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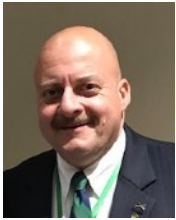
Ohio State Board

Newsletter

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President's Message



It's March already, the month when we celebrate and honor our Patron Saint, with all the solemnity and pageantry and joy and craic that His legacy deserves. This is indeed a fun and joyous celebration, but as with all our holidays, **please remember the "Reason for The Season"**. I think you'll be glad you did.

Last week, I received a large envelope from the Governor's Office. I was hopeful that the envelope held a positive outcome for our efforts...and luckily, it did! It contained **Governor DeWine's 2023 Ohio Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation**. This, and last year's proclamation, are the first-ever IAHM Proclamations in Ohio's 220-year history.



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Chaplain's Comments



As I write this column, I am resting from a busy morning celebrating Mass at my two parishes and distributing ashes at a third service at noon and anticipating another packed church for an evening Mass. Ash Wednesday is upon us.

And while many of us are looking forward to Saint Patrick's Day in a few weeks and the celebration of what we commonly call the "Green Season", the reality is that March is just as much the purple season because our churches—and our priests—are decked out not in green but in purple as a reminder to us of our need to repent and our call to turn away from sin, that we might turn whole heartedly toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The first reading today, taken from the Book of the Prophet Joel, begins with words which influence not just our observance of Ash Wednesday but our entire season of Lent.

*Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and
mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the LORD, your God.
For gracious and merciful is he,
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
and relenting in punishment.*

Rend your hearts. What does it mean for us to rend our hearts? I think first and foremost it means looking at the world through the eyes of faith. For

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President's Message, cont.

Thanks to our Governor for recognizing Ohio's Irish Americans' contributions, and thanks again to Brother Scott Partika for his help in making this happen.

Recruiting and Retention: Remember our base 5% net growth expectation of all Divisions (with a 10% stretch goal!). What have you done lately to help your Division reach that goal? This month's festivities give us a great opportunity and vehicle for recruitment and community engagement. Wear your AOH clothing and accessories proudly, act in ways that are befitting our Motto of "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity", and be prepared to answer questions and offer membership opportunities to those who ask and appear to be qualified for membership. Carry a copy of our membership

application, and be prepared to share it with anyone who shows interest.

It being Lent, and as we focus on our faith, it's important to remember the **AOH Easter Appeal**, where we work to support seminarians, especially in monetary fashion. I urge you and your Divisions to prayerfully consider a generous contribution. We'll be talking more about this in the months to come.

Brothers, 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

Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

It is faith which allows us to see not just the bad in the world around us but to focus on the good. It is faith which allows us to turn away from sin and to turn toward the Gospel. It is faith that allows us, in our prayer and fasting and giving of alms, to remember what is important and what is not, to remember who we are and who we are called to be, to remember that though we are created from the dust of the ground and will return to dust, God still calls us to live with him forever through the resurrection of his son Jesus.

And so as we spend the entirety of March, even in the midst of our Green Season, in the season of Lent, let us consider how we ourselves can grow in our faith, how we ourselves can look honestly at our sinfulness not so that we can wallow in it but so that we can learn from it, confess it, and let it go—trusting that God's mercy is greater than any sin we may have ever committed. Let us consider what it means to fast, what it means to let go of our idols so

that we can focus not on ourselves and the satisfaction of our own selfish desires but on the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Let us fast not just from an excess of food from whatever it is that distracts us from God. Let us fast from outrage and anger, so that we can see the good in those we want to condemn. Let us fast from self-righteousness, so that we remember our own sinfulness when we are tempted to point out the sinfulness of those around us. Let us fast from such things as technology, and social media and anything that promotes gossip or selfishness or gets in the way of our relationships with God and those around us. And let us remember that we are all—each and every one of us called to change our lives, to change not just what is on the outside but who we are on the inside, that we might truly be reflections of God, that we might truly be able to show Christ's love to the world around us.

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Newsletter News

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

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



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

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

Hosted & Sponsored by:
 St. Patrick's Division #1, Hamilton County
 Ohio LAOH State Board

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Name:			
Address:			
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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 <input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL EVENTS:			
ICE BREAKER -- FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd		Includes 2 Drink Tickets	\$70.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>
		GUEST:	\$175.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
		TOTAL:	<input type="checkbox"/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE -- JUNE 16th, 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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2023 Convention Program Book Request

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ad Size Desired _____ Amount Paid _____

Word or PDF files are required. If files are e-mailed, please state the name of the buyer within your correspondence and submission form **MUST** be included with your ad, either mailed or e-mailed (electronic).

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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Division News

Patrick Pearse Div. #1, Franklin Co.

Most Reverend Earl Fernandes Bishop of Columbus is the newest member of Patrick Pearse Division #1.



L to R: Marshall Jerry Tracy, Bishop Fernandes, President Bruce McPherson.

Come on down (or up) to Columbus during March and enjoy the hospitality and great music at Tara Hall! We'll also have our monthly Birthday Night with Eamonn & Seamus on March 24th, and Bob and Beth Ford performing on March 31st. We have live music booked every Friday (except Good Friday) all the way through June, with more to follow. Check our web or Facebook page for updates.

**THIRD ANNUAL
PATRICK PEARSE DIVISION 1
FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND
ROAD BOWLING FUNDRAISER**

29 APRIL 2023
REGISTRATION 10:00AM
EVENT STARTS 11:00AM
DEER CREEK STATE PARK BEACH ROAD
\$40.00 PER TEAM
4 PLAYERS PER TEAM, LIMIT OF 36 TEAMS
\$10.00 DEPOSIT ON CANNONBALLS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND AND OTHER CHARITIES

CONTACT MIKE COSGROVE @ PEARSEFFAI@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

Brothers, mark your calendars for April 29th.

After you've rested up from St. Patrick's Day and Irish American Heritage Month, we'd like to see you on the beach road for a good time and a good cause. All proceeds to Freedom for All Ireland. Sponsorships are available and appreciated.

More to follow as the date approaches.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

Contact Mike Cosgrove at pearseffai@gmail.com

Catholic Action

The entire month of March falls within Lent this year. The liturgical color for Lent is violet, except that rose may be worn on the Fourth Sunday, *Laetare* Sunday (March 19). Normally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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 20	Solemnity
Annunciation of the Lord	March 25	Solemnity

FROM MORNING PRAYER, LITURGY OF THE HOURS, ST. PATRICK'S DAY

God our Father, you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all men.

IRISH SAINTS OF THE MONTH

Kieran of Saighir, Bishop (d.c. 530) March 5

This saint is also known as Kieran (or Ciaran) the Elder and is one of several sainted Kierans. Details of his life are sketchy and disputed, and many fanciful stories revolve around him. He lived for a time as a hermit, attracted a number of followers, and built a monastery which developed into the town of Saighir. He is considered the first bishop of Ossory; he may have been one of the twelve bishops consecrated by St. Patrick. St. Piran (or Perran), a Welsh hermit whose feast is celebrated the same day, is sometimes confused with him.

Fridolin, Abbot (6th century?) March 6

Reportedly an Irish priest who preached throughout Ireland and then wandered through Gaul preaching, Fridolin settled near Poitiers. He is credited with the recovery, guided by a vision, of the remains of the founder of St. Hilary's monastery there. He rebuilt the monastery, which had been destroyed during the barbarian invasions, and was elected abbot. He later settled on Sackingham, an island in the Rhine, and built a monastery, a convent, and boys' school there, serving as abbot of the monastery. He was known as the Wanderer, or the Traveller.

Senan, Bishop (d. 560) March 8

At least one authority on the subject lists twenty-two St. Senans and separating the details of their lives is not easy. This man is known as Senan of Scatterry Island. He was of Munster origin and lived the life of a warrior before hearing a call to religious life. After tutelage under an abbot named Cassidus, Senan was sent to St. Natalis, abbot of Kilmanagh in Ossory. Like many Irish saints, Senan made a pilgrimage to Rome, and on his journey home, made the acquaintance of St. David of Wales, whose staff Senan bore back to Ireland. After spending some time in a community at Inishcarra, Senan was directed by divine signs to found a community on Scatterry Island (Inish Cathaigh) in the estuary of the Shannon. He was supposedly consecrated a bishop at some point, but no one knows over what see or when.

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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

Most of us 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 Calpurnius, 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.

NEWS AND ISSUES

We have a date for this year's Ohio State March for Life: October 6, in Columbus at the State House. It would be great to have a large Hibernian presence there.

The Catholic bishops of Ohio are very concerned about an effort by pro-abortion activists to place on the ballot in November a measure similar to that which passed by 56% in Michigan in November. That measure appears to guarantee a right to abortion through the entire span of pregnancy and may nullify any restrictions which have been placed on abortion, such as heart beat laws, parental consent, waiting periods, time limits, etc. Should this measure make it to the ballot, we pro-lifers will have our hands full countering the sort of lies and distortions which tend to dominate press coverage and undoubtedly influenced the vote in Michigan.

Let us remember in our prayers the repose of the souls of two giants of our Church, Pope Emeritus Benedict and George Cardinal Pell.

Catholic Action Chairmen, I would love to hear from you about what you are doing.

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to All.

Faternally,

Patrick J. Lally lally8404@hotmail.com

Veterans Affairs Report

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

As of 2/24/2023: VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 33,229; 996 Deaths; Active Cases: 204

2) VA Disability Housing Grants

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers three types of housing grants for veterans and servicemembers with certain service-connected disabilities (SCD) that can aid them in buying a home, or in making changes to their current home that can better accommodate their needs and help them live more independently. These grants are organized into three categories:

- 1) Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grants: You may be able to get an SAH grant if you're using the grant money to buy, build, or change your permanent home (a home you plan to live in for a long time) and you meet both of these requirements: a) You own or will own the home; **and** b) You have a qualifying SCD including the loss or loss of use of more than one limb, the loss or loss of use of a lower leg along with the residuals (lasting effects) of an organic (natural) disease or injury, blindness in both eyes (with 20/200 visual acuity or less), certain severe burns, the loss, or loss of use, of one lower extremity (foot or leg) after September 11, 2001, which makes it so you can't balance or walk without the help of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair. If you qualify for an SAH grant, you can get up to **\$109,986** for FFY 2023.
- 2) Special Home Adaptation (SHA) Grants: You may be able to get an SHA grant if you're using the grant money to buy, build, or change your permanent home (a home you plan to live in for a long time) and you meet both of these requirements: a) You or a family member own or will own the home; **and** b) You have a qualifying SCD including the loss or loss of use of both hands, certain severe burns, or certain respiratory or breathing injuries. If you qualify for an SHA grant, you can get up to **\$22,036** for FFY 2023.
- 3) Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) Grants: You may be able to get a TRA grant if you meet both of these requirements: a) You qualify for an SAH or SHA grant; and b) You're living temporarily in a family member's home that needs changes to meet your needs (you don't have to own the house). If you qualify for an SAH grant, you can get up to **\$44,299**; if you qualify for an SHA grant, you can get up to **\$7,910** through the TRA grant program for FFY 2023.

<https://www.va.gov/housing-assistance/disability-housing-grants/>

National VA Committee meetings are typically held online every third Tuesday of the 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 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.

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State Historian's Report

The Mysterious St. Patrick

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



More has been written about St. Patrick than almost any other saint. March 17 is celebrated around the world by more people than any other feast day. His image graces postage stamps, stained glass windows, greeting cards and statues. His name is attached to churches and cathedrals around the world. Yet, what we actually know about the real Patrick is shrouded in mystery.

Let's start with his beginnings. In his Confession, which is one of only two writings that are attributed to Patrick, he says he was born in *Bannavem Taburniae* in Roman Britain (his birth occurred about 385 AD). The problem is no one has been able to locate that place on any map or in any records left by the Romans. Some speculate the village was in Wales and some say it was in Cornwall. It was likely located near the coast on the western or south western side of the island of Britain.

Patrick states that his father was Culpernius, a Roman provincial official. When Patrick was just 16 years old, Irish pirates raided Patrick's village and he was taken captive. He was taken to Ireland and sold there as a slave. Patrick ended up tending a flock of sheep on a bleak hillside. Alone with the animals, he had time to contemplate his life and misfortune. After several years of hardship, he was advised in a dream that it was time to escape. Thus began a long journey that eventually brought him home where he was reunited with his parents. He became a deacon, studied for the priesthood, and was ordained. He was eventually consecrated as a bishop.

Patrick had another dream in which he heard the people of Ireland calling him to return. He convinced his superiors to allow him to return to Ireland, this time not as a slave, but to convert them to Christianity. The Patrick was a very humble man. In his Confessions he called himself a sinner, unlearned, a country bumpkin who was totally unworthy to take on the mission placed before him.

There is nothing in his small amount of writings about driving snakes out of Ireland or any of the many extraordinary miracles attributed to him in story and song. Most of these events were written about nearly two hundred years after his death, so there is no actual proof that they occurred. There is, however, sufficient historical evidence from his writings that we can make several definite statements about the historical significance of the man known as Patrick.

1. ***Patrick began the Irish literary and historical tradition.*** If the writings that we have attributed to Patrick are authentic, and most agree that they are, they are the earliest writings in Ireland. Patrick is the literary godfather of all Irish writers who would follow after him. His writings are also noteworthy in that they were written in a vernacular form of Latin. That is, they were written in a rough Latin that was spoken by the common people of the time, not in the classical Latin of scholars. Irish historians can also claim a direct legacy from Patrick. It has been written, "Irish history, properly speaking, must begin with St. Patrick, the author of the earliest documents known to have been written in Ireland." Patrick's writings give us significant historical details about early Ireland that we would not have known otherwise.

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2. ***Patrick was one of the first missionaries.*** In Patrick's time missionary work in the early church was difficult and dangerous. Many of the existing pagan tribes in Europe were not willing to be converted, so the Church viewed evangelization as a dangerous undertaking. Patrick proved that it could be done by one man with great faith and that it could be done without bloodshed. To our knowledge there were no Christian martyrs in the conversion of early Ireland, although Patrick writes that he lived in daily expectation of "murder, fraud or captivity."
3. ***Patrick was one of the first to speak out against slavery and human trafficking.*** Having been kidnapped and held as a slave, Patrick had no tolerance for those who profited from the taking of slaves. Patrick is credited with writing a letter to the Irish pirate, Coroticus, who also was a Christian. Coroticus had attacked and killed some newly baptized Christians and kidnapped the survivors. He was holding them as slaves before selling them to the Picts (a tribe in Scotland). In his letter, Patrick explains that he had sent an emissary to Coroticus to plead for the release of the captives. The emissary was ridiculed and sent back. Enraged, Patrick sent the pirate a letter in an attempt to convince Coroticus to release the hostages. In the letter, Patrick reveals that he could be quite different than the humble churchman presented in his Confession. He wrote, "Hence I do not know what to lament more: those who have been slain, or those whom they have taken captive." We do not know whether Coroticus released the slaves, but the letter remains a strong condemnation of those who profit from human slavery.

St. Patrick died on March 17, 461 AD. He is buried in County Down in Ireland. Yet another St. Patrick's Day is upon us, it is time to celebrate our Irish heritage. Patrick knew what it meant to be separated from his country of origin. So, we can use Patrick's own words when he wrote, "Hence, I cannot be silent about the great benefits and the great grace which the Lord has deigned to bestow upon me in the land of my captivity..."

Our Irish ancestors came to this country as exiles. So, let's not be silent on St. Patrick's Day as we celebrate the "benefits and great grace" our ancestors found in this new land of America. Remember that the day is about the real St. Patrick, not the cartoon image that is often presented.



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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liamlehn@gmail.com [330.518.9917](tel:330.518.9917)



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)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI	PHONE (Include area code)
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
CURRENT LICENSE PLATE #	OHIO DL OR ID CARD #	SIGNATURE X	
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI	PHONE (Include area code)
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
CURRENT LICENSE PLATE #	OHIO DL OR ID CARD #	SIGNATURE X	
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI	PHONE (Include area code)
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

State Organizer's Report

The "Green Season" is upon us! It is time to celebrate our Irish heritage and enjoy the company of our fellow Irish men and women.

As we all know, it is also the biggest recruiting time of year, so we need to be sure we are good ambassadors for our divisions so we can "sell the AOH" to prospective applicants. Know what your division is doing in your community as far as charity, scholarships, fundraising and parish activities are concerned. If they are interested, you can either provide them with an application or they can access them on-line on our state website: www.ohioaoh.com or the National website: www.aoh.com.

Make sure you have made enough copies of recruitment material prior to your events. These can also be found on the National website.



Finally, let's remember to be aware of ourselves when we attend our events. Please stay away from the popular t-shirts that actually debase our heritage. This was part of our St. Patrick Pledge when we joined the Order; that we "will not countenance by our presence, nor support any performance that may reasonably be interpreted as caricaturing or debasing the Irish people...."

That being said, have a safe, blessed and happy St. Patrick's Day!

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer

Mark Your Calendars

2023 State Convention

June 23 - 24
Cincinnati OH

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

