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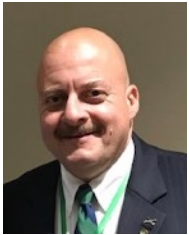
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President's Message



Brothers All,

For some, February is a dark and dreary month. I've never personally felt that way. For me, February is a time of celebration and preparation – celebrating our Founding Fathers and past national leaders on Presidents Day, celebrating our loved ones on Valentine's Day, the anticipation of, or start of, the Lenten Season of preparation and penance (which starts most often in February), and preparations for the March activities that honor our Patron Saint, St. Patrick.

Looking forward, please mark your calendars for the weekend of April 18th, which will be the date of our next State Board meeting at Tara Hall in Columbus. We (and the Ladies) have a lot to talk about, especially preparations (see what I did there?) for the upcoming National Convention, so Ohio can properly and enthusiastically celebrate (see what I did there again?) our outgoing National Director Denny Parks and National LAOH President Carol Sheyer, and support the candidacies of our own Danny O, Ron Hagan, and Marilyn Madigan.

I've been told that the Convention hotel room block is already over 50% booked, so if you think you might be attending, I strongly encourage you to book now and avoid disappointment.

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



Who was Saint Multose?

On my most recent trip to Ireland, in September of 2018, I had the pleasure of visiting the oldest church in continuous use in Ireland —Saint Multose Church in Kinsale, County Cork. Like most of the older churches in Ireland, this church building was built by faithful Catholics but usurped by the British Crown for the use of



Anglican worshippers. Dating back to the year 1190, the bell tower is the oldest remaining part of the original church building and is constructed in the Norman style.

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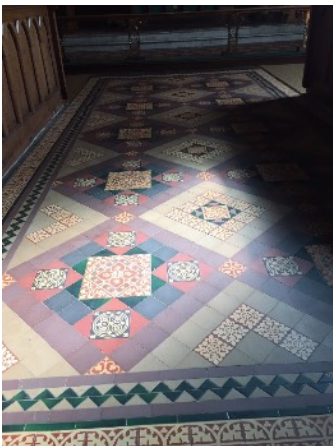
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Chaplain's's Comments (cont.)



One of the most impressive things I found in the church was the baptismal font, an imposing stone structure in which countless children, both Catholic and Anglican, have entered into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ through the waters of baptism over the centuries.



Equally beautiful is the intricate mosaic tile floor, reminiscent of the other churches of the age. In fact, it reminded me of the beautiful floors to be found in St. Patrick Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral, both to be found in Dublin.

Just who Saint Multose was is enigmatic. He was apparently also known as Saint Eltin, although, according to a local rhyme, no one knows why. One suggestion is that his actual name was Eltin and that Multose is a corruption of the Irish for “my darling Eltin” He was reputedly the brother of Saint Gobban, who built a monastery at Kinsale some time in the seventh century, though some claim that he was actually a woman.

According to one legend, he was “so inveterate a bachelor that he refused to bless the marriages celebrated in his parish”, resulting in the fact that most weddings in Kinsale were celebrated in another nearby church (*Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 1892, p. 711*). Whoever Saint Multose (or Saint Eltin) was, he or she is forever immortalized by this beautiful structure which reminds us that the Catholic faith is the very bedrock of Irish society.

Fr. John Keehner, State Chaplain



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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.**

Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.

The 4th Annual Irish Brigade Charity Beer Tour is scheduled for March 28, 2020. Tickets are now on sale for \$65. Contact Dave Manley at 330-273-3118 or Ray Schulte at 216-318-6896.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.

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Tara Hall Presents:

Saturday, February 1, 1st Annual St. Brigid's' Day Hooley

The Celebration will begin with 4pm Mass with Bishop Brennan at St. Mary's in German Village - Home of our chaplain, Deacon Roger Minner!

The LAOH & AOH first annual St. Brigid's Day Hooley on Saturday, February 1st at Tara Hall! Come on down as we celebrate St. Brigid, Patron Saint of Ireland, and officially kick off the Green Season in Central Ohio with a fun evening of music, featuring The General Guinness Band. We will also have Schmidt's Sausage Truck on hand to cover you for dinner!

Doors: 5:00pm, Food Truck: 5:00-8:00pm, Music: 7:00pm, \$10 tickets, purchased at the door.

Friday, February 7 | The Kells, Doors at 7pm, Show at 8pm!

Friday, February 14 | February Traditional Night w/General Guinness & Friends,

Doors at 7pm, Musicians gear up at 8pm!

Friday, February 21 | February Birthday Night w/The Hooligans & Friends

Potluck at 7pm, bring a side or snack to share!, Show at 8pm!

Friday, February 28 | Tara Hall Presents: Halfway Home, Doors at 7pm, Show at 8pm!

Send your Division information to Editor Jim Casey

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Mark Your Calendars

State Board Meeting

April 18th

Tara Hall, 274 E. Innis, Columbus, OH 43207

2020 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

July 22-25

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

National History Day

National History Day (NHD) is an annual program for elementary and secondary school students across the United States and participating international affiliates. Hundreds of thousands of entries in the form of exhibits, websites, essays, slide presentations, video documentaries and performances are created each year by individuals or groups in grades six through twelve. The AOH and LAOH are proud sponsors of NHD and annually present a First and Second Place award to the best entries on a topic related to Irish or Irish American history that fits the annual theme set by NHD each year. The First Prize, awarded by the AOH, consists of a Certificate, a Gold 'Order of the Bard' medallion and two round-trip tickets to Ireland valued at \$2,000. The LAOH Award consists of a certificate, a Silver 'Order of the Bard' medallion and a \$1,500. Scholarship Assist.

Each year, more than half a million students participate in the NHD competition beginning at the local school level; they move to a regional competition, then a State competition and ultimately to the National Finals at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. The National finals will be held June 14-18, 2020. Adjudicators are teaching professionals and historians and, in addition to the Irish Awards sponsored by the AOH/LAOH, there are awards sponsored by many other organizations and it is possible to win more than one. Those wishing to participate can find rules, regulations and contacts on the NHD Website: <https://www.nhd.org>. This year's theme is Breaking Barriers in History and the following topics are suggested as entries for the Irish Awards:

Daniel O'Connell – How did he begin to break the barriers established by the Penal Laws?

Wolfe Tone – how did he break the barriers against segregation and unite Catholics and Protestants in a unity that became the nationalist theme of all future revolutions?

Mike McCormick, National Historian, aohbard@optonline.net

Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act



I'm excited to share with you that on Tuesday of this week my *Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act* was signed into law by President Trump in the Oval Office. This legislation came straight from the **veteran community in Ohio's 16th District** and I was proud to make it the first bill I introduced as your Congressman. The *Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act* bars the Department of Veterans Affairs from removing battlefield cross memorials from our national cemeteries, ensuring these monuments remain standing as tributes to our fallen soldiers. When battlefield cross memorials were removed from the

cemetery in the Fall of 2017 as a result of a misinterpretation of administration policy, one of our district's own veterans, Elton Boyer, took a stand. He wrote to my predecessor, Congressman Jim Renacci, and worked tirelessly to ensure these monuments were put back in place and protected for generations to come. Elton passed away last year, but I know that he was looking upon us in the Oval Office that day, proud of the work our community has done to bring this bill across the finish line. His efforts were not in vain.

Anthony Gonzalez, Ohio 16th District Congressman

AOH condemns "Anti-St. Patrick's Day" products on Amazon

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the oldest and largest Irish-Catholic organization in the US, has penned an open letter to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos regarding the sale of "Anti-St. Patrick's Day" shirts that read "F*ck St. Patrick's Day."

Currently, Amazon is selling an item labeled as an '[F*ck St Patrick's Day Shirt](#).' Amazon describes the item as an 'Anti St Patrick's Day shirt for guys and gals,' 'F*ck St. Patrick's Day,' and a 'Perfect anti-St Patrick's Day shirt for those sick of all the wannabe Irish making excuses for getting drunk.'" "It was reported that at a November 2016 Amazon employees forum that you, Mr. Bezos, stated, "Amazon has always been, and always will be, committed to equal rights, tolerance and diversity." The Hibernians find very little of that commitment when Amazon continues to peddle defamation for profit in items emblazoned with "F*ck St Patrick's," "Drunk O'Meter" (where "Irish" is labeled as the maximum level of inebriation), or "Drink till Your Irish" to name just a few.

During this divisive time in our nation's history, that Amazon, one of our largest retailers, should seek to profit by promoting intolerance towards any ethnic group and their celebrations is irresponsibly tone-deaf. The Ancient Order of Hibernians has previously challenged Amazon on the oxymoron of Amazon prominently virtue signaling on diversity while continuing to pedal offensive, demeaning merchandise targeting the Irish and Irish Americans. However, this latest offering plumbs a new low.

The unambiguous message of these products is the antithesis of tolerance and diversity. Nevertheless, Amazon continues to sell them and others that promotes intolerance towards the feast day of a Catholic Saint, who was one of the first recorded voices to condemn the evils of slavery, and a day when the Irish and those of Irish descent celebrate their heritage and culture.

If a commitment to diversity is to have any meaning then respect must apply to all, not just to a few. We challenge Amazon and its apologists to a basic question: Would these items targeting Irish Americans be permitted if another ethnic group replaced "Irish"? If the answer is "No," then these items should be equally prohibited. The Hibernians do not ask that the Irish be treated better than anyone else, but we will not accept them being treated worse."

National Anti-Defamation Chairman Neil F. Cosgrove.

Ohio AOH Prolife Bulletin

As reported in my last Bulletin, President Trump advised the UN that the US would not agree to any effort or language that would support a “right to abortion”. The US then proposed 3 amendments to the pending resolution on Global Health. The amendments sought to exclude the terms “sexual and reproductive health”.

15 countries supported the resolution while more than 100 did not! The increased opposition to the US amendments is a direct result of the European Union's abortion advocacy. With its 28 EU block countries can provide an army of pro-abortion diplomats and government ministers in New York and in capitals across Europe.

A bill entitled “International Violence Against Women Act”. (IVAWA) has been reintroduced into the US House of Representatives. The previous edition had resulted in hot debate about abortion rights and gender. The house bill is similar to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) push to require nations to make an abortion a women's right as well as create several gender designations. Several months ago President Trump's administration stopped funding the UNFPA as a result of the President's “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Programs”. In the Senate version, one Senator threatened to hold up an appropriations bill unless amendments were made to include support for abortion and homosexuality.

(From January 3, 2020 edition)

On November 12, 2019 “The Sexual Information and Education Council” (SIECUS), President Christine Harley stated that the SIECUS new mission is to promote radical change to education so that “all people can experience and enjoy sexual and reproductive freedom as they define it for themselves. The new guidelines call for children from birth to be taught such things as masturbation and diverse sexual relationships. SIECUS was founded 53 years ago by Alfred Kinsey and The Kinsey Institute and works with Federal and State Governments as well as many foreign countries and the United Nations.

(From November 3, 2019)

A Pro Life Slovak bill requiring expecting mothers to see an ultrasound of their baby has come under attack by the EU. The bill, the first of its kind in Europe, was attacked as a human rights violation by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Dunja Mijatovic. In her letter to Slovakia, M's. Mijatovic cites the UN non-binding views, the World Health Organization and the Council of Europe Guidelines on sexual and reproductive health in support of abortion being a human right. [Please note that requiring a woman to view an ultrasound of her child in no way prohibits or restricts a person from an abortion]

(From December 5, 2019)

From Ohio Right to Life

A few months ago Ohio State Senator M's. Peggy Lehner introduced the “ABORTION PILL REVERSAL INFORMATION ACT”. On November 6, 2019 the bill was passed by the Ohio Senate and sent to the House. The bill is awaiting assignment to committee. The bill would strengthen Ohio's informed consent law by adding a requirement that abortion facilities inform women that chemical abortions can possibly be reversed to save their unborn baby's life.

“HUMAN HEART PROTECTION ACT” was signed into law on April 11, 2019. On July 3, 2019, U.S. District Judge Michael Barrett signed a preliminary injunction keeping the bill from going into effect. The legislation would prohibit abortions performed after a fetal heartbeat is detected via an abdominal ultrasound. A fetal heartbeat is generally detected between 8-12 weeks gestation

“BORN ALIVE PROTECTION ACT” passed the Ohio Senate in November, 2019 and is awaiting action by the Ohio House. The bill would require abortionists to provide immediate access to life-saving care if a baby is born alive during an abortion. The bill would also require records of such an event.

(Ohio Right To Life 2019 annual report)

DAVID MANLEY, Ohio State Pro Life Chair

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.



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Mike McKenzie

Mike McKenzie Ohio State Board

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