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President's Message



Brothers,

Happy Irish American Heritage Month!. Thank you to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine who officially declared March as "Irish American Heritage Month" in the State of Ohio again for 2024. This proclamation honors not only what

we do as Irish American today but, all of the contributions and achievements that Irish Americans have made to Ohio since 1803. Thank you, Governor, for acknowledging the Irish as an integral part of the development and success of our great State.

Well, here we are brothers. Our time to shine. Over the next couple of weeks, all eyes will be on us. Starting last month and ending on St. Patrick's Day, there will be Masses, parades, concerts and parties. Remember during this time that the AOH is the "voice of Irish America" and people will be looking to us for leadership and an example of what it means to be an Irish American. As National Political Education Chair Neil Cosgrove always states, let's get away from the using the moniker "green season" and call it what it really is, Irish American Heritage Month. Take time this month to show off what it means to be an Irish American . Use this time to recruit new members and to show the general public that being an Irish American is more than drinking and partying. It is about a proud heritage of family, hard work, music, dance and our Catholic faith. When marching in parades or attending

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Chaplain's Comments



During Lent, I hold Vespers services every Tuesday following Benediction. The reading from the last several weeks has been James 2:14, 17, 18b:

My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save one, has it? So it is with the faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless. Show me faith without works, and I will show you the faith that underlies my works!

The thing that stuck out to me this week was the idea of a faith that is thoroughly lifeless. This is what happens my brothers when we do not put our faith into practice. We are "practicing" Catholics, that is we need to practice so we can get better at it! If our faith does not come out in the things that we do and say, then it is lifeless because we have not given it life.

We go to Mass and receive the most holy sacrament of the altar. We receive the body, blood soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. We eat His flesh and drink His blood, and in so doing, we are entering into a physical and spiritual communion with our Lord and Savior. At the conclusion of the Mass, we are then sent forth to go out into the world and practice our faith. How can we receive so wonderful a gift as the Eucharist and not share it with others. That is exactly what we do if we do not put our faith into practice. We take what we have been given, go home and put it on the shelf, as it were, and do nothing with it.

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President’s Message, cont.

Masses over the next couple of weeks, stand tall and be proud to be an Irish American.

Please mark your calendars for two important upcoming dates.

Saturday, April 20, 2024. An Exemplification of Major Degrees will be held at the Akron AOH Hall. More details to follow.

Saturday, May 18, 2024. A State Board Meeting will be held at Tara Hall in Columbus. More details to follow.

On Friday, February 23, the State Board held a Freedom For All Ireland fundraiser at the Akron AOH Hall. Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe

Tones played to a packed house. Thank you to all of the brothers who came out to support FFAI.

Brothers, have a great Irish American Heritage Month. I’m hoping for nice weather for all your parades and growing membership rolls.

In Motto,

Denny



Chaplain’s Comments, cont.

My brothers, as Hibernians, we have the opportunity to put our faith into action every time we get together; either in our division meetings, or our state and national conventions. We have the chance to live out our faith and let our actions and our words give glory to God.

Let’s not waste the precious gift that we have been given. Don’t stay at home when you know there is a meeting and you could be there. Don’t sit in the meetings and not participate, provide ideas, or offer your time and talents to the group. As Jesus allows us to share in eternal life, let us allow the Eucharist to be the fuel for the life of our faith. Let it be the foundation for faith that we put into action as Hibernians.

Whatever we do, my brothers, let it have purpose, and that purpose it to give life to our faith through our words and our actions. Let our faith be full of life, the life of Christ! The projects that we support and the charitable works that we perform are examples of the life that we have in faith. Let’s not allow our faith to be lifeless. Let’s ensure our faith

has as much life as we can put into it. It is only through our work, dedication and commitment to being Hibernians that we show the world that our faith has life through our Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Get involved and put life into your division, brothers, and show the faith that underlies your works!

God Bless,

Deacon Bruce



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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

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



March, Irish American Heritage Month, is around the corner. It's a key time for us to step up and spread awareness about our heritage and the AOH. It's crucial we take an active role in promoting this month to honor and preserve our Irish American culture.

Why It Matters

Sadly, too many in our community are unaware of the rich legacy of Irish Americans, and without active promotion and education, we risk a

future where fewer people identify with our heritage. This not only affects our sense of pride and belonging but also poses a challenge to the Ancient Order of Hibernians' continued growth and influence. Celebrating Irish American Heritage Month is a vital step in reversing this trend, ensuring our traditions are not only preserved but flourish. By raising awareness and showcasing the contributions of Irish Americans, we can inspire more individuals to embrace their heritage and, potentially, join our ranks as Hibernians. Put bluntly: If we do not promote our Heritage, who will?

Call to Action, How You Can help:

Starting Today :

Using our advocacy platform we want every member to reach out to their Senators and Congressional Representative to issue a public statement acknowledging Irish American Heritage Month and the contribution the Irish have made. This is a five minute task. Go to <https://aoh.com/political-education-2/#/7> , enter your address and zip code and hit "GO". The system will look up your elected representatives and you will see a preformatted template letter ready to go. Enter your details, click "SEND" and the template mail will be personalized as coming from you and sent. Please also consider sending a request to your local leaders.

Starting March:

On March 1st we will launch our Irish American Heritage Month Video on our website, YouTube and Facebook. Please like and share on your State/County/Division Facebook pages and on your personal pages

Similarly, please like and share on AOH and personal social media the Official; proclamation of Irish American Heritage Month from the Whitehouse. Again, this will be on our website and Facebook page

Please consider replacing your Facebook Cover Photo, with the **AOH's Irish American Heritage Month Graphic for the Month of March**. It is here <https://aoh.com/2024/02/21/irish-american-heritage-month-2023/>

(See attached photo above)

Finally, every weekday during march we publish a profile of an important Irish American man or woman and their accomplishments on Facebook, Again, please like and share on your AOH and individual social media. The more a post is liked and shared the more people Facebook will show it to, the more people aware of Irish American Heritage Month..

We are all proud to be Irish, let us show the world why. As Hibernians, we're in a prime position to make a real impact this March. Let's lead by example and make Irish American Heritage Month a vibrant and educational experience paying the respect our forebears are due.

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors." -Edmund Burke

In the Spirit of Our Order,

Neil Cosgrove, PEC and IAHM Chair

State Historian's Report

The Tragedy at Doolough

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



This month's article is about a tragic incident that occurred during the Great Hunger. It occurred in and about the town of Louisburgh in County Mayo near the lake that is known as Doolough (Black Lake).

The British passed a law in 1838 that established the Poor Law Unions in districts all over Ireland. Each district had its own workhouse that was managed by a locally elected Board of Guardians. This system, financed by taxes imposed on the landlords, was supposed to be for the benefit of the poor, hungry, and destitute Irish. Instead the dreaded workhouses became little more than concentration camps for the poor where death and disease flourished.

In most districts, the Board of Guardians were a bureaucratic gang that dealt harshly with the Irish poor and often prevented those who qualified for relief from receiving it. Some of the relief funds for the Irish ended up lining the pockets of greedy Guardians.

With the failure of the potato crop in 1845 Ireland was sent into a downward spiral of starvation, poverty, disease and death. Subsequent annual crop failures brought even more suffering. As the Great Hunger progressed more and more Irish were made destitute and homeless, without any means of obtaining food. The truly sad truth about the Great Hunger is that the British continued to ship food from Ireland while millions of Irish starved. County Mayo was particularly hard hit during the hunger, losing an estimated 27% of its population to death or emigration.

For a while the workhouses were authorized to provide "outdoor relief," that is, food could be distributed to the poor without checking into the workhouse. Of course, to qualify for outdoor relief you had to be "inspected and approved" by the Board of Guardians. The poor also had to prove that they did not own more than a quarter acre of land to receive any relief.

The British had purchased a supply of Indian corn from America. There was no market for the coarse Indian corn in Britain, so it was assured that this distribution would not interfere with the normal course of trade. The Guardians were authorized to issue 3 pounds of corn to those paupers who passed inspection. It should be noted that grinding the Indian corn was quite difficult and for a starving person the coarse grain was a little like digesting razor blades. But, it was food.

Hearing that there was a possibility of obtaining food, in March of 1849 over six hundred starving people made their way into the town of Louisburgh in search of food through outdoor relief or a ticket that would admit them to the workhouse. They met with the Receiving Officer at the Louisburgh workhouse. He told them he had no authority to grant them food or a ticket, but they could appeal to two of the Board of Guardians, Colonel Hograve and Mr. Lecky, who were meeting the next day at Delphi Lodge located twelve miles south of Louisburgh. Delphi Lodge was a hunting lodge and was located on the other side of Doolough Pass a mountain pass that runs between the Sheffry Hills and the Mweelrea Mountains.

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State Historian's Report, cont.

The crowd spent the night in Louisburg. Weakened from their trip, many of the 600 men, women and children, who slept in the streets that night died. The next day five hundred of those that remained trudged through the mud and rain along a goat track in the direction of Delphi Lodge, crossing the Glankeen River at flood stage and through the mountain pass. Still more died of exhaustion along the way. They arrived wet and cold at Delphi Lodge the next afternoon.

The Board of Guardian members were at lunch when the people arrived and amazingly they could not be disturbed. The starving crowd was told to wait. A few more died of exhaustion while waiting. When they had finished their meal Hograve and Lecky decided to meet with the great mass of starving people.

Without explanation, the two Guardians refused to give them either their three pounds of corn or a ticket to enter the workhouse. The crowd was advised to return to Louisburgh.

Disappointed, the group headed back to Louisburgh over the same bleak and dangerous path they had just taken. A strong south-west wind blew up carrying with it showers, freezing rain and hail stones. Their journey took them back through Doolough Pass. As their journey continued, the crowd continued to leak a trail of dead behind them as hypothermia and exhaustion took its grim toll on the starving band.

They soon reached a spot in the pass called Stroppabue which was a cliff overhanging the lake of Doolough.

At this point in the pass the cold air funneled across Doolough and churned into a screaming vortex of wind and hail. Weakened by starvation, disease, and exposure the heavy squall swept many of the starving crowd off the cliff and into the lake. Many drowned at once in the icy waters. Others managed to reach the bank of the Glankeen River, but fatigued by the hardships of their journey, there they died.

It is unknown how many of this group of starving people met their death in the waters of Doolough. Accounts of the tragedy place the death toll at anywhere from 100 to over 400.

The next morning, the Receiving Officer at Louisburgh heard of the tragedy and took a group of men along the goat track to Delphi and buried the dead where they fell without coffins or ceremony. It is recorded that the path from the Louisburgh to the Glankeen River and from the Glankeen to Delphi was covered with corpses "as numerous as sheaves of corn in an autumn field."

When the burial group reached Doolough they found so many dead that they dug pits and buried them together in a nearby glen. Many bodies that were blown into the freezing lake were never recovered. Some call the dead victims of the Great Hunger; others refer to them as martyrs.

In May of 1994 a marker was erected in the Doolough Valley by Action From Ireland (AFrI) a famine relief organization. The stone marker topped with a stylized Celtic cross, bears the inscription (and a quote from Mahatma Gandhi): To Commemorate the Hungry Poor who walked here in 1849 and walk the Third World today. "How can men feel themselves honored by the humiliation of their fellow beings?"

Each year, since 1994 the AFrI group sponsors a mile long Famine Walk in the area of the monument to commemorate the Doolough Tragedy and promote the cause of human rights and hunger prevention around the world.

Rest in Peace

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America has lost two Hibernians Heroes. **Past National President George Clough** who served the order as President 1990 – 1994, and **Past National Chaplain Reverend Patrick Sullivan** who served from 2002 – 2006, and again from 2008 – 2010.

Lt. Col. George Clough, age 91 of St. Louis, Missouri passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb 11, 2024. George was born July 25, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY. His wife Shirley (née McGarvey) preceded him in death in December of 2022. He is survived by his sister, Nancy Reilly of New York; his children: Kevin (Cathy) Clough, Shelagh Clough; his grandson Sean Clough; his beautiful great granddaughter Kailey Clough and many nieces and nephews.

George proudly served in the United States Air Force. After his active duty, George received a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and went on to receive a law degree from St. John's University in New York. After graduation he worked as a corporate attorney and continued to serve in the United States Air Force reserves for 20 years. George was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for over 50 years. He was the Past National President of the AOH, National Legal Counsel and Past President and founder of St. Louis Division II.

A Funeral Mass was held, Saturday February 24, 2024 at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Webster Groves, MO 63119. The burial will take place on a later date at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Memorial Contributions may be made to:

Hibernian Charities: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/hiberniancharityappeal/>

Donations payable to AOH Hibernian Charity can also be mailed to: Hibernian Charity, P.O. Box 694 Austin, TX 78767

Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C., 94, died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind. on February 10, 2024 after a short illness. Fr. Sullivan was born in New York on August 24, 1929, one of nine children of John and Mary (Roche). He attended New York parochial schools and Holy Cross Seminary at Notre Dame, Ind. In 1948, he professed first vows at Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Ind. In 1952, he graduated from the University of Notre Dame with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in philosophy. After completion of theological training at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., he was ordained a Holy Cross priest on June 8, 1956 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River, Mass. He then studied sociology at Fordham University, where he received a Master of Arts degree in 1958.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Eileen Donahue, Thomas Sullivan, James Sullivan, John Sullivan, Edmund Sullivan, Mary Campbell and David Sullivan. He is survived by his sister Joan Cronin and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Chapel of Mary located on Stonehill College campus in North Easton, Massachusetts on February 21, 2024 followed a Funeral Mass. Burial was in the community cemetery in Easton, Massachusetts. Kane Funeral Home, Easton, is in charge of the arrangements.

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities

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2024 Catholic Men's Conference

The 2024 Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, Ohio. Join your fellow Hibernians and Knights of Columbus brothers for a day full of faith, food and fellowship.

Patrick Pearse Div #1 will have a booth at the conference to spread the word about our Order and often provides a boost to our membership recruitment. As is our tradition, we will sponsor exhibit space for the Dead Theologians Society.

Check the Catholic Men's Ministry website for updates and registration info:

www.catholicmensministry.com

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PSP has provided assistance to seminarians nationwide and recent support of Ireland's remaining seminary. Consider a division or individual donation. Each division is encouraged to raise at least \$500 toward a scholarship gift, in the name of clergy, honored members or in someone's memory.

Aid to Ukraine: UNICEF IRELAND

Join the 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

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2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL, August 7 - 11, 2024

For additional information, See <https://orlandoirish2024.com/home-1>

Catholic Action

Most of the month of March this year falls within Lent. The liturgical color for Lent is violet, except that rose may be worn on the Fourth Sunday, *Laetare* Sunday (March 10). Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence; all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter season fall during the last week of March. Let us make an effort to attend services offered during the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, leading up to the great feast of Easter (March 31).

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF MARCH

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

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 monaster. 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.

Oengus, Abbot and Bishop (d.c. 824) March 11

Oengus, or Aengus, entered the monastery of Clonenagh at Leix, then well-known for its size, learning, and sanctity. A few years later, he took up the life of a hermit a few miles away. Still later, he moved along to the abbey of Tallaght, near Dublin, where for years he concealed his identity from the abbot. This was probably in order to be able to lead a more retiring life, since over the years his reputation for sanctity had spread and brought him unwelcome attention. Toward the end of his years, Oengus returned to Clonenagh, where he was reportedly made abbot and bishop. In his final years, Oengus completed his metrical hymn in honor of the saints, the *Felire*, over which he had labored for many years. Oengus died at his nearby hermitage. He is known as the Hagiographer, because of his hymn, and the Culdee (God's Vassal), due to his strict asceticism.

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Mochoemoc, Abbot (7th century)

March 13

Mochoemoc was the nephew of St. Ita, under whose tutelage he grew in the spiritual life until she sent the young man to St. Comgall at Bangor Abbey, County Down, where he was ordained. Comgall seems to have set Mochoemoc the mission of sowing a new establishment, and in fact Mochoemoc founded several. His best known foundation was at Liath-mor in County Tipperary. The saint lived there to an advanced age.

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.

Finnian Lobhar, Abbot (d.c. 560?)

March 16

Finnian was said to be of Munster royalty, though he was born in Leinster, from which his mother hailed. His dates are far from certain. Finnian gained a reputation as a miraculous healer. He obtained the title "Lobhar"--Leper--after he willingly took on the disease to cure a young man afflicted by it. He may have ended his days as abbot of Clonmore.

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.

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.

Catholic Action, cont.

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 in the Aran Islands, at Killeany on Inismor, 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.

Macartan, Bisho (d.c. 505)

March 26

Little is known of this saint. He is considered the first bishop of Clogher, and may have been consecrated by St. Patrick.

NEWS AND ISSUES

On February 12, a federal district judge extended his previous temporary injunction against a new Ohio law requiring minors under 16 to get parental consent to use social media apps. The block is to remain in place while the issue wends its way through the courts. The suit to block the statute was brought by Net Choice, an organization representing TikTok, Snapchat, Meta, and others.

Primary election day is March 19 in Ohio. Our Catholic faith needs to animate our choices for public officials. To see endorsements of candidates by Ohio Right to Life, visit www.ohiolife.org.

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

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to All.

Fraternally,

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Rest in Peace

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America has lost two Hibernians Heroes. **Past National President George Clough** who served the order as President 1990 – 1994, and **Past National Chaplain Reverend Patrick Sullivan** who served from 2002 – 2006, and again from 2008 – 2010.

Lt. Col. George Clough, age 91 of St. Louis, Missouri passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb 11, 2024. George was born July 25, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY. His wife Shirley (née McGarvey) preceded him in death in December of 2022. He is survived by his sister, Nancy Reilly of New York; his children: Kevin (Cathy) Clough, Shelagh Clough; his grandson Sean Clough; his beautiful great granddaughter Kailey Clough and many nieces and nephews.

George proudly served in the United States Air Force. After his active duty, George received a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and went on to receive a law degree from St. John's University in New York. After graduation he worked as a corporate attorney and continued to serve in the United States Air Force reserves for 20 years. George was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for over 50 years. He was the Past National President of the AOH, National Legal Counsel and Past President and founder of St. Louis Division II.

A Funeral Mass was held, Saturday February 24, 2024 at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Webster Groves, MO 63119. The burial will take place on a later date at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Memorial Contributions may be made to:

Hibernian Charities: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/hiberniancharityappeal/>

Donations payable to AOH Hibernian Charity can also be mailed to: Hibernian Charity, P.O. Box 694 Austin, TX 78767

Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C., 94, died at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind. on February 10, 2024 after a short illness. Fr. Sullivan was born in New York on August 24, 1929, one of nine children of John and Mary (Roche). He attended New York parochial schools and Holy Cross Seminary at Notre Dame, Ind. In 1948, he professed first vows at Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Ind. In 1952, he graduated from the University of Notre Dame with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in philosophy. After completion of theological training at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., he was ordained a Holy Cross priest on June 8, 1956 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River, Mass. He then studied sociology at Fordham University, where he received a Master of Arts degree in 1958.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings; Eileen Donahue, Thomas Sullivan, James Sullivan, John Sullivan, Edmund Sullivan, Mary Campbell and David Sullivan. He is survived by his sister Joan Cronin and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Chapel of Mary located on Stonehill College campus in North Easton, Massachusetts on February 21, 2024 followed a Funeral Mass. Burial was in the community cemetery in Easton, Massachusetts. Kane Funeral Home, Easton, is in charge of the arrangements.

2024 AOH/LAOH National Convention August 7 - 11, 2024

You are invited to Orlando, Florida



For online ROOM RESERVATION (\$125 + taxes) and EVENTS REGISTRATION please go to https://orlandoirish2024.com Events Registration through the Mail: This Form is for Convention events only. Please print neatly. (Does not include Hotel Registration.)



Name _____

Street Address _____

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Email _____ Phone _____

I am a member of the AOH / LAOH (circle either AOH or LAOH)

Membership # _____ Division # _____ County _____ State _____

Guest Registration: Name _____ Email _____

Full Events Package: \$215 if reserved by June 15, 2024.

Full Events Reservation made after June 15, 2024 and thereafter: \$235. Options:

- () Full Package encompasses all of the following choices below. Includes \$25 Registration Fee.
() Icebreaker (Wednesday, August 7th) \$60: Casual Attire, Buffet, complimentary draft beer and signature drink. Served 7pm - 9pm. Includes \$25 Registration Fee.
() Irish Night (Friday, August 9th) \$85: Business Casual Attire, Choice of one entrée - A combo of Chicken & Sliced Pork Loin / Vegetarian. Served 6pm - 10pm. Includes \$25 Registration Fee.
() Final Banquet (Saturday, August 10th) \$90: Formal Black Tie Optional, Choice of one entrée - Pan Seared Salmon / Sliced Sirloin of Beef / Vegan. Served 6pm - 10pm. Includes \$25 Registration Fee.
() Registration Only: \$25
* Please consider making all reservations and payment online to streamline the process.
** If registering through the mail, please remit this form and payment to: AOH National Secretary, PO Box 1742, Jensen Beach FL 34958-1742.
** If paying event registration by check, make payment payable to: "The AOH/LAOH National Convention"

Division News

Mark Heffernan Div. #2, Summit Co.

It is with a heavy heart to say that Pat “Paddy” Taylor passed away on Tuesday February 21st. Pat was along time member of The Mark Heffernan Division in Akron. He formed the Akron Celtic Guards Hurling and Camogie Club in 2003 and could be found proudly sporting a Cork GAA Jersey at any event. Please keep Pat and his family in your prayers.

Dale Norris, President Mark Herreren Div. #2

A lot of things are happening at 2000 Brown St, in Akron this Irish American Heritage Month!

ALL IRISH DAY
 Sunday, March 3
 1PM - 6PM
 NO AOH Cover Charge
 Lunch will be sold by the LAOH from 1PM - 5PM.
 Music & dancing all day!

St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Saturday, March 9 @ 12PM Downtown Akron
 7:30AM - 11:30AM | Irish Breakfast sold by the Akron Hurling Team
 1PM - 10PM : After party at the AOH. \$5 cover charge.
 Music by various bands & MacConmara Irish Dancers

Day Before St. Patrick's Day Party
 Saturday, March 16 | 1PM - 9:00PM | \$5 cover
 Lunch served by House Committee 1-3:30. Music all day!
 MacConmara Dancers at 4pm. Dinner served by the Akron Hurling Team 4PM - close.

St. Patrick's Day
 Sunday March 17
 9AM : Mass
 10AM : St. Patrick's Day Party & food from 12PM - 4:30PM
 (Corned beef, colcannon, carrots, bread & butter)
 Music ALL day!

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Irish Brigade Div. #1, Medina Co.

We continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Medina County Fair grounds to help **Feeding Medina County** with their food distribution.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1, Franklin Co.

Our Proclamation Day Charity check of \$500 was presented to Karen Mcguire, chair of St Margaret of Cortona Society of St Vincent DePaul. Each month they make over 500 sandwiches for St Lawrence Haven. Division Hunger Project Chair Scott Robinson and Division President Bruce McPherson helped parish volunteers assemble the sandwiches.




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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
SATURDAY, 27 APRIL 2024**

REGISTRATION 10:00AM
EVENT STARTS 11:00AM
DEER CREEK STATE PARK BEACH ROAD
\$60.00 PER TEAM
4 PLAYERS PER TEAM, LIMIT OF 36 TEAMS
\$10.00 DEPOSIT ON CANNONBALLS

ALL PROCEEDS TO
FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND AND OTHER
CHARITIES

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Bluestone Div. #3, Cuyahoga Co.

The Bluestone Division held their annual Scholarship Raffle, Sunday, February 4th. This is the 10th anniversary of the Reverse Raffle, which raises money to support and promote Catholic high school education as well as donations to seminarians.

The freshman year scholarships are granted to grade school students who wish to attend area Catholic high schools but may not be able to do so without the scholarship.

Pictured are members of the Bluestone Division as well as members of the LAOH Deifur of Charity Division, who were present to support the fundraiser. The raffle includes a main board ticket, dinner and open bar. Other side raffles included banger boards, 50-50 raffle and a lucky 3 mainboard ticket.



State Organizer's Report

Are you all aware that you can get the QR code off the National website that will take you directly to the on-line application. You can affix this QR code to your flyers to make it even easier to apply. Here is what it looks like.



It is located along with recruitment aids. Access the National website (aoh.com), then go to "About the AOH", then scroll down to "Organizer Resources". You'll find several flyers, aids and the QR code that you can download and personalize.

Have a grand and blessed St. Patrick's Day, brothers!

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer