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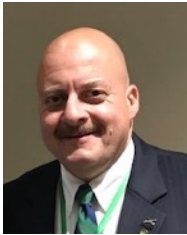
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## President's Message



Brothers All,

Well, here we are in the second March of this Pandemic, with another curtailing of our major March activities that honor our Irish-American Heritage and our Patron Saint, St. Patrick. Sad and unfortunate, but true. OK, now that we have that out of the way, let's

talk positive, and let's talk about action!

While 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 this.

The need to engage and support each other and recruit new members hasn't changed. If anything, that need is greater than ever. Be positive, be engaged, and be excited about who and what we are. It's hard to get others excited about our organization unless they see our passion and love. This March season is our best opportunity to engage the public and potential new members, even if we face constraints.

Remember.... there are several bottles of Redbreast 12 waiting for our most successful recruiters. I encourage you to get out there and win one of those bottles.

Please share your good news and great work. I can't wait to hear about your successes and joy. Where and when you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and grateful to join you in your celebrations whenever and wherever possible. Please feel free to send invites to me, 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

## Chaplain's's Comments



One of the prayers attributed to Saint Patrick, is called the *Lorica*, or the Breastplate, of Saint Patrick.

In one of my favorite sections of this long and beautiful prayer, the good saint reminds himself in all humility that it is not by his own

power but by the power of God that

he lives and performs all that he does in his efforts to proclaim the Gospel:

*I arise today, through*

*God's strength to pilot me,*

*God's might to uphold me,*

*God's wisdom to guide me,*

*God's eye to look before me,*

*God's ear to hear me,*

*God's word to speak for me,*

*God's hand to guard me,*

*God's shield to protect me,*

*God's host to save me*

*From snares of devils,*

*From temptation of vices,*

*From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.*

Patrick, of course, was in great need of such protection, working as he was to proclaim the Gospel to a people that was often hesitant to give up their old ways in order to embrace the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. And so in offering this prayer, Patrick was, in effect, putting on his breastplate, that is, the armor of God of which Saint Paul speaks in his Letter to the Ephesians, before entering into supernatural battle. Legend has it that

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he composed this prayer in preparation for his efforts to convert the pagan King Leoghaire, who was violent in his resistance to Patrick's preaching of the Gospel.



In a world in which is becoming increasingly secularized, and where culture is becoming increasingly anti-Christian, we can learn from Saint Patrick that it is not in our own merits or due to our efforts that we find the strength to be the persons God has created us to be. Putting on the armor of Christ, as recommended by Saint Paul, can be for us the means of

going out into the world confident in who we are as Christians and ready to remain steadfast in our faith and in our commitment to Christ and his Church. And so we might make the prayer of Saint Patrick our own prayer, recognizing that it is indeed God's strength that pilots us. It is God's work that speaks for us. It is God's hand that guards us and God's shield that protects us from all that is evil, from all that would seek to do us harm.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of our Patron, Saint Patrick, may we seek his prayers and follow his example of courage and steadfastness, recognizing that our own strength is but the strength of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fr. John Keehner

Chaplain for the State of Ohio  
National Chaplain

### History of the Easter Lily



The Easter Lily (Irish: *Lile na Cásca*) is a badge in the shape of a calla lily flower, worn at Easter time by the Irish as symbol of remembrance for Irish republican combatants who died during or were executed after the 1916 Easter Rising, as well as, to honor all those who have given their lives in the cause of Irish freedom in 1916 and in every decade since.

The first Easter Lily badges were originally designed in 1925 by the republican women's organization, Cumann na mBan. At that time, the dual purpose of the badge was to raise money for the Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund and to honor the sacrifice made by the men and women of the 1916 Rising.

The original Easter Lily badge was hand-made by republicans, who sold it often at great risk throughout the country. Traditionally, Easter Lilies were sold outside church gates on Easter Sunday and worn at republican commemorations.

Today, republicans continue to honor the heroic sacrifice made in 1916, when republican revolutionaries, outnumbered and ill-equipped, took on the might of the British Empire and asserted in arms Ireland's right to freedom.

Everyone is encouraged to wear the Lily at Easter time as an emblem that promotes the ideals of those Irish patriots who gave their lives that Ireland might be free.

Mike Finn

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

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> for those who would like to arrive early through Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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>.

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

**See pages 14 and 15 for Registration Information**

## State Historian's Report

### John Francis Cantwell, State President

(1904 – 1908)

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



John Francis Cantwell was distinguished as not only self-made and self-educated, but as an able public servant, a prosperous businessman of Youngstown, and one of its highly respected citizens.

He was born, March 15, 1856, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, the son of Robert and Mary (Keating) Cantwell. His father emigrated from County Kilkenny, Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1836 and was engaged in the mining of coal until his death.

With practically no educational advantages in his boyhood and youth, it is significant that until he reached adulthood Cantwell could neither read nor write. His biographer notes, "His acquired knowledge, however, bears evidence of a keen, active brain, and a receptive mind."

Accompanying his parents to Bradford County, Pennsylvania, in 1866, Cantwell worked in the coal mines there until 1882, when, due to the scarcity of coal in that region, he decided to turn his attention to the iron and steel industry. Selecting Youngstown, Ohio as a favorable location, he entered the puddling department of the Cartwright-McCurdy Company, where he remained six years.

In May 1888 Cantwell entered the employ of the city, where he served on the Youngstown police force for three years. On March 10, 1891, the Youngstown City Council abolished the office of marshal, and created that of Chief of Police. John F. Cantwell was appointed as the city's first Chief of Police and he held the position until September 8, 1894.

Beginning soon after his departure as Chief of Police he went to work as an insurance agent. Cantwell met with encouraging success in a comparatively brief time developing both a general real estate and insurance business.

In 1883 Cantwell married Margaret Ring (1861-1925) and they had three children. His sons, Robert, John Jr., and James went into the real estate and insurance business with him and the firm was actively involved with the sub-dividing of Youngstown real estate and building property.

Cantwell was influential in local affairs; in 1900 Cantwell was a member of the board of directors of the Youngstown Citizens Saving Company and was connected with the Mahoning Valley Mortgage Company. He was a member of St. Columba parish in Youngstown.

Cantwell was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Youngstown. It is unknown when he first joined the Order. As Mahoning County President, John F. Cantwell attended the 1902 AOH National Convention, held in Denver, Colorado. There he ran for the office of National Director, but he was defeated, despite the strong support of the Ohio Delegation.

Cantwell was elected State President at the 1904 State Convention held in Youngstown, Ohio, defeating Michael J. Barry of Columbus. He succeeded Timothy S. Hogan as State President. He was reelected for a second term as State President at the 1906 Convention held in Akron, Ohio. He served as State President until 1908.

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### State Historian's Report, cont.

On May 21, 1905 Cantwell presided at a statewide meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held at the Chittenden Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting had been called by National Secretary James T. Carroll of Columbus regarding the formation of the First Regiment Hibernian Rifles in Ohio. The First Regiment brought together the existing Hibernian Rifle companies from around the state under a single command structure. At that time, Rifle companies existed in Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, Springfield, Ironton, Lorain, and Lima.

John Francis Cantwell died on January 17, 1928 and the age of 71. His funeral was held at St. Columba Church in Youngstown and he was buried at Calvary Cemetery, also in Youngstown, Ohio.

Cantwell's son, John Cantwell, Jr., would later be elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and served two years as Speaker of the Ohio House from 1949 until 1950.

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, fcoolavin@aol.com

### AOH Irish American Heritage Month

Brother's we know that many of you as disappointed as us that COVID-19 concerns have put our traditional public St. Patrick's Day celebrations on hold for a second year. Yet, the history of the Irish, and specifically the Hibernians, is to meet adversity and challenges head-on. This is the theme of our 2021 Irish American Heritage Month video. John F. Kennedy once stated "The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis'. One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity."

While we are all are saddened that we cannot hear the skirl of the pipes and see our neighbors at our parades, let us take the opportunity to focus in on the true meaning of St. Patrick's Day and what it means to be Irish American. We are descended from a small nation whose chief export for centuries were is sons and daughters; sons and daughters whose impact has been felt in every corner of the world. We come from what was once one of the poorest nations in the world, and yet the repeated efforts of the most powerful nation of the world to crush us failed and we are in hope that in our lifetime we will see the final triumph of a reunification of the Irish Nation.

When there is a crisis. the Irish, to use the famous words of the heroic Sullivan Brothers "We Stick Together"; we need to recapture that spirit. In a year without parades and St. Patrick's day dances, let's take the time to share our heritage with our families and particularly our children; they are not going to hear about their heritage from anyone else. The Gael Scoil videos are great opportunity to pass on the tradition appropriately sized for young attention spans. We have a full list of webinars, and a great list of speakers who present their topics in a lively and engaging method.

Let's show our community that we are "Irish American Strong". Let's share on social media our daily Irish American Profiles and educate the broader community on why we are proud to be Irish and why all America should remember in gratitude. Let's put up our flags, banners and decorations and send a message that of St. Patrick's Day is not canceled. If you can, make a special effort to patronize in a safe responsible manner our local Irish American businesses, many of whom are Brother and Sister Hibernians, struggling as our government continues to ask them to sacrifice for our well being.

Neil Cosgrove  
IAHM Chairman



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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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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**Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs – 3/10/2021****1) Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Veterans:** [www.va.gov/coronavirus](http://www.va.gov/coronavirus)

Brothers – As of 2/24/2021, the VA in Ohio has delivered over 40,500 initial doses of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to eligible veterans, including more than 20,300 who have completed their second dose. As I continue to report, ***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 2/24/2021): <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>

**VA-Tracked\* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 9,531; 396 Deaths; *Active Cases: 226***

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) VA-Subsidized Home Loan Forbearance Due to COVID-19:**

The VA recognizes the financial hardship the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic impacts have made for many veterans and their families. Through the federal CARES Act, the VA has established a program to allow veterans and families leveraging VA-Subsidized Home Loans to apply for a forbearance on monthly mortgage payments through June 30, 2021. That application should be made to the mortgage company that holds the home loan. The VA expects your mortgage company to approve your request, for up to six months. VA also expects that, if you need additional forbearance after that, your mortgage company will approve, at your request, an additional COVID-19 forbearance for up to six months. While the VA recommends you contact your mortgage servicer for the purpose of applying for the forbearance, they also have VA Loan Technicians that can help with questions you may have. They can be reached by calling 877-827-3702. More information and frequently asked questions can be found here: <https://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/cares-act-frequently-asked-questions.asp>

**3) Senate Confirms New VA Secretary, Denis McDonough:**

On February 8, the US Senate confirmed the President's appointment of Denis McDonough as the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The confirmation received support from the "Big-5" national veterans organizations including Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, and Vietnam Veterans of America. More details about the new VA Secretary can be found in this article from VFW: <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2021/2/denis-mcdonough-confirmed-as-new-va-secretary>

Please visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at [www.ohiovets.gov](http://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](http://www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs) for information about benefits and other services around the country.

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## Newgrange <sup>1</sup>

### An Eejit Abroad: Newgrange: Ireland's Neolithic Gem

By Conor Makem \*



My father never forced anything down our throats, but if there was one thing that came close, it was the importance of an ancient mound of stone and earth in the Boyne Valley known as Newgrange. He used to bring the family to experience it starting in the 1980s.

Back then, we could just drive up to the base of the hill, walk past the unmanned booth where someone should have been selling tickets and explore. There was often no one else there, though occasionally we'd run across someone the old man inevitably knew.

Many Ohio Irish American News readers will already know about Newgrange and will have their own stories about it, but I would be remiss in my son duties if I didn't at least dedicate one column to it.

#### What the heck is it?

Newgrange was built by stone-age farmers 5,200 years ago, making it older than the Great Pyramids of Giza and Stonehenge. In fact, there wasn't much that boiled my father's bottom more than the international press swooning over the 100 stones in Wiltshire while simultaneously ignoring the gem of the Boyne Valley. But, I digress.

Located in Meath, just west of Drogheda in County Louth, the circular mound is 279 feet in diameter and 43 feet high and archaeologists somewhat agree that it was a passage tomb and ancient temple. There is a sixty-two-foot entrance passageway (at times tight) that leads into the main chamber, with three alcoves. Above your head, you'll find a corbelled roof that hasn't leaked in its more than 5,000-year history. Let's see your modern roofer offer that kind of guarantee. Surrounding the whole affair are ninety-seven large kerbstones, some of which are engraved with megalithic art, the most prevalent being its entrance stone with the famed triple spirals adorning it.

But the most striking feature about Newgrange comes in the form of a roof-box at its entrance. For five days around the winter solstice, the morning sun shines through the opening, glides up the passageway and illuminates the inside of the chamber. Now when I say morning sun, I'll add that this jumble of rocks is in Ireland, so morning clouds are more often the case, but you can't blame the old farmers for trying. The solstice would have marked the beginning of a new year, which is quite the impressive feat when you figure they needed to know the seasons and the position of the sun and all of that malarkey.

The folks in charge have a handy light bulb that shines into the dark confines of the main chamber (the builders weren't big on windows other than the roof-box) which gives visitors an idea of what the solstice would look like inside. They shut off the original electric lighting from 3,200 B.C. for complete darkness before flipping on the artificial sun (also original, I believe). For those of you with claustrophobia, you might want to skip this bit on the tour.

My cousin, Peter, surprised my father one time by securing him a spot on one of the coveted winter solstice tours, usually reserved for muckity-mucks, princes, sheiks and the like. The sun did indeed make the rarest of showings on that fateful day, allowing an Irish Times photographer to capture the sunlight shining off the red hair of a young girl for the paper's all-time best-selling photograph. In subsequent years, my father called it the single greatest moment of his life, even after I reminded him that he had children.

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<sup>1</sup> This article first appeared in *The Ohio Irish American News*, February 2021

## Newgrange, cont.

### Too big for its britches

Alas, like all good things, people eventually found out about Newgrange. One time while bringing a friend to visit the old stomping grounds, I wasn't able to locate it. The road I used to take simply wasn't there. Come to find out, they no longer wanted people just showing up and walking in. There was a spanking new visitor center located a hop, skip and a jump away where patrons were corralled into groups and herded one small bus at a time to the site. I suppose it was all for the best.

The center is a wonderful spot for discovering the history of Newgrange, as well as nearby Knowth and Dowth (two other massively important Neolithic sites in the Brú na Bóinne complex). And if you're being dragged around because you couldn't care less about ancient history, there's a handy café with hot soup, sandwiches, tea and biscuits. Of course, all of this is closed due to a global pandemic, but you'll know about it for later.

### It looks in great shape

I'm sure you're pondering by now that the picture indicates the joint hasn't aged a day. How's that possible? Well, the site was sealed up after its initial use and time did indeed take its toll on the place. Those beautiful quartz stones lining the front of the façade tumbled to the ground and Mother Nature slowly took over. Eventually it just resembled a mound of earth.

It sat undisturbed until 1699, when landowner Charles Campbell sent some of his laborers out to dig parts of it up looking for stone. They realized it wasn't just a dirt mound, and archaeologists have been interested ever since. There was even word that skeletons were found inside the alcoves off the main chamber, causing some to speculate that it might have been where they brought their dead to make the trip to the afterlife. This matched up quite well with the birth of a new year at the winter solstice.

In the 1970s, Newgrange was restored to how they presumed it looked 5,200 years ago, including the quartz stones in the front. They also added stairs to get around the giant stones in front, as originally one would have had to climb over them to gain access.

So, there you have it. One of the most important archaeological discoveries in the world, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located just a couple miles from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, in Drogheda, where a certain OhioIANews columnist was born. Makes you think that Stonehenge might be the "jumped the shark episode" of neolithic sites, doesn't it?

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Visit [www.newgrange.com](http://www.newgrange.com) for more information.

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Megalithic art abounds at Newgrange



Newgrange's rear is not as flashy as the front, but it is still pretty neat.

## Division News

### Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.

**5th Annual Charitable Beer Tour**, Saturday, March 20, 2021. PLEASE REMEMBER that should we be unable to keep the Saturday, March 20th date for any reason you will receive a 100% refund.

It is worth noting that all of the micro breweries we have contracted with are large enough to accommodate our group of 50 and be in full compliance with the directions of Governor DeWine, USCCD and the World Health Organization.

### Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.



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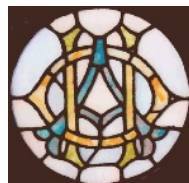
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## Catholic Action

In the month of March, we are entirely within the Lenten season, a season of penance leading up to Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Traditionally, Lenten penance has comprised fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The liturgical color for Lent is violet, except that rose may be worn on the Fourth Sunday, Laetare Sunday (March 14). March 28 is Palm Sunday. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence; all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Check with your local parish or diocese for Lenten regulations on abstinence and fasting, for greater opportunities for confession, and for Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross.

### MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF MARCH

Katherine Drexel	March 3	
Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	March 7	
Patrick, Bishop	March 17	
Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor	March 18	
Joseph, Spouse of Mary	March 19	Solemnity
Annunciation of the Lord	March 25	Solemnity

### IRISH SAINTS OF THE MONTH

Gerald of Mayo, Abbot (d. 732) March 13

Gerald was an Englishman, a Northumbrian monk of Lindisfarne. After the Synod of Whitby imposed the Roman Easter observance over the Celtic one, a decision which Colman could not abide, a group of English novices accompanied St. Colman and his Irish followers back to Ireland. A community was established on Inishboffin. Though the Irish and English monks of the foundation agreed on liturgical usage, they evidently disagreed on enough other matters to cause Colman to erect a separate house on the adjacent Mayo coast for the English monks. It is not known whether Gerald was an original English member of Colman's group or came later; many English monks did come later, as the place had a reputation as a "school for the Saxons." Colman was at first abbot of both house, but was succeeded by Gerald as abbot of the English one. Gerald is sometimes said to have been a bishop, but it is likely that this results from confusion over the likelihood that Gerald enjoyed some sort of privileges as a protector and patron of his countrymen in Ireland. Gerald probably lived to see the imposition of the Roman Easter usage upon his abbey.

Patrick, Archbishop (c. 389-c. 461) March 17

Few do not know at least the outline of the story of the Apostle of Ireland, and at least some of the legends about him. The son of Calpornius, a Romano-British official, born somewhere in the Roman province of Britain, he was carried off into slavery by Irish raiders when he was about 16. After serving as a shepherd for 6 years, probably in Mayo or Antrim, he escaped, and made his way to Gaul. He seems to have studied at the monastery of Lerins, 412-15, and was probably ordained c. 417. Patrick harbored the desire, encouraged by a vision which he experienced, to return and evangelize the pagan Irish. In about 432, consecrated bishop by St. Germanus, he was sent back to Ireland to carry on the work of St. Palladius, who had died the previous year. Most of the remainder of his life was spent in this task, as he travelled throughout the island, encountering the potentially deadly opposition of many pagan chieftains and the Druidic priests. In 442 and 444, he visited Rome. He made Armagh his episcopal see, cementing its role in the history of the Irish Church. Besides his many conversions, Patrick brought the Irish Church into closer union with Rome, encouraged the study of Latin, and raised the standards of scholarship in general. Among surviving writings, we have his *Confession*, an answer to some of his detractors, which contains many details of his life, his *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus*, denouncing murders committed by Welsh Christian marauders against their fellow Christians in Ireland, and his prayer, *The Lorica*. Patrick's tomb is believed to be at Downpatrick, with Saints Brigid and Columba.

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## **Catholic Action, cont.**

Frigidian, Bishop (d.c. 588)

March 18

Frigidian was an Irish priest, who during a pilgrimage to Italy, resolved to become a hermit on Monte Pisano near Lucca. Eventually he unwillingly accepted the bishopric of Lucca under pressure from the pope. He fled the Lombard invasion of Lucca, returning later to rebuild the cathedral destroyed by the barbarians. He was noted for his solicitude for the suffering and sick, even those among the conquerors, many of whom he converted. Frigidian retired to his hermitage from time to time. He also founded and presided over a community of clergy, later organized as canons regular, who even five centuries later were seen as models for reform. He is better known in Italy as Frediano, and is still the patron of the cathedral of Lucca.

Christian, Abbot (d. 1186)

March 18

Christian was a disciple of St. Malachy and would appear to be one of the four men who remained behind at Clairvaux, taking the Cistercian habit, when Malachy passed through there returning from his pilgrimage to Rome. Malachy, desirous of bringing the Cistercians to Ireland, applied to his friend St. Bernard, who sent Christian and several French monks. Christian became the first abbot of the first Cistercian house in Ireland. It is possible that Blessed Christian was bishop of Lismore and papal legate in Ireland.

Enda, Abbot (c. 450-c. 530)

March 21

Enda was a warrior, possibly of Oriel in Ulster, whose sister, St. Fanchea, was a consecrated virgin. Fanchea persuaded him to give up raiding and violence and adopt Christianity, and later to embrace the monastic life and the priesthood. Enda may have studied abroad, in Scotland or Britain, and may have been to Rome. He established perhaps the first Irish monastery, at Killeany on Inismor, in the Aran Islands, and became its abbot. The monastery became a pilgrimage site as well as a center from which evangelization spread back to the mainland of Ireland. Enda founded several other monasteries and shares with St. Finnian of Clonard the title Father of Irish Monasticism.

## **ISSUES**

Five bishops who chair committees with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have written a letter to Congress opposing the Equality Act (H.R. 5). The five, their sees, and their committees are Michael Barber, Oakland, Catholic Education; Archbishop Paul Coakley, Oklahoma City, Domestic Justice and Human Development; Cardinal Timothy Dolan, New York, Religious Liberty; David Konderla, Tulsa, Promotion and Defense of Marriage; and Archbishop Joseph Nauman, Kansas City, Pro-Life Activities. The bishops decried the imposition of "novel and divisive viewpoints" regarding gender, and expressed their concern about the consequences for the pro-life movement, religious employees and charities, freedom of speech, women's sports, and sex-specific facilities such as gyms, restrooms, and homeless shelters. Nevertheless, the House passed the measure February 25, with the support of all the Democrats and 3 Republicans.

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to All,

Pat Lally

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Boland Berry Division  
Bluestone Division*



*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Our Lady of the Rosary Division*

February 10, 2021

Brother and Sister Hibernians,

Our Hibernian State of Ohio FUN in 2021 Convention is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing you and having a very successful event.

The 2021 Convention hosted by the Cleveland Boland Berry, Bluestone, and Our Lady of the Rosary Divisions will convene at The Double Tree Hilton Westlake, a Western Suburb of Cleveland. The hotel has been booked from Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for those who would like to plan an extra day in our City through Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Rooms may be booked at the following link with a cost of \$109.00 a night with breakfast included plus applicable taxes. Our block of rooms will be held until May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021; reservations after this date will be subject to availability.

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We hope you will join us for our "Sock Hop" Icebreaker on Friday evening. Ladies, time to pull out those poodle skirts, bobby socks, and saddle shoes, or peddle pushers. Guys, we look forward to seeing your hair slicked back in your bowling shirt or white t-shirt and leather jacket. The fantastic duo of Kennedy and Riley will be our entertainment for the evening.

The convention will conclude with a Dinner Dance on Saturday evening after Mass with the theme "Rock N Roll Hall of Fame" and music provided by one of our favorite local bands, the Portersharks.

Please complete and return the attached Registration with your attendance and preferences.

We also invite you to participate in our "365" FUNdraiser! You pick any date from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> for the low cost of \$5.00 an entry; first come first serve but no duplicates permitted. During the Banquet, three entries will be pulled with the first awarded \$500.00, second \$225.00 and the third \$100.00. Checks should be payable to WAYS AND MEANS and mailed to: 26559 Chapel Hill Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.

Please feel free to contact Chair Persons Ray McGann at [R4A1Y2@aol.com](mailto:R4A1Y2@aol.com) or Patty Lavelle at [plave31228@gmail.com](mailto:plave31228@gmail.com) should you have any questions regarding the Convention.

See you in June,

*Ray McGann*  
Convention Co-Chair

*Patty Lavelle*  
Convention Co-Chair



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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