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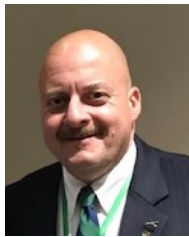
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## President's Message

Brothers All,



There's lots going, and much progress. The big news: we have the first-ever Governor's Proclamation of Irish-American Heritage Month in Ohio! See page 2 for the Proclamation. I have had a printer make some high-quality copies and would love to present a framed copy to your Division, as a personal gift from me to you, in appreciation for all you do. Just let me know if you'd like one, and I'll come for a visit with the proclamation in hand.

A reminder: It's **report and dues submittal season**. You know what you have to do. Let's get it done.

**Recruiting and Retention: *What have you done this month to help your Division reach that 5% target, and maybe win one of those bottles of Redbreast 12?***

Where and when you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events. Please feel free to send invites, and you can bet I'll attend if at all possible.

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

Slan,

Bob

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## Chaplain's's Comments

### Lenten Day of Reflection



Ohio's newest Division, Saint Colmcille Division #1 Stark County, will be hosting a Hibernian Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 5th. at Saint Paul Parish in North Canton (241 South Main Street, North Canton, Ohio 44720).

All AOH members from the State of Ohio are welcome to join us for our regularly schedule 8:00 AM Mass, followed by the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions).

We will officially begin with coffee and donuts and registration at 9:00 AM in the downstairs parish social hall. Talks begin at 9:30 AM and will focus on four great Irish Saints and the virtues by which they lived, including Saint Patrick and Forgiveness; Saint Brendan and Courage, Saint Columba (Colmcille) and Humility; and Saint Lawrence O'Toole and what it means to be a peacemaker. Presentations will be given by Fr. John Sheridan, Chaplain of Stark Division #1; Fr. Chad Johnson, member of Stark Division #1, and Fr. John Keehner, National Chaplain and Chaplain for the State of Ohio. A boxed lunch will be served. The Day of Reflection will end at 3:00 PM with further opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance. Participants are asked to pay a fee of \$20 to defray the cost of breakfast and lunch.

To register or for more information, please contact Fr. John Keehner at [jekeehner@yahoo.com](mailto:jekeehner@yahoo.com)

Fr. John Keehner  
Chaplain for the State of Ohio  
National Chaplain

**President’s Message, cont.**

Recently,I received a rather large envelope from the Governor’s Office. I was hopeful that the envelope contained a positive outcome for our efforts....and to my elation, it did! When I opened the envelope, I found this copy of Governor DeWine’s **2022 Ohio Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation**.

We believe that this is the first-ever IAHM Proclamation in Ohio’s nearly 220-year history. Many thanks to our Governor and Lieutenant Governor for recognizing the contributions of Ohio’s Irish-Americans, and thanks again to Brother Scott Partika for his help as we pushed this through to a great outcome.



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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](mailto: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](http://www.va.gov/coronavirus)

Brothers – As of 1/23/2022, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 147,039 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: 23,970; 792 Deaths; Active Cases: 2,052**

### **2) Veteran/Military Services at Ohio's Colleges and Universities.:**

In 2008, the Ohio became the first state in the nation to provide in-state tuition to veterans and dependents attending public colleges and universities. From 2014 and onward, the state has continued to upgrade the services and support offered to veterans and their families. Ohio's public colleges and universities have been joined by many private/non-profit institutions of higher education in ensuring the success of veteran/military students. If you know a veteran, active duty/reserve/Guard servicemember, or family member who is seeking more information on how to access higher education, the best resource for helping them learn more about Ohio's veteran higher education programs is the Ohio Department of Higher Education. They maintain several websites that help link individuals to the broad set of services offered through each of Ohio's public colleges and universities:

- **ODHE Veteran/Military Homepage:** <https://www.ohiohighered.org/veterans>

Here you can find the central clearinghouse of information on the full range of services to include weblinks to information on specific benefits.

- **Veteran Program Offices at Ohio's Colleges:** <https://www.ohiohighered.org/veterans/campus-services>

This link provides direct access to the Veteran Point of Contact at each college or university. These offices exist to provide individuals a direct line to get questions answered or learn more about the procedures and services available.

- **Veteran/Military Financial Aid:** <https://www.ohiohighered.org/veterans/financial-aid>

This site provides information on family support scholarships for the children of service-connected disabled or KIA veterans as well as links to information about the GI Bill and other forms of financial aid.

- **Credit for Military Experience:** [https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/apexprod/rws\\_cems/r/102/military](https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/apexprod/rws_cems/r/102/military)

In the only program of its type in the country, the state has established an Ohio-specific Military Transfer Assurance Guide (MTAG) that helps veterans translate their military experience into college credit. By state law, these credits must be awarded to the veteran at no charge and are transferrable to all 36 of Ohio's public colleges and universities. Individuals are also eligible to apply for college credit from non-military experiences as well. More information about that program can be found at <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/>.

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](http://www.ohiovets.gov) to learn more about veterans benefits as well as the National AOH site at [www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs](http://www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs) for information about services around the country.

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## State Historian's Report

### He Rode With Custer

By: J. Michael Finn



Myles Walter Keogh (key-oh) was born on March 25, 1840 to a wealthy Catholic family near the village of Leighlinbridge in County Carlow, Ireland. His family owned a large farm known as “Orchard House.”

He attended the seminary at St. Patrick's College in Maynooth for only two years then left Ireland. He decided to seek his fortune in Africa, where he served as a mercenary soldier for hire.

In 1860 the Pope sent out a call to Catholics to protect the Holy See from the Italian forces of unification. Keogh signed up in the Papal Army and soon rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant. For gallantry against an overwhelming Piedmontese force he was awarded two medals, the *Magaglia de Pro Petri Sede* and the

*Cross of the Order of St. Gregory* by Pope Pius IX (medals are pictured below). While still in Rome he was approached by American bishops recruiting experienced foreign officers for the Union army.

Because the American Civil War promised excitement, Keogh resigned his commission in the Papal Army and immigrated to the United States in 1862. He joined the Union volunteers and because of his prior experience he was made an officer and assigned to a staff position in a cavalry unit. Major General George Thomas wrote to General Halleck on April 25, 1865, “Major Keogh went forward with a detachment of the 12<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry – surprised and routed the rebels near Salisbury – killing 9 and capturing 68. Much credit is due Major Keogh.”

Although a staff officer, Keogh saw action at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run, Antietam, Brandy Station, Gettysburg and other battles. At the end of the war, he was mustered out of the volunteer service in September 1866. He then signed up in the regular army. Keogh was commissioned a Captain in a newly organized cavalry unit, the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

Keogh soon found favor with the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry's colorful deputy commander, Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer. He soon became part of Custer's inner circle of officers. It was Keogh who suggested that the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry should have its own regimental band. Custer's wife, Elizabeth, credits Keogh with suggesting that the regimental song be the *Garryowen*, an Irish quick-step, which was named for a village in County Limerick.

Captain Keogh was in command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry's Company I. His company became known as the “Wild I” because of its hard fighting and general wild behavior. On June 25, 1876, Captain Keogh and his company were with Lt. Colonel Custer when they attacked what Custer thought was a small Indian encampment near the Little Bighorn River in Montana.

The small encampment turned out to be a major gathering of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Having split his forces, Custer was vastly outnumbered. The resulting battle saw Custer and all of his men killed (thirty-four of the 215 men killed with Custer were born in Ireland).

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### State Historian's Report, cont.



Captain Keogh's Company I fought its final battle just to the left of Company F, with which Custer was fighting. According to some Indian accounts of the battle, Keogh might well have been among the last to fall. One Indian survivor of the battle later said of Keogh, "Like the flame of a coal blazed his eyes. His teeth glistened like a fighting grizzly."

Two days after the battle, General Alfred Terry's main force inspected the battlefield. They found that all of the troopers were dead and all had been stripped and mutilated by the Indians. Captain Keogh was found where he had fallen; however, his body had not been stripped or mutilated in any way. It is believed by some historians that it was the large Papal medals that Keogh wore that may have caused the Indians to leave his body undisturbed (many of Sitting Bull's warriors were Catholic). Originally buried on the battlefield, Keogh's remains were disinterred and taken to Auburn, New York as he had requested in his will. He was buried at Fort Hill Cemetery on October 26, 1877, an occasion marked by citywide official mourning and an impressive military procession to the cemetery.

But the story does not end there. Although Captain Keogh and the others lost their lives, Captain Keogh's horse, Comanche, was found on the battlefield, severely wounded, but still alive. Comanche is credited with being the only living survivor of the Custer battle.

Comanche, wounded seven times, was taken to Fort Lincoln where he eventually recovered from his wounds, under the care of the 7th Cavalry's blacksmith, Gustave Korn. Thereafter, on ceremonial occasions, Comanche walked at the head of Captain Keogh's old troop. He would be draped in black with a pair of cavalry boots slung over the saddle with the toes pointing backward. Comanche lived to be twenty-nine. He died on November 7, 1891.

Today, at the Custer Battlefield, a marker memorializes the spot where Captain Myles Keogh fell commanding Company I in its final battle.

### Organizer Report

We're getting ready to kick off the Green Season and now is a good time to get your recruitment material ready to post or set out on tables or bulletin boards. Hang up small posts on pub bulletin boards, church entrances, libraries and coffee shops. Most divisions already have their material but if you are looking for anything else or even ideas, go to [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com), then to "About the AOH" drop-down, then "Organizer Resources".

As I stated last month, John O'Brien, editor of *iIrish* newsmagazine and member of the Medina County AOH would like to have more information from divisions around the state to showcase in his monthly newsmagazine. *iIrish* already distributes to many of the divisions and would like to include more information for all of the divisions as well. His email is [jobrien@iirish.us](mailto:jobrien@iirish.us).

Joe Casey,

State Organizer, National Deputy Organizer

## **Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report**

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

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### **Project St. Patrick Fundraiser at Tara Hall**

State President Bob Harper has requested Patrick Pearse Division hold a Project St. Patrick fundraiser in the Spring of 2022 to coincide with the annual Easter Appeal. National Project St. Patrick Chair Ron Hagan will coordinate an event at Tara Hall, all statewide divisions will be encouraged to participate. Details will be emailed to state, county and division leadership.

### **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>

### **Catholic Men's Conference (Columbus, Ohio)**

The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to an in-person gathering on Saturday, February 26th, 2022. Once again, the event will be held in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio.

More info: <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/2022-conference-overview>

Patrick Pearse Division #1 will have a booth to promote AOH membership and continue our tradition of sponsoring a booth for the Dead Theologians Society. This combination has proven to be very successful in the past as way to bring in new division members and former Hibernians as well.

### **Dead Theologians Society News**

New DTS chapters nationwide: St Francis de Sales of St Paul - St. Paul, MN, Basilica of St John - Des Moines, IA, St. Mary's – Delaware - Delaware, OH, St. Francis de Sales - Newark, OH, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - New York, NY, St. Bronislava - Plover, WI, Holy Name - Sheridan, WY, St. Maximilian Kolbe - Liberty Township, OH, St. Theresa - Leeds, AL, Ave Maria Parish - Ave Maria, FL, Queen of the Apostles - Tomah, WI, Church of St Henry - Monticello, MN, St. Joseph – Rowena, TX, Epiphany of Our Lord – North Collins, NY, St. Joseph – Wautoma, WI, Notre Dame – Chippewa Falls, WI and St. Paul – New Lisbon, WI

The sustained support from Hibernians have clearly aided DTS in their mission and is greatly appreciated.

### **County and Division News**

Email notification of your county and division missions and charities work to [chriskonik@mindspring.com](mailto:chriskonik@mindspring.com) It will be posted here and in the monthly state newsletter, to inspire our brother and sister Hibernians. Please include pictures when possible.

### Ohio AOH license plate

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

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

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

#### PETITION TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSE PLATE

We the undersigned do intend to support the production of specialty license plates designated to the \_\_\_\_\_ by purchasing the \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

(PRINT or TYPE)

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CURRENT LICENSE PLATE #	OHIO DL OR ID CARD #	SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	
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<b>FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CONTACT</b>			
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE



### **From the Desk of President O'Connell**

It has been a busy start to 2022 and with so much going on, the scam artists are looking to take advantage of your generosity toward all of the programs of The Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Remember, the AOH will never ask you to send gift cards of any kind. If you ever suspect a scam, assume it is a scam. Contact me or any of our officers and verify what is happening. The scam email is designed to look like it is from me. A closer look at the email will show it is clearly someone else. Don't take the bait, don't be scammed.

Danny O'Connell  
President  
The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

#### **2022 AOH National Convention**

**July 13-17, 2022**

**Pittsburgh PA**

**Convention registration and hotel information can be found on the convention web page link: <http://www.2022pittsburghconvention.com>**

#### **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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## Catholic Action

In February this year we find ourselves in Ordinary Time for the entire month, with green being the liturgical color.

### 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
Scholastica, Virgin	February 10	Memorial
Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	February 14	Memorial
Chair of Peter, Apostle	February 22	Feast
Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	February 23	Memorial

### WORTHY RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST (CONTINUED)

If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such situations would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain.

*--From "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," adopted by the U.S. bishops at their November General Meeting.*

### 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.

#### **Mel and Melchu, Bishops (5th century)**

February 6

An unreliable legend makes these two brothers nephews of St. Patrick who accompanied him on his return to Ireland. The two were said to be bishops, though of what sees is not certain. Mel was cleared by St. Patrick of a rumored scandalous relationship with an aunt, though Patrick ordered them to live apart.

#### **Alto, Abbot (d.c. 760)**

February 9

Alto was probably an Irishman. He took up the life of a hermit near Augsburg, in Germany, in about 743. Impressed by his holiness, the local Germanic king gave him a parcel of land near Altomunster, Bavaria, where he constructed a monastery.

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### Catholic Action, cont.

#### 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.

#### 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

--It has always been a problem getting accurate and complete news about events in the Church through the secular media, but the problem is especially acute today. Many journalists speak and write in ignorance, many in malice, and many in a toxic mix of the two. It is vital to have reliable sources of information. If you like your information in a newspaper, may I recommend the *National Catholic Register*? Some excellent websites are Eternal Word Television Network, [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com), and Catholic News Agency, [www.cna.com](http://www.cna.com).

--Those who are concerned with religious liberty issues know that in recent decades we have seen an alarming increase in threats to individual rights to freedom of religion. The pandemic has exacerbated this trend, revealing that many of our "elites" view religion as a "non-essential" function, or worse, a threat to public health. One way to stay informed about these issues is to follow the podcast of legal analyst Andrea Picciotti-Bayer at [www.ncregister/topic/religious-freedom-matters](http://www.ncregister/topic/religious-freedom-matters).

--ACLU of Ohio and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America have brought suit to halt an Ohio law which passed the legislature a little over a year ago, which mandates respectful burial of aborted children. The suit was brought in the Common Pleas Court of Hamilton County, where the plaintiffs have previously had success blocking the law.

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