company A, 1st Regiment, Hibernian Rifles, Columbus, Ohio, March 17, 1914

Conclusion

This report is dedicated to the officers and men of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who participated and formed the various local Companies that made up the First Regiment Hibernian Rifles in Ohio. It is through their pride, leadership, charitable acts, civic participation and dedication to the cause of Hibernianism that these deceased brothers served as positive examples of the Order's motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

[A more detailed report is being developed that will combine the two parts and include more information on Ohio's Hibernian Rifles. It will be sent separately]

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

Organizer Report

We are nearing the end of the year and will soon be starting our preparations for the Green Season for 2022. This is a good time to start thinking about what we can do to increase our membership and also retain our current members. I want to remind everyone of the resources available on www.aoh.com.

After you access the National website, go over to the “**ABOUT THE AOH**” heading and view the drop-down information. From there, go down to “**Organizer Resources**” and click this section. You will find a page filled with information you can download and/or fill in and download to make copies that are personalized for your division. All of them items can be saved and taken to your local print store to have copies made for your events that will be coming up in the time leading to St. Patrick’s Day.

We will go over other ideas you can use in the next few months that might be helpful for your division. If anyone has specific ideas they’d like to share, please send me an email and I can include them in upcoming article. My email is qualityjoecasey@yahoo.com.

Here’s wishing all my Hibernian brothers and their families a very Merry Christmas.

Joe Casey

Deputy National Organizer, Ohio State Organizer



From the Desk of President O’Connell

I wanted to take a moment today to thank you for all the work you do as a member of The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America! Without each member we would not be able to accomplish all we do. At the same time, I’d like to wish you and you family a wonderful Thanksgiving. There is nothing better than spending quality time with family and friends. Enjoy!

As we enter the Christmas Season I can't help to think about the pillars that make our organization great.

1) Membership - You! Without you and the work you do on membership growth and retention, we could not succeed. Thank you!

2) Charity Appeal - You have either received or will receive a car magnet in the mail. Your donation for the car magnet will go directly to Hibernian Charities. Mailing labels are still available for purchase if you are one of many Brothers who love to use them. For all your support of our charity work, Thank you!

3) Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal. I have included the details below. This our our opportunity to support our goal of a Free and United Ireland. We ask every Division, County and State Board to participate. Regardless of the size of your donation, you should be part of this great effort. Thank you to those who make a personal donation as well. Personal donations put us over the top each year. For all your work on Freedom for All Ireland, Thank you!

4) Project St. Patrick Easter Appeal. This is our opportunity to support our Clergy and an area we know we can improve. You will receive information about the Project St. Patrick when we begin the Easter season. I am proud to announce that 88 seminarians and religious will receive grants this year from the AOH and LAOH.

Remember, working together as a team with Dignity, Grace and Respect will help us continue the great work of The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

God Bless,

Danny O

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

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\$500 Project St. Patrick Scholarship named in Bishop Brennan's Honor

One of the final Masses that Diocese of Columbus Bishop Robert J. Brennan celebrated, before starting his new appointment in New York, was to pay respect to Hibernian brothers and sister that have passed over the last two years. Following the Mass, Bishop Brennan was informed that a \$500 Project St. Patrick scholarship has been gifted from Patrick Pearse Division #1 to celebrate his service to the diocese.

AOH National Project St. Patrick Chair Ron Hagan will ensure a printed, signed and framed certificate is sent to his new office.

Project St. Patrick

All divisions must have a Project St Patrick representative and division information filed with your diocese. This allows the Bishop's Office to see how the AOH supports 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>



Project St. Patrick Fundraiser at Tara Hall

State President Bob Harper has requested that Patrick Pearse Division hold a Project St. Patrick fundraiser in the Spring of 2022 to coincide with the annual Easter Appeal. This particular event will be more of a statewide effort. Stay tuned...

Dead Theologians Society News

Recent DTS YouTube video

Calling Youth to Heroism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVz5MNR2p3k>

New DTS Book!

Wisdom & Inspiration from the Saints – In a Sentence

[Wisdom & Inspiration from the Saints - In a Sentence – Roman Catholic Gear](#)

Updated DTS Shop

[Products – Dead Theologians Society](#)

Catholic Action

In December we 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, celebrated on December 8, is the patronal feast of the United States, and a holy day of obligation. The Christmas season begins with the vigil Mass of Christmas. The liturgical color is white.

FROM THE *CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF DECEMBER

December 3	Francis Xavier, Priest	Memorial
December 7	Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor	Memorial
December 8	The Immaculate Conception	Solemnity
December 13	Lucy	Memorial
December 14	John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor	Memorial
December 25	Christmas	Solemnity
December 26	The Holy Family	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 Finniains, 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, but certainly Finnian served as a mentor and teacher to many who in turn spread the faith throughout Ireland and beyond.

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Catholic Action, cont.**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.

Aileran the Wise (d. 664)

December 29

Nothing is known of Aileran's early life. We know that St. Finian induced him to enter the monastery at Clonard, where Aileran became known as one of the most erudite scholars of this erudite group of monks. He knew Greek as well as Latin, and studied the Eastern and Western Fathers. Aileran's works include lives of Sts. Patrick and Brigid and a commentary on the genealogy of Jesus which was popular in the Middle Ages.

NEWS AND ISSUES

The Ohio State Senate has passed S.B. 157 by a vote of 25-6. The measure, sponsored by Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) and Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City), is known as The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act. It requires that infants born during a botched abortion shall be afforded the same life-saving treatment as all other infants. The measure does not place the woman under threat of charges, but makes the doctor liable to felony manslaughter charges for disobeying the law. An amendment to the bill provides that doctors who teach at state-funded hospitals and medical schools may not be affiliated with abortion clinics, a measure which could impact clinics in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Dayton. The bill is currently in committee in the State House.

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.

Joseph Gill, head of Catholic Action for our Medina Division, has started a Catholic lending library, currently holding more than 100 titles.

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

Fraternally,

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Freedom For All Ireland Christmas Appeal

It is that time of year when we seek the help of all our members for the Freedom For All Ireland Christmas Appeal.

When we all joined the AOH we took a pledge to support the Constitution and By-Laws of our Ancient Order of Hibernians. Part of that Pledge includes the Preamble of our Constitution #3 "To aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence, promoting peace and unity for all Ireland."

What better way than to participate in our Christmas Appeal. All Divisions and All State Boards should be part of this great charity and one of our four pillars. It truly does support the Irish. (Please see the YouTube presentation below).

Some States have great participation from their Divisions. Some States give nice donations, but overall participation from Divisions is mediocre at best; and sorry but some States don't participate. Let's see how close to 100% we can get. Give what you can. Please participate. This year we only have a little over two months for the Appeal. Checks are scheduled to be given out towards the end of January 2022

Thank you to all those who have participated in the past. Please continue to do so. If you can give a little more, our brethren in Ireland would greatly appreciate your generosity.

A message from Martin Galvin, our National Chair for FFAI follows.

In Our Motto, Ed Halligan, National Director



Last August Hibernians across the country joined a special live webinar broadcast from the Houben Centre, Holy Cross Church, in Belfast, where 20 years earlier, grammar school girls were taunted with sectarian abuse for attending a Catholic school in Ardoyne. This year's 15 grant recipients spoke about their work for freedom for all Ireland, and how much they count on Christmas Appeal donations.

Grants were awarded to justice campaigners like Relatives for Justice, Ballymurphy Massacre Committee, Bloody Sunday Trust and the Witness Project; groups helping ex-prisoners or bereaved like EALU and Green Cross; heritage groups like the St. Patrick Centre and Duchas Oriall; groups keeping patriot graves like Belfast National Graves, Tyrone National Graves, Down Patriot Graves; Cross- community groups like Bridges Beyond Boxing; and commemorative groups like the O'Neill-Allsopp Flute Band. Others awarded grants did not apply only because Covid had closed them down last year but are hoping for grants in 2022.

Meanwhile under Boris Johnson, the British are trying to shut down any path to legacy justice, encourage loyalist opposition to undermine the Brexit protocol agreement, and say it is up to Britain whether to ever allow the Irish a vote on reunification.

Their message was clear. **Because Boris Johnson and the British want to close down work for freedom for all Ireland, these grant recipients desperately need us to come through for them this year!** We cannot let down those working for freedom for all Ireland, at a time when their work is needed most.

I am personally appealing to every State, County and Division President, to take a lead, find a way to donate through special collections or donations from funds. Don't let them down! Help make Freedom for all Ireland, not an aspiration or endeavour but the reality for those Irish people still denied it!

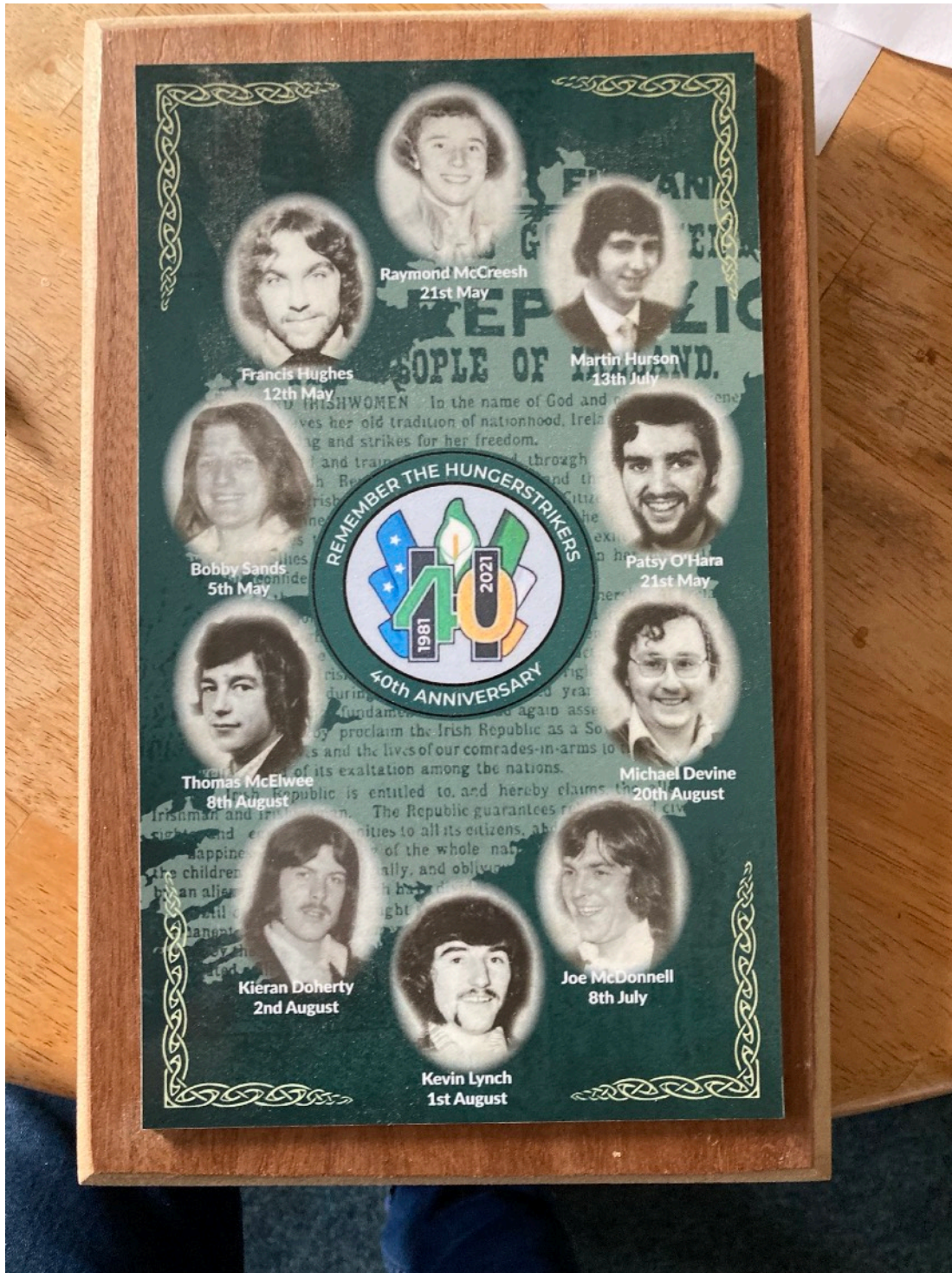
Please donate to this year's **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**. Together we can make a difference. All checks must be made out to "Ancient Order of Hibernians". Payments should be sent to **AOH-FFAI at PO Box 904 JEFFERSON VALLEY NY 10535**.

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Remember the Hunger Strikers, 40th. Anniversary



Mike McKenzie Life Membership

The AOH National Constitution states: "Life Membership may be conferred on a member of the Order who has performed outstanding and distinguished service to his state, county or division as well as having an impact on the National level, upon application of his Division to the National Board."

A person must have approval of 2/3 vote from the Division, County, State and National Boards for this honor to be bestowed upon someone.



National Board Oversight Committee member and Ohio State Vice President Denny Parks on behalf of the AOH National Board gives Mike McKenzie his National Life Membership Certificate and Medallion.

Mark Your Calendars

March for Life

January 21, 2022

<https://marchforlife.org/>

2022 AOH National Convention

July 13-17, 2022

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

Commodore Barry Medal



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

Yours in our Motto,

Mike McKenzie , Ohio State Board

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