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President's Message



Brothers All,

This newsletter marks my last newsletter remarks to you all. When you gave me the privilege of serving as your State President way back in 2019, a key stated objective was (and is) engagement and retention. I believed that a key enabler of that objective was to start a state newsletter; I promised that to you all, and with the incredibly capable and talented help of Jim Casey, he and you made it come to life.

I truly believe that this newsletter, and the local Division newsletters (a couple of which were started in response to the state newsletter), helped with engagement and retention as we dealt with the Covid challenge. Over the past four years, we didn't reach the 5% net growth target, but overall we stopped our downward trend (we lost nearly 20% of our headcount in the previous 6 years), and we bucked the declining headcount trend that organizations like ours face nationally, with fairly steady and flat overall numbers, and several divisions showing spectacular growth. I believe that a key reason for our results is the newsletters, amid other aggressive engagement efforts.

I'd like to express a huge "THANK YOU" to all of you for these efforts, and especially to Brother Jim Casey, who has done an incredible job in this very important area.

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Chaplain's Comments



As I write this column for our June newsletter, I am conscious that it is my last one as Chaplain for the State of Ohio. I do so with gratitude for our present Worthy State President, Bob Harper and Worthy Past President, Ron Hagan, for their unwavering support and the kindness they have shown me in my tenure as State Chaplain, as well as to all of our officers and members.

As we enter into June, we celebrate in just a few days, on June 9, the Feast of Saint Columba (Saint Colmcille), one of the great Irish saints, patron of the Diocese of Youngstown and of the Cathedral Church where I served for twelve years, first as vice rector and later for rector as six years. And while it is not my intention to recycle my column from two years ago, I do want to take a moment to recall one of those Christian virtues which made Saint Columba such a great leader to his followers of his own day as well as a great model of faith to us today, and that is the virtue of humility.

While Saint Columba was known to have a hot temper—a temper which led to the violence, he was also known, in his repentance for that violence, to have become a man of great humility. It was out of humility that he left Ireland and sought out refuge in Iona. It was out of humility that he gave up gazing upon the beauty of his native land and took up what must have been a great trial in living out his life on the cold and rocky island where he built his monastery and where he gathered those who followed him into exile.

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President's Message, cont.

I'll sign off for good, by saying thank you, my Brothers. You all make so very proud to be able to call myself a Hibernian. You truly live our motto, each and every day. I'm proud of you, I appreciate you, and I love you all more than you'll ever know. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you as State President.

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 Comments, cont.

I write from my own experience that humility can be a very difficult virtue to emulate. Our natural propensity is to hold up our gifts for all the world to see. And while we should certainly use those gifts to make the world a better place, to use those gifts to proclaim the Gospel, at times we allow those gifts to become distorted through our pride. Jesus reminds us that every gift, every talent, comes not from our own merit but from God. Anything we do, everything we accomplish, we do by the grace of God. But that is so easy to forget. And the more we forget it, the more we allow pride to get in the way of God's grace, to the point that our gifts become distorted. And our view of ourselves also become distorted. This was a difficult lesson, I am sure, for Saint Columba to learn. It was a lesson he learned only upon the shedding of blood. But it was lesson he nonetheless took to heart, so that what he was able to accomplish after leaving Ireland far surpassed what he accomplished before going into exile, so that he is remembered more for the peace for which he worked than the violence he had provoked.

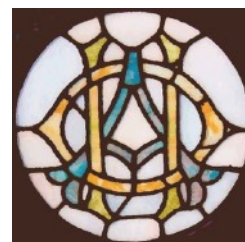
May each of us learn this lesson sooner rather than later, so that we allow God to work in us and through us every step of our journey through this world. May each of us take this lesson to heart, so that we

learn to see ourselves not as we tend to do, not as others see us, but as God sees us. May we take this lesson to hearts, so that all that seek to accomplish in our great Order—the unity, friendship and Christian Charity which we claim as our motto and our guiding purpose—may be accomplished not for our glory but for the glory of God, for the enhancement of our relationships with God and one another, and for the betterment of our world.

May God bless each and every one of us. May God bless the members and the work of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Saint Columba, pray for us!

Fr. John Keehner—National and Ohio State Chaplain



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Newsletter News

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as an attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at jjcasey973@gmail.com

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



The state of Ohio Hibernian convention is right around the corner, June 23 to 24 and we've been working hard to make this convention a very successful and fun event...The Place to Be in '23!!!

The 2023 convention is being hosted by the Cincinnati St. Patrick's Division #1 and the State of Ohio LAOH. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Eastgate. (4501 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45245). Please see the accompanying hotel information to reserve your room online or by calling Holiday Inn.

Registration is now open and we encourage you to sign up as soon a possible.

Friday night "ice breaker" will have a Polynesian theme. Bring out your luau shirts and hula skirts for a fun evening.

Saturday night will have Mass at 4:30 and dinner at 6pm.

Please see the registration form for details. All information is located at ohioaoh.com/state-convention.

For registration questions contact: Bob Eveleigh at eveleighbob@aol.com

For program ad information contact Tim Oliver at toliver33@live.com

For hospitality rooms contact Gary Schlegel at gsschlegel@gmail.com.



June 23-24th, 2023
 Holiday Inn -- Eastgate
 4501 Eastgate Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45245

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 St. Patrick's Division #1, Hamilton County
 Ohio LAOH State Board

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Tel:		Email:	
<input type="checkbox"/> AOH	<input type="checkbox"/> LAOH	<input type="checkbox"/> GUEST	(NAME:)
CURRENT OFFICE:			
DIVISION:		COUNTY:	
REGISTRATION AND VOTING:		ALL AOH/LAOH MEMBERS MUST SELECT, UNLESS SIGNING UP FOR FULL PACKAGE	\$25.00
SOCIAL EVENTS:			
ICE BREAKER -- FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd		Includes 2 Drink Tickets	\$70.00
Cheese & Fruit Platter, Petite Beef Wellingtons, Vegetable Pot Stickers, Sweet Thai Chicken Meatballs, Veggie Platter Shrimp Cocktail Shooters, Caprese Salad Skewers			
SATURDAY DINNER -- JUNE 24th		Includes 2 Drink Tickets	\$110.00
Entertainment to be announced at a later date			
Choice of Entrée:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Roast Beef	Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Herb Chicken Breast	Oven Roasted Redskins Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots & Broccoli	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Restriction (please advise)		
All Entrees include House Salad w/ Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette, Cheesecake w/ Berry Sauce or Chocolate Cake			
FULL PACKAGE (INCLUDES REGISTRATION AND ALL EVENTS):		MEMBER:	\$200.00
		GUEST:	\$175.00
TOTAL:			

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - June 1, 2023

Please make checks payable to : 2023 Ohio AOH/LAOH Convention

Completed Registration Forms & Payments can be sent to:

Bob Eveleigh, 600 Dottie Court, Cincinnati, OH 45215

2023 OHIO AOH/LAOH STATE CONVENTION ROOM INFORMATION



Online reservations may be made at ohioaoh.com/state-convention

Rooms may also be reserved by calling 513-752-4400 or 1-800-HOLIDAY and referencing block code HIB.

Rooms are subject to availability and must be reserved by June 1, 2023, or they will be released.

Rooms may be reserved for 6/22, 6/23, & 6/24 for the group rate.

\$130 a night – 1 King Bed Standard or 1 King Bed w/ Sofa Bed or 2 Double Bed

\$155 a night – 1 King Bed Suite w/ Sofa Bed

\$190 a night – 1 King 2 Bedroom Suite w/ Sofa Bed

\$210 a night – 1 King 2 Bedroom Large Suite

(plus applicable taxes, all rooms include breakfast)



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&
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ad Size Desired _____ Amount Paid _____

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E-MAIL ALL FILES TO: Tim Oliver at toliver33@live.com or Chris Konik at chriskonik@mindspring.com

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June 9, 2023

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PO Box 871 Milford, OH 45150

Veterans Affairs Report

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

The VA complied with the end of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that ended on May 11, 2023. As such, I will end the practice of providing an update on the current status of COVID-19 diagnosed by the VA in Ohio. If you do have appointments at your local VA clinic or medical center, and if you have medical conditions that may make you more susceptible to a COVID-19 infection, I encourage you to continue checking the VA coronavirus website above and the operations status of your local VA before going to your appointments to better understand the operational environment in your area. Otherwise, here are details on some changes the VA has announced in response the end of the federal Public Health Emergency:

- Return to in-person visits for Veteran Family Caregivers. These visits include initial home-care assessments, home care reassessments and wellness contacts. In-person visits have already resumed for most Veterans and family caregivers applying for or participating in VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.
- Expanded use of VA Video Connect for telehealth. Following expiration of the PHE, the Department of Health and Human Services will resume enforcement of HIPAA Rules regarding telehealth. VA will resume use of VA Video Connect as the primary video platform authorized for scheduled video telehealth visits. Webex will be authorized as an alternative platform when VA Video Connect is unavailable.
- During the public health emergency, VA clinicians have been able to prescribe controlled medicines to Veterans following a telehealth examination without first having an in-person examination. DEA and SAMHSA have announced a temporary rule that will extend the current PHE related flexibilities for prescribing controlled medications, so VA's prescribing flexibility will not expire when the public health emergency ends.
- Reinstatement of pre-pandemic deadlines for VA travel reimbursement. After June 9, 2023, Veterans submitting a claim for travel reimbursement will have to submit it within 30 days of their VA medical appointment. Veterans will also be required to submit beneficiary travel appeals within 365 days.
- Removal of VA's legal authority to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to spouses, caregivers and Veterans not enrolled in VA health care. VA will no longer have this legal authority. Spouses, caregivers and Veterans not eligible for VA health care are encouraged to remain up to date with recommended vaccines and access COVID-19 vaccination in the community.

2) Veteran Yoga Project – Free Yoga for Veterans, Military, First Responders & Families

The Veteran Yoga Project is a national non-profit organization created by Dr. Daniel Libby, a clinician who found yoga helpful in treating veterans as part of their psychotherapy regimens. Dr. Libby began offering free yoga classes to Veterans in his community, which quickly grew into a larger organization dedicated to serving the unique needs of the Veteran population. In 2014, he founded the nonprofit organization Veterans Yoga Project (VYP) with the aim of providing accessible and effective healing practices for Veterans and their families. Today, VYP provides yoga and mindfulness resources, teacher training programs, and community building opportunities to support recovery and resilience among Veterans and their loved ones. Yoga is a mind and body practice with origins in ancient Indian philosophy. It combines physical posture, breathing and meditation techniques, which have demonstrated improved mental health, sleep, and quality of life outcomes for Veterans suffering from PTSD. I often attend yoga classes here in Columbus as part of my overall efforts to maintain personal wellness and fitness. For more information on the Veteran Yoga Project, and where you can find online and local in-person classes in your area, check out the following links:

<https://news.va.gov/119133/veterans-yoga-project-free-yoga-for-veterans/>

<https://veteransyogaproject.org/>

Local in-person classes are available in the Chillicothe, Cleveland, and Dayton areas:

<https://veteransyogaproject.org/regions/#Class-Locator>

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.

Danny Eakins, Veterans Affairs Chair

614-893-8833 | dannyeakins@hotmail.com

Catholic Action

In June we pass from the Easter season back into a season of Ordinary time. Sunday the 4th honors The Most Holy Trinity. Sunday the 11th is dedicated to the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), a day which should assume more importance in the context of the ongoing Eucharistic revival which our bishops are encouraging.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF JUNE

Justin, Martyr	Memorial	June 1
Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	Memorial	June 3
Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial	June 5
Anthony of Padua	Memorial	June 13
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity	June 16
The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Memorial	June 17
Aloysius Gonzaga	Memorial	June 21
The Nativity of John the Baptist	Solemnity	June 24
Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial	June 28
Peter and Paul, Apostles	Solemnity	June 29

ST. JOHN'S EVE AND BONFIRES

Though many today seem to consider a bonfire on St. John's birthday or its eve as an Hispanic Catholic custom, it seems to have been at one time a more general European practice. Certainly in the case of Ireland, it is a good example of the adapting or coopting of an ancient pagan practice to the service of the new message of Christ. The practice which survives in the U.S. today of using the occasion to dispose respectfully of broken or unserviceable rosaries, sacred images, etc. was followed by the Irish. What follows is from "The Sisters," a poem written in 1861 by Limerick poet Aubrey Thomas De Vere.

At last,
 After our home attain'd, we turn'd, and lo!
 With festal fires the hills were lit! Thine eve
 Saint John, had come once more, and for thy sake
 As though but yesterday thy crown were worn,
 Amid their ruinous realm uncomforted
 The Irish people triumph'd. Gloomy lay
 The intermediate space; -- thence brightlier burn'd
 The circling fires beyond it. 'Lo!' Said I,
 Man's life as view'd by Ireland's sons; a vale
 With many a pitfall throng'd, and shade, and briar,
 Yet overblown by angel-haunted airs,
 And by the Light Eternal girdled round.

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Catholic Action, cont.**IRISH SAINTS OF JUNE****Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough (d.c. 618)**

June 3

Though Kevin, also known as Coemgen, is one of Ireland's most popular saints, it is difficult to disentangle his real story from the mass of legends which have grown up around him. He may have been of royal blood, was born in Leinster, and was baptized by St. Cronan. He was an oblate to a community of monks at a young age, and after his ordination sought out a solitary life, finding what he desired in Glendalough. As was so often the case, the holy hermit attracted disciples to his location, and eventually Kevin established a community, which grew into the abbey of Glendalough, of which he was the abbot. Many stories about Kevin testify to his close affinity to the natural world around him and are reminiscent of stories about Francis of Assisi. St. Kevin is one of the patrons of Dublin.

Jarlath, Bishop of Tuam (d.c. 550)

June 6

St. Jarlath is not to be confused with an earlier namesake who was a disciple of St. Patrick. Jarlath was said to come from a prominent Galway family. Like many early Irish holy men, he was sent at an early age to be trained by monastic mentors. After ordination, Jarlath founded a monastic community near Tuam and became its abbot and bishop. He was the first bishop of Tuam. Among his pupils were supposedly Sts. Brendan of Clonfert and Colman, son of Lenine.

Colman of Dromore, Bishop (fl. 6th century)

June 7

There are more than 200 Celtic holy men named Dromore, so it is no wonder that their life stories have become confused. This man was supposedly a Scot, born in Argyllshire. One of his mentors supposedly assigned him the mission of establishing a monastic community on the Coba plain in Ireland, and he did, at Dromore, in County Down. Colman has been venerated in Scotland and Ireland.

Columba, Abbot of Iona (c. 521-597)

June 9

Columba, one of the greatest of Irish saints, came of royalty from both parents. His father was a great-grandson of Niall of the Nine Hostages, and his mother traced descent from both the kings of Leinster and the Scottish Dalriada. He was also known as Colmcille, a name etymologically derived from the fact that he established many religious cells or foundations. At an early age, he was sent to St. Finnian's school at Moville, where he was ordained a deacon. From there he went to Leinster to study the bardic arts. Still later, he went to the school of another St. Finnian, that of Clonard. Columba was one of the so-called Twelve Apostles of Ireland who emerged from that school. At some point, Columba was ordained a priest. He was associated for a time with another famous monastic school, that of St. Mobhi at Glasnevin, which was dispersed by an outbreak of the plague in 543. For about fifteen years, Columba went about Ireland preaching and making monastic foundations, the best known being Derry, Durrow, and Kells. Columba must have made a striking presentation to his contemporaries; he was said to be very tall and athletic, with a great speaking voice which carried quite a distance.

Columba became involved in a legal dispute with his mentor, Finnian of Clonard. Finnian was in possession of a copy of Jerome's Psalter, the first one to reach Ireland. Columba borrowed it and made a copy. Finnian heard of this and demanded that the copy be surrendered to him. Columba refused. The case made its way to King Diarmaid, overlord of Ireland, who ruled in favor of Finnian. Soon after, Columba found himself in greater difficulty. He provided sanctuary to a man who had fatally injured a follower of Diarmaid in a hurling match. Diarmaid's followers violated sanctuary and killed the man, touching off a war between Columba's clan and Diarmaid's followers, a war in which many men were slain. Columba felt some responsibility for this and there were others who agreed, even asserting that Columba had instigated the war. A local synod censured him, and he only escaped excommunication due to the intervention of St. Brendan. Columba vowed to exile himself from Ireland and seek to win at least as many men for Christ as had perished in the feud. In 563, Columba left Ireland in a coracle, with twelve relatives. His wandering brought him to Iona, where he founded a monastery on land given to him by his mother's kinsmen.

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Catholic Action, cont.

Iona was to be one of the most renowned and influential monastic foundations of early medieval Europe. From Iona, Columba and his disciples evangelized the Picts and Scots, and later the English as well as continental Europeans. Columba, always noted for saintly habits, certainly progressed in those over time, with many of the rough edges seen in his earlier life being transformed. He and his disciples became identified, even after his death, with many of the unique practices of the Celtic Church. The monastic rule which he composed for his followers was used throughout Europe, until it was largely replaced by that of St. Benedict.

Moling, Bishop of Ferns (d. 697)

June 17

The Welshman Giraldus Cambrensis noted that books written by Patrick, Columba, Broccan, and Moling, whom he called The Prophets of Ireland, were extant in his day. Unfortunately, at least for Moling, these have vanished. Moling is said to have come from County Wexford, and to have been related to Leinster's royalty. After some time at Glendalough, where he took the monastic habit, Moling founded an abbey at Achad Cainigb. Moling is said to have lived for a while in a hollow tree and endured lengthy fasts. Later he succeeded St. Aidan as bishop of Ferns.

Goban, Martyr (d.c. 670)

June 20

Goban, or Gobain, was a disciple of St. Fursey, accompanying him to East Anglia. Later, he went with St. Ultan to Gaul. After some wanderings, Goban established a hermitage on what is now Mont d'Ermitage, at the town of Saint-Gobain. The saint was beheaded by barbarian raiders.

NEWS OF INTEREST

As they have for many years, members of Youngstown's Joseph Nalley Division took time in May to spruce up the resting place of many of our deceased Ursuline sisters in the diocesan cemetery. The Ursulines educated several generations of Catholics in the Youngstown area, in many cases administering old-fashioned discipline which was probably richly deserved in the case of some of our Hibernians.

In an attempt to head off the pro-abortion initiative to enshrine unrestricted abortion in the Ohio Constitution, pro-life forces in state government have produce a measure that would make it more difficult to amend the constitution, raising the threshold from a simple majority to a 60% majority for passage of an amendment. This will be voted upon at a special election August 8.

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

Fraternally, Pat Lally, 330-792-7135 lally8404@hotmail.com

State Organizer's Report

A request has been made by our National Organizer that each state come up with a "*strategic plan for growth*". This will layout a framework as to how we can grow as a state over the next two years.

I am asking the divisions for their input on retention and recruitment for the different age groups (18-30, 31-50 & 50+). Each division in the state has different strategies that work for them and now is the time to share their ideas to help the Order and Ohio in particular.

Division Presidents & Organizers, please send me your ideas as soon as possible, so I can present our plan at the convention later this month. You can email me at qualityjoecasey@yahoo.com.

I look forward in seeing everyone in Cincinnati later this month. It looks to be a lot of fun.

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer

Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1, Medina Co.

For the past 3 years (June 2000 through May 2003) the Irish Brigade Division has made charitable donations of \$4,914. The donations are itemized as follows:

1. Hibernian Charities (Project St. Patrick and other donations) - \$1,275
2. BirthCare of Medina County - \$1,119
3. Regina Health Care - \$700
4. Feeding Medina County - \$500
5. Kansas Fire Relief Fund - \$500 (for support of wide spread fire damage)
6. Right To Life, Medina County - \$200
7. Hinckley Shop With A Cop (Christmas gifts for kids) - \$200
8. Life Works - \$185
9. Medina Veterans - \$135
10. Hinckley Historical Society - \$100

So for Division that probably averages under 30 members each year, I'd say that is a GREAT amount. Unfortunately, I don't have the earlier check registers, but I remember that we also gave away a couple of thousand of dollars from the golf outings for scholarships and other things too!

Tony Manley, Irish Brigade Division Treasurer

Patrick Pearse Div. #1, Franklin Co.



Brothers, another successful **Freedom for All Ireland Irish Road Bowling event** is in the record books. If you were there April 29th we know you had a good time and we thank you for your support. If not, well why not?

But don't despair. We'll be holding our Fourth Annual event on the Deer Creek State Park Beach Road on April 27, 2024. Once you have your 2024 calendar, mark it!

In the meantime (and you know you need the practice), the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation will be holding the **Midwest Irish Road Bowling Championship on July 8, 2023** and their Fall Classic on October 28, 2023. Both at Deer Creek State Park, and fundraisers for another great Clann na nGael organization here in Columbus.

Reach out to peasedffai@gmail.com for more information.

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

Catholic Diocese of Columbus to Close Churches

After a three-year evaluation process throughout 23 counties, the Diocese of Columbus have reported their results. This was designed to help shape the mission of the diocese for generations to come and serve its people with a particular focus on evangelization. 15 churches will be closed in the coming years, with a few new schools planned as well.

The following organizational models were designated:

Model A – One Parish/One Pastor/One Church

Model B – One Parish/One Pastor/Multiple Churches

Model C – Multiple Parishes/One Pastor/Multiple Churches/One Staff

Model D – Multiple Parishes/One Pastor/Multiple Churches/Multiple Staffs

Real Presence, Real Future results:

<https://columbuscatholic.org/real-presence-real-future>

More information: <https://catholictimescolumbus.org/news/the-catholic-times/three-year-process-led-to-real-presence-real-future-results>

Aid to Ukraine: UNICEF IRELAND

Donations will be used to directly support the children of Ukraine through UNICEF USA and UNICEF IRELAND.

This support is taking shape with a fundraising campaign through Hibernian Charities, a 501c3 organization owned and operated by the AOH. Make your division check out to Hibernian Charity, with UNICEF Ireland in the memo section. Mail payment to: Hibernian Charity, P.O. Box 694, Austin, TX 78767

(previous report incorrectly listed the old address of Hibernian Charity, PO Box 19325, New Orleans, LA 70179)

Aid to Ukraine: Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services aids families in Ukraine and the surrounding countries with food, clothing, transport to safe shelter, cash assistance, counseling and care for children.

Find out more at <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>

2023 Project St Patrick Easter Appeal

The Project St Patrick Easter Appeal is designed to assist US Diocesan Seminarians nationwide. This year we are also reaching across the ocean to 23 Seminarians in St Patrick's Pontifical University in Maynooth, Ireland, the only remaining Seminary for Ireland's Seminarians. Small Divisions are asked to raise one \$500 grant with the goal of raising two. Large Divisions are asked to raise two \$500 grants with the goal of four. The money raised will go directly to US Seminarians to assist with everyday expenses while the money raised for Ireland will assist with the pilgrimage for 23 Seminarians to the Holy land.

Please send all correspondence to: **National Project St Patrick Chairman Ron Hagan**
7326 State Route 19, Unit 0512, Mt Gilead, OH 43338-9336

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

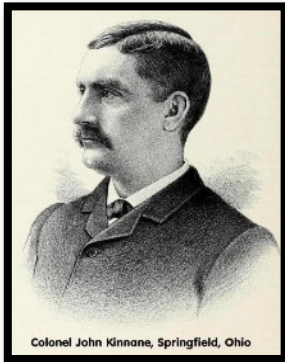
State Historian's Report

The Ohio Hibernian Rifles – Part 2

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

Regimental History in Ohio

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 was made up 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. The initial plan may have been to form a regional regiment rather than a state-wide regiment. The record remains unclear. It is known, however, that individual Rifle companies continued to be founded throughout Ohio.

The second Hibernian Rifle regiment founded in Ohio was also 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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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 State President Cantwell and the following regimental officers were declared:



Michael J. Ryan, Columbus, Colonel (pictured)

Patrick J. Shouvlin, 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 major activity of the Ohio Regiment was the annual Encampment. Most 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 an Ohio officer.

The 1906 AOH/LAOH State Convention was Tuesday, August 21 through Thursday, August 23, 1906. It was held in Akron, Ohio. 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 in the parade that was held on Tuesday afternoon, August 21. The convention was held in the Music Hall in Akron. 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.

[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]

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.

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