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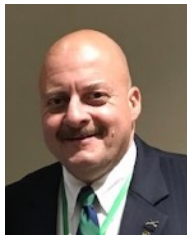
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President's Message



Brothers All,

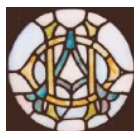
It's July, and with it some uncertainty - but plenty of opportunity as we move our Order forward.

As you all know, the Orlando National Convention has been cancelled, and in its place a "virtual" National Convention will be held, with the top officers conducting business and ceremonies from Youngstown. The National Board and virtual convention committee are working hard on the plan for this convention; they have just published a first draft agenda for discussion and comment. As things firm up, I'll share the agenda and other details with you all ASAP.

A key focus for us has always been retention and recruiting, but that's especially important right now. With that in mind, and with the base (5%) and stretch (10%) net increase goals stated at the start of this term, I've renewed that ask by recently contacting your Division Presidents with specific number goals, based on your current Division membership. I hope that your Division Presidents share this with you all, and that you all work to achieve this objective. Our State Organizer Joe Casey, and our National Website, are great resources for recruiting ideas and materials, including customizable recruiting materials that look great when posted in Parishes, establishments, and other venues.

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



My message this month is a history of St. Columba that I had written for a pamphlet for the Cathedral in Youngstown when I was serving as its rector.

St. Columba of Iona

Alone with none but Thee, my God,

I journey on my way:

What need I fear, when Thou art near,

O King of night and day!

More safe am I within Thy hand

Than if a host did round me stand.

A prayer of St. Columba
Translated from Gaelic

Originally named Crimthain, which means "fox" or "wolf", St. Columba, known also as Columcille, which means "the dove of the Church", is said to have been born about the year 521 in County Donegal. Once ordained a priest, he spent fifteen years traveling about Ireland preaching and founding monasteries, the most renowned of which were Derry, Durrow and Kells. After a dispute with St. Finnian over a book, the Psalter of St. Jerome, which he had copied by hand, and a subsequent battle which erupted among their followers, Columba, in repentance for the violence which had ensued, and at the advice of his friend, St. Brendan, decided to go into exile and to dedicate himself to the salvation of souls in a foreign land.

In the year 563, at the age of forty one, he left Ireland, taking with him twelve companions, all them kinsmen. They landed on the Island of Iona, wheret Columba and his companions built the great monastery which was to be Columba's home for the rest of his life and which was to become among the most famous of monastic

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foundations in the Western Church for many centuries. In the years that followed, St. Columba is credited with evangelizing the Scottish Picts. He made many trips to the Scottish mainland over the years in order to establish the Christian faith among the people. He was known, in the words of St. Adamnan, a kinsman who later also served as Abbot of Iona, to be "a lover of man and beast" who, "in the midst of all his toils...appeared loving unto all, serene and holy, rejoicing in the joy of the Holy Spirit in his inmost heart".

St. Columba, like so many saints, is said to have known when he was about to die. One day he asked to be taken by cart to the field in which his monks were working. Upon arriving, he blessed the grain and the crops. Legend has it that in the midst of this blessing, an old white horse which had long served the Iona community approached the saint and rested its head on his shoulder, where it began to weep with sadness at the saint's impending departure from the world. Later that day, June 9, 597, while in the midst of copying a manuscript of psalm 34, Columba laid aside his pen, stating that someone else would have to finish the task, and died. He was buried at Iona, but later his body was taken to Downpatrick to lie in the grave of St. Patrick and St. Brigid.

Said to have been gifted with the gift of prophesy, among the most famous of the words attributed to him speak of his beloved Iona:

*Iona of my heart,
Iona of my love,
Instead of monks' voices
Shall be lowing of cattle;
But ere the world come to an end
Iona shall be as it was.*

It is not insignificant that once again, after having been abandoned for centuries, a lay ecumenical community now flourishes on the site of Columba's original Iona monastery.

Many of the legends which have grown up around the saint concern his great love for creation and for animals. He is perhaps best remembered, however, for his monastic rule, which spread throughout western Europe as members of the Iona community preached the Gospel, and was utilized until the rule of St. Benedict came into common use.

St. Columba is honored, along with St. Patrick and St. Brigid as one of the primary patrons of Ireland. He is also known as the Apostle to Scotland. St. Columba is the principal patron of the Diocese of Youngstown, where the Cathedral Church is named in his honor. His feast day is June 9 and is celebrated in the Cathedral Church as a Solemnity.

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 has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 11th. Ray and I are hopeful the quarantine we are currently living under will be over. Should you have a conflict with this date, please do get back to me so that I can arrange for your refund.

Dave Manley at 330-273-3118

Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.

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Governor DeWine has issued an order to temporarily shut down all bars and restaurants in the State of Ohio as we prepare to face the spread of the Coronavirus in the US. Tara Hall will be closed for business until further notice.

Joseph T. Nally, Sr. Div #6, Mahoning Co.

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The Major Degrees scheduled for April 25, 2020 have been postponed and will be held at a later date.

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State Historian's Report

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

Honest John Hagerty, State Delegate (1877-1880)

John Hagerty was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1852. His parents were Patrick and Mary Hagerty. They were both Irish immigrants. Patrick Hagerty was a shoemaker and started a shoe manufacturing business in Cumminsville (a suburb of Cincinnati) where he owned P. Hagerty and Sons Shoes. The Hagerty's children, that have been identified, were Frank, Michael and John. No information was found regarding John Hagerty's early life or his education. However, because of the location of his father's business, it is likely he grew up in Cummingsville.

John Hagerty married Sarah McLaughlin in 1875. Together they had eight children. They lived in the Walnut Hills area of Cincinnati and attended the Church of the Assumption.

John Hagerty was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Cincinnati. There is no information available as to when he first joined the Order; however, there were Hibernian Divisions in Cincinnati from as early as 1861. He served in several division officer positions and also served as County Delegate for Hamilton County.

At the 1877 Ohio State Convention, held in Toledo, Ohio, Hagerty was elected as the third State Delegate for Ohio, succeeding Father Matthew A. Scanlon. He was reelected State Delegate in 1878 and in 1879 at the State Conventions both held in Columbus, Ohio. He was the first State Delegate to be elected to three consecutive terms.

Hagerty attended the 1878 AOH National Convention held in Boston, Massachusetts. There, Hagerty was elected as one of five National Directors. He became the first person known from Ohio to become an elected national officer of the AOH. He would not be the last, as many members from Ohio would follow in his lead as officers of the National Board.

Of course, he also attended the 1879 AOH National Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio. This historic National Convention was the first time that an AOH National Convention had been held west of the Alleghany Mountains. At the Convention he was reelected as National Director. Hagerty was also recognized with a resolution passed by the assembled delegates. It read: "Resolved, unanimously, that Brother John Hagerty, State Delegate of Ohio, by his courtesy to the delegates, and his earnest zeal to assist the delegates in promoting the business of the Convention, he deserves our lasting thanks and respect."

At the 1880 National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, John Hagerty was reelected as National Director and was reelected again at the 1881 National Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri. That represents four consecutive terms as National Director for Brother Hagerty.

Throughout his career, John Hagerty was involved in politics in Cincinnati. As a member of the Democratic Party he held several elected offices, mostly in the Hamilton County government. In 1879 he was serving as Clerk of Courts in Cincinnati. He was elected as County Recorder serving from 1886 until 1889. Following this, he was elected to two terms as County Auditor. In 1899 he returned as County Recorder and served in that position until 1901. When he was not holding a particular elected office John Hagerty sold insurance.

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Being an Irish Catholic and a politician, his candidacy brought comments from the *Catholic Telegraph* (the newspaper of the Cincinnati Archdiocese) in 1889: "The splendid plurality given Mr. John Hagerty at the recent election demonstrates two facts: first, that the people do not fail to appreciate honesty and politeness in a public officer; and, secondly, that the constitution of the land and the constitution of the public mind are in accord in the protection of a Catholic in his rights as a good and energetic citizen."

In addition, the public recognized Hagerty for his honesty in office with the *Cincinnati Enquirer* stating in 1904, "Of John Hagerty it can be truthfully said that he needs no introduction to the people of Cincinnati. Mr. Hagerty has been County Auditor, County Recorder and has held other offices. Mr. Hagerty has well earned his name as 'Honest John Hagerty,' and has been true to every trust reposed in him."

In April 1903 John Hagerty filed a lawsuit in the amount of \$44,000 damages against the Cincinnati Traction Company for injuries he received in February 1903 while attempting to board a streetcar at Fifth and Main streets. In it, he charged that just as he was about to board the streetcar it started forward, throwing him to the street and inflicting a severe scalp wound in the bark of his head which rendered him unconscious. He had to be taken to his home in a patrol wagon. It is unclear whether or not he was successful in his suit.

On February 6, 1907 the *Cincinnati Enquirer* reported that Hagerty was in very serious condition at his home, 1524 Chapel Street, in Walnut Hills. The streetcar accident that he suffered in 1903 had resulted in serious complications to his health. The report noted that in the last year he had failed rapidly and the attending physicians were fearful that he would not recover. The newspaper report called Hagerty, "One of the most popular politicians in Hamilton County."

John Hagerty died on February 9, 1907 at his home at the age of 55*. His funeral took place with solemn services at the Church of the Assumption in Cincinnati. The church was crowded with many friends of the deceased, among whom were noted a large number of public officials. Father William Conway pronounced a well-deserved eulogy, after which Hagerty's body was conveyed to St. Joseph New Cemetery, in Cincinnati where he was buried. His wife, Sarah, passed away in 1924.

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.

* *There is a discrepancy in the records regarding Mr. Hagerty's age. The newspaper accounts of his death say he was 65 when he died. His burial record at the cemetery indicates that his age was 55. I have assumed the cemetery records to be correct.*



2020 Convention Reports

Brother Hibernian Delegates

Attached is a link for the first set of 2020 convention reports. This includes Chairman, Director and Liaison reports.

<https://aoh.com/cgi-bin/2020NationalConventionReports.pdf>

Please review the reports and submit any questions you have directly to the Chairman, Director or Liaison no later than July 3, 2020.

The Chairman, Director or Liaison will respond to your question and create a question and answer summary that will be sent to you on July 7, 2020.

These reports will be approved during the convention on Friday July 24, 2020. Thank you,

Danny O'Connell
National Vice President
2020 National Convention Chairman

2020 Convention Agenda*

Brothers,

Please remind all your delegates that they need to have a stable Wi-Fi connection to participate in the convention. During last night's call, I dropped off when speaking due to a poor internet connection.

All delegates must sign onto their own device in order to vote throughout the convention.

There is a \$25 convention fee that will be assessed when you register for the convention online.

Members in good standing may observe the convention with any delegate who is properly connected to the convention. Some Divisions and boards have already announced watch parties at hall etc. Remember, each delegate must be logged into the convention individually in order to vote.

Thank you,

Danny O

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** Editor's note: The agenda may be found as the second attachment to the email containing this Newsletter*

Mark Your Calendars

2020 AOH Virtual National Convention

Orlando FL

July 22-25

2021 State Convention

Cleveland OH, OH

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

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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Ireland 2021

I am setting up a trip to Ireland in August 2021. If you are interested, contact me at tmckenzie31@gmail.com. If you want to see something in particular, let me know. The Ten day trip is limited to no more than twelve people.

Mike McKenzie