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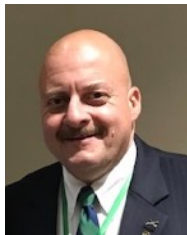
Ohio State Board

Newsletter

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President's Message



Brothers All,

It's February, a time of celebration and preparation – celebrating our Founding Fathers and past national leaders on Presidents Day, anticipating the start of the Lenten Season of preparation and penance (which starts most often in February), and preparing for the

March activities that honor our Irish-American Heritage and our Patron Saint, St. Patrick.

Even more so than last year, this February is going to look very different than the norm. Nonetheless, over the past year we've overcome, and learned a lot, and through forced change we've even managed to improve some of the ways we do things. I'm confident that February 2021 will be no different.

Even if we're still "locked down" through Lent and our time of Celebrating our Patron Saint and our Irish American heritage, we still need to hold our heads high, be proud, and carry on in every manner in which we can. I'm confident that each of you, individually and as Divisions, will find ways to do precisely this.

I can't wait to hear about your successes and joy. Additionally, in the cases you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and proud and grateful to join you in your celebrations whenever and wherever 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's Comments



As We Prepare to Enter the Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on February 17 this year with the observance of Ash Wednesday, a day of abstinence from meat for all Catholics and a day of fasting for all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 except for those who are exempt for reasons of health.

But do we really understand what it means to fast and to abstain? While the letter of the law is very clear, the spirit of the law is often misconstrued. For example, eating lobster on a Friday during Lent certainly fulfills the letter of the law. But I would suggest that it violates the spirit of the law. Rather, we can learn from the prophet Isaiah, who offered the following reflection on what it means to offer a fast that is acceptable to the Lord:

Is this the manner of fasting I would choose, a day to afflict oneself?

To bow one's head like a reed, and lie upon sackcloth and ashes?

Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke;

Setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke?

Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house;

Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall be quickly healed;

Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:5-8)

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Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

In other words, when we fast or practice abstinence, we should not be trying to get around the law by lavishing ourselves with luxuries. Nor should we go about punishing ourselves, as if to say, "God, look at how good I am". True fasting is not about us at all. It is about learning to put ourselves in the shoes of those who are less fortunate. That is why true fasting always goes hand in hand with the giving of alms. My fasting and abstinence should allow me to share what I have with those who are in need—the poor, the hungry, the homeless, those who are afflicted.

But just as important as the act of sharing in their need is the attitude with which I do it. St. Basil once wrote: "Let us fast an acceptable and very pleasing fast to the Lord. True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting." Perhaps fasting might mean for any one of us giving up whatever idol keeps us from knowing, loving and serving God—whatever idol prevents us from seeing Christ in those around us. For some of us, that idol is sugar. For others, it might be alcohol, or caffeine, or something more subtle, such as gossip, or prestige, or pride. For all of us, it means recognizing who we are and who God has created us to be in true humility.

Let us learn, then, from St. Basil and from the prophet Isaiah what it means to fast according to the spirit of the law, so that we focus not on ourselves, not on our needs or desires, but on the good of those around us. It is only then, Isaiah tells us, that our vindication will go before us and the glory of the Lord shall be our rear guard.

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent in the next few weeks, may the Lord be with you and bless you, that you might know what it means to know him, to love him, and to serve him.

Fr. John Keehner

Chaplain for the State of Ohio

National Chaplain

Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.



We were informed of the passing of our past-chaplain, Fr. Joe Mecir on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Fr. Joe was born on July 29, 1947. He was educated at St. Wendelin Elementary, Cleveland, St. Michael High School, Cleveland, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, Borromeo College, Wickliffe and St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland. On June 7, 1980 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Bishop James A. Hickey ordained him to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Cleveland. After many years of service to the Diocese he was appointed, on July 20, 2010, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Hinckley. During this assignment he served as Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians effective February 22, 2012. Fr. Mecir retired on August 31, 2017. He will be remembered for his kindness and gentle spirit.

Fr. Mecir's vesper service will be on Friday, 29 January at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, 1088 Ridge Road, Hinckley, Ohio 44233 followed by visitation until 6:00 p.m. Bishop Roger Gries will preside at the vespers and Fr. Richard Evans will preach.

The funeral liturgy will take place on Saturday, 30 January 2021 at Our Lady of Grace Church at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Malesic will be the main celebrant and Deacon Phillip Kraynik will be the homilist. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery.

Please keep Fr. Mecir's family in your prayers at this time. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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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 Missions & Charities Report

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

February 2021

2021 Catholic Men's Conference (Ohio)

SUN, Feb 27, 2021 9:00am to Noon

The Annual (Columbus) Catholic Men's Conference is among the largest gatherings of its type in the nation for men of faith. This year has provided us with the opportunity to reach even more men through a virtual platform. The 2021 Conference will be an amazing experience of virtual presentations, personal small groups and Christian fellowship. Event speakers are Devin Schadt, Chris Stefanick, Fr. Donald Calloway, and Bishop Robert Brennan.

Patrick Pearse Division #1 will continue to promote the Order and Dead Theologians Society at this event.

More information at: <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/copy-of-inspiration-1>

Project St Patrick

All divisions need to establish a Project St Patrick representative and have division information filed with your diocese. This allows for the Bishop's Office to see firsthand how committed the AOH is in supporting local seminarians and those pursuing vocations. Expect an email from Ron Hagan and/or National AOH encouraging all divisions to participate in this worthy effort.

All PSP forms are posted online at: <https://aoh.com/project-st-patrick>

Statewide AOH Missions & Charities Work Per Division

I will begin posting monthly news of divisions throughout Ohio that are continuing missions & charities work. This includes fundraisers for local/state/national charities, local soup kitchens and aiding mission work. Email your division monthly report to chriskonik@mindspring.com and I will make sure to get the word out.

Dead Theologians Society

New website design includes easier ordering of DTS swag! Look for Eddie Cotter to lead a rosary in Gaelic and English during one of our upcoming State Board Meetings.

The Saints of Yesterday Inspiring The Youth of Today

More information: www.deadtheologianssociety.com eddie@deadtheologianssociety.com

Holy Family Mission (Ireland)

In its first five years of operation, Bishop Alphonus "Phonsie" Cullinan has witnessed great strides in HFM reaching the youth of Ireland. Video and photo gallery posted here: <https://www.holyfamilymission.ie/gallery/>

More information about HFM: www.holyfamilymission.ie Facebook @ HolyFamilyMissionIreland

State Historian's Report
Timothy Sylvester Hogan, State President
(1900-1904)

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



Throughout his career Timothy Sylvester Hogan not only fought for and against the many and complex political issues of his day, but as an Irish-Catholic, he often had to fight against outrageous anti-Catholicism. Win or lose, Hogan always managed to rise above his political enemies by utilizing his personal qualities of honesty, wit, courtesy and hard work.

Timothy Sylvester Hogan was born June 11, 1864 on a farm in Jackson County, Ohio. His parents, Patrick Hogan and Margaret Courtney, were natives of County Kerry, Ireland. Patrick Hogan immigrated to the U.S. in 1852. Timothy S. Hogan was one of their eight children.

He was educated in the public schools in Wellston, Ohio. At the age of 17 he began teaching in the Jackson County public schools where he taught for four years. He then moved to the nearby city of Wellston where he taught in that city's grade and high schools. In 1887, at the age of 23, he was elected Superintendent of Schools in Wellston, a position he held for eight years. For a Catholic to be the superintendent of a public school system in a predominantly Protestant community is in itself a testament to the abilities and personality of Timothy Hogan.

During the summer, he pursued higher education at Ohio Northern University (later he also attended Ohio State University and Ohio University). In 1895 he was forced to resign his position as Superintendent in Wellston due to anti-Catholic bigotry on the school board. In his resignation speech he said, "I was born a Catholic, I have been raised a Catholic, and by the grace of God I expect to die in that faith. No paltry position involving a few hundred dollars in salary will change my conviction."

Sometime during Hogan's teaching career, one of his fellow schoolteachers gave him a copy of Blackstone's, *Commentaries on the Laws of England*. As a result, Hogan became fascinated with the study of law. He often said that his law education was gained by studying at home "under the apple tree." Hogan was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1894 and went into private practice in Wellston. Hogan soon became popular throughout the state as a successful attorney.

Hogan was a member the AOH division in Wellston, where he served as County President. At the 1900 State Convention in Toledo, Ohio, Hogan was elected State President, presiding over 78 divisions in 36 counties in Ohio. He was reelected at the 1902 State Convention in Springfield, serving until 1904.

In his report as out-going State President to the 1904 state convention held in Youngstown, Ohio Timothy Hogan reported the following words of advice to the membership: "All Catholic societies should act as a unit in the protection of the interests of our people. In unity there is strength; unity commands respect. The unity of the Catholic Church has been one of the great elements of its strength and endurance. We have suffered in the past because the position of our people has not been understood and many people who would be otherwise well

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meaning have been prejudiced against the Catholics in this country because they were misled as to our purpose. The object of all Catholic organizations should be to encourage greater fidelity to the church, love of country, a strict observance of the good old rule to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us.”

In 1908 Hogan was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Ohio Attorney General. He lost that election, but ran again in 1910 as was elected as Ohio's 25th Attorney General. He served in the job until 1914. Hogan became known as “Ohio's Crusading Attorney General” and took on many legal fights against government corruption, convicting many both the Democrat and Republican parties. As Attorney General, Hogan pleaded many landmark cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was known in the press as “Ohio's Crusading Attorney General.”

With Hogan's public success came personal tragedy. Hogan's daughter Nellie died at the age of ten in a scarlet fever epidemic. Hogan's wife Mary also died quite unexpectedly in 1905.

Through the Hibernians, Hogan met John Deasy, who was president of one of the Cincinnati Hibernian divisions. Deasy introduced Hogan to his daughter Mary L. Deasy. A romance developed and Timothy Hogan and Mary Deasy were married on June 20, 1908. Together they would have four children.

Hogan was reelected to the office of Ohio Attorney General for a second term in 1912. In 1914 he ran for the U.S. Senate against Warren G. Harding. The Senate campaign was marked by overt anti-Catholicism against Hogan. When the votes were counted, Hogan had lost. Harding had received 526,115 votes; Hogan received 423,742 votes.

In private practice Hogan continued to take on legal cases involving social and political progressivism, arguing five cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1919 he was chairman of the committee that welcomed Eamon DeValera to Columbus. Hogan was the local president of the Friends of Irish Freedom (FOIF). The FOIF was a national organization that supported recognition of the Irish Republic.

Timothy Hogan died on Wednesday, December 8, 1926 of the effects of pernicious anemia at his home at 946 Bryden Road in Columbus. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Friday, December 10, 1926. Rev. John W. Cavanaugh, CSC, of South Bend, Indiana, former president of Notre Dame University conducted the ceremony and eulogized Hogan as an outstanding Roman Catholic.

Timothy Sylvester Hogan was buried in St. Josephs Cemetery. Hogan's wife Mary died on June 15, 1961 in Cincinnati. In one of the many tributes to Timothy Hogan, Ohio Governor Victor Donahey called him, “One of the ablest lawyers of our time.”

Through sharing stories of our history we can remember those brother and sister Hibernians who came before us and on whose shoulders we stand today.

J. Michael Finn

Mark Your Calendars

2021 State Convention (See Page 13)

June 25 - June 26

Double Tree Hilton

West Lake, OH

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

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AOH Ohio License Plate

Brothers All,

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

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

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

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

Slan,

Bob

Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs, February 2021

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

Brothers – Last month, I provided a brief update on the VA's COVID-19 vaccination operations. Those continue apace. Nationally, the VA has administered at least one dose of the Moderna & Pfizer vaccines to 224,000 veterans and 214,000 staff. VA has been challenged by the same vaccine supply problems that have afflicted state and local public health systems. As I reported last month, ***if you become eligible for a VA-administered vaccination, your local VA will contact you directly to schedule an inoculation.*** More details can be found at this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Cases detected in the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system in Ohio (as of 1/24/2021): <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>

VA-Tracked* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 8,534; 321 Deaths; **Active Cases: 600**

Here in Ohio, we've seen new infections leveling off and a significant reduction in the number of active cases tracked by the VA. Sadly, deaths reported by the VA continue to rise. The VA advises veterans to continue checking the operational status of their local VA facility prior to any visit.

2) Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation – Serving Ohio Veterans AmeriCorps Program:

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) has been leading new initiatives to support the veteran and military community statewide in the fight against suicide. Serving Ohio Veterans is an AmeriCorps program seeking to recruit veterans in Columbus, Ohio to serve at military installations, government, and non-profit community agencies. The mission of Serving Ohio Veterans is to equip and empower military members, veterans, their families, and those serving them with the knowledge to identify the warning signs of suicide, confidence to ask about thoughts of suicide, and ability to refer to mental health providers with competence in military culture. Members will spend the majority of their time serving at their host site but will also be connecting with the Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) and military-serving organizations across Ohio to promote greater understanding and awareness of mental health and suicide prevention.

Veterans of any era and experience are invited to apply. I think this position lends itself well to veterans in college, those who may be transitioning between careers, and those that have retired and are seeking a new mission. Jason Hughes is the OSPF liaison for this program and a 20-year retired veteran of the Ohio Army National Guard. He is a tremendous advocate for the veteran community and can be reached at jason.hughes@ohiospf.org with any questions you may have about this initiative.

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

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

Catholic Action

February this year is a transitional month as far as the Church year is concerned. After two Sundays of Ordinary Time, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17. The liturgical color transitions from green to the penitential violet. As the season of Lent in preparation for Easter approaches, check with your diocese or parish for fast and abstinence regulations, as well as other opportunities for penance.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF FEBRUARY

The Presentation of the Lord	February 2	Feast
Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	February 3	
Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	February 5	Memorial
Ash Wednesday	February 17	
Chair of Peter, Apostle	February 22	Feast

SOME IRISH SAINTS OF FEBRUARY

Brigid, Abbess (c. 450-525)

February 1

Brigid's name is also spelled Bridget and Bride. She was born near Dundalk, Louth. By legend, her father was Dubhthach, a chieftain of Leinster, and her mother Brocca, a slave. Her parents were baptized by St. Patrick. Even as a child, Brigid aspired to the consecrated life. Besides Patrick himself, with whom she always held a close friendship, Brigid was mentored in her early religious life by St. Macaille of Croghan and St. Mel of Armagh. After earlier establishments under the mentorship of the latter two saints, she founded a double monastery at Kildare about 470, the first in Ireland, and was abbess of the female convent. This foundation developed a reputation for scholarship and sanctity and was the kernel of the cathedral city of Kildare. Brigid's learning and sanctity are reflected in the numerous legends that have grown up around her. She was the inspiration of the many consecrated virgins of the Irish Church. The "Mary of the Gael," her tomb is at Downpatrick, with Sts. Columba and Patrick, with the latter of whom she shares the title of patron of Ireland.

Marianus Scotus (d. 1088)

February 9

Marianus, or Muiredach mac Robartaigh, seems to have been born in Donegal. After assuming monastic garb and being ordained a priest, he and some companions departed for the Continent, apparently intending a pilgrimage to Rome. What started as a temporary stop in the diocese of Regensburg ended up being a lifelong commitment, when this band of Irish pilgrims took up residency in a double monastic community there. Marianus came into his own there as a skilled copyist and calligrapher, and a poet and theologian as well.

Modomnoc (6th century)

February 13

Modomnoc was an Irish monk who went to Wales, where he studied under St. David and also served as beekeeper for the saint's monastic community. According to legend, he introduced bees to Ireland, when a swarm followed him there upon his return. He settled at Tibraghny, Kilkenny, and reportedly was later bishop of Ossory.

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Fintan, Abbot (d. 603)

February 17

One of a number of sainted Fintans, this man was a monk trained by St. Columba. He led an eremetical life at Cloneenagh, eventually becoming abbot of the community which grew up around him. He was known for his gifts of prophecy and clairvoyance and had many miracles attributed to him.

Finan, Bishop (d. 661)

February 17

Finan was an Irish monk of Iona. He succeeded St. Aidan as second bishop of Lindisfarne, a diocese which at the time encompassed all of Northumbria, Durham, and York. Finan opposed the adoption of Roman liturgical practices to replace the Celtic usages. He was a friend of King Oswy of Northumbria, and did much to evangelize the kingdoms which lay to the south as well.

Colman, Bishop (d. 676)

February 18

There are a number of sainted Colmans, but this one was an Irishman and the third bishop of Lindisfarne. He reigned only three years, but his reign was a momentous one, since during it the controversy between the Celtic and Roman usages, especially over the date of Easter, came to a head in the British Isles. Reportedly, King Oswy of Northumbria sought a solution when he found, to his consternation, that members of the royal household did not agree on when to celebrate Easter. The English monastic historian Bede relates the debates at the ensuing Synod of Whitby (663), the winning argument being that the pope, as successor of Peter, had received the power of the keys, whereas the followers of St. Columba had not. Colman found that he could not accept the Roman usage, resigned his bishopric, and returned to Ireland, where he founded a monastery on Inishbofin. Rome chose not to press the issue of Easter with many of the Irish congregations, reasoning (correctly) that time would bring a resolution.

ISSUES AND NEWS

In a January 5 op-ed in the *New York Post*, Cardinal Dolan of New York denounced the recent vandalism at St. Patrick's Cathedral and spoke about the positive role of the Cathedral, and the Catholic Church at large, in our society. Perhaps of interest to Hibernians, the Cardinal made reference to the Know-Nothing era of the mid- nineteenth century and to John Hughes, the first Archbishop of New York, who was openly and vocally defiant of the Know Nothings. One modern historian has written that Hughes was taken seriously, due to the fact that he had "a substantial body of Irishmen at his back."

On January 9, Governor DeWine signed into law legislation which effectively bans the telemedicine approach to chemical abortion being pushed nationwide by abortion advocates under the guise of pandemic relief. The law requires that a physician be present for the first dose of the drug regimen.

Do you have local news? Please send for inclusion in this report. Fraternally,

Pat Lally lally8404@hotmail.com

AOH National Pro Life Newsletter

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. 1 John 4:11

Welcome to the first edition of the AOH National Pro Life Newsletter!

The goal of this newsletter is to educate our brothers on all matters relevant to Pro Life issues with a Hibernian perspective guided by the passage above from the First Letter of John. You will find articles and comments from Holy Scripture, Catholic Writers, News Sources, Pro Life Organizations, and members of the AOH National Pro Life Committee.

We won't just mimic other pro life websites and news feeds, but provide deeper insight and understanding to the topics, and stick to the issues avoiding party bias and rhetoric that promote divisiveness within our Order.

Please send suggestions you would like addressed in future editions of the newsletter to lspittcmf@gmail.com.

How they voted

Report from Capitol Hill on Pro Life Laws and other significant legislation.

A South Carolina bill to protect unborn babies once their heartbeats are detectable moved forward Thursday in the state Senate.

Fetal remains from surgical abortions in Ohio must be cremated or buried under a new bill signed by Republican Gov. Mike DeWine.

The bill, signed Dec. 30, updates a current state law requiring that aborted fetuses be disposed of "in a humane manner," but "humane" is not further defined. The new law states that "final disposition of fetal remains from a surgical abortion at an abortion facility shall be by cremation or interment."

Report from the March for Life

The 2021 March for Life was changed to a virtual venue due to the pandemic and political unrest in Washington, DC. Select Pro Life leaders did march and several events were streamed over the internet and can be replayed.

Report from 40 Days for Life

Learn the truth about abortion first hand. Volunteer to pray on the sidewalk in front of abortion clinics to protect the life of the unborn. Since its inception, the 40 Days for Life President, Shawn Carney, claims the organization has saved 18,000 babies from abortion. Step up and be a part of this life saving organization! Find a Lenten Campaign in your area at:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/> click "Find a 40 Days for Life Vigil"

Report from the National Pro-life Alliance

The National Pro-life Alliance is dedicated to promoting a Life at Conception Act:

"However, the highest legislative priority for members of the National Pro-Life Alliance is to lobby both incumbents and candidates for office to come out clearly for a Life at Conception Act to legislatively define constitutionally-protected "persons" as beginning at the moment of conception."

This means that all unborn babies are classified as "persons" and are fully protected by the Constitution.

<https://prolifealliance.com/our-mission/>

Attention all AOH Pro Life Chairmen - Resources for Reports Available!

Follow the link below for report topics and content to deliver to your state, county, or division!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e03eF1F11BkBr1DAHro0dejUYspsBeF2xMRk>

2021 AOH State of Ohio Convention



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Cleveland Hibernians are looking forward to seeing and working with you and having FUN in 2021.