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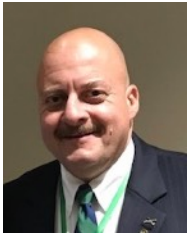
Newsletter

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President's Message

Brothers All,



A Happy May to you all, and I hope this note finds you all well.

Thanks to all who were able to join our April state board meeting via Zoom. Lots of things talked, lots of things done. We had excellent attendance from board members, but several Division/County Presidents were missing. I'll be talking that subject with those parties individually, but in the meantime remember that you're expected to attend or send a representative.

In April, I was able to join the Summit County Divisions in Person, and Lucas County by Zoom. Thanks for the hospitality, those were very enjoyable and informative evenings!

Recruiting and Retention: I'm encouraged by the results that many Divisions are already reporting, less than halfway through the year. As we continue through the year, please... 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. Remember those bottles of Redbreast 12. Get out there and win one of those bottles!

Our **State Convention** is just around the corner. Please visit the convention page on our state website at <https://ohioaoh.com/2021-state-convention>. It already has all the information you need for hotel reservations, convention package registration, convention program book ad

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Chaplain's's Comments



While most of us commonly celebrate March 19 as the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary, the Church also celebrates May 1 as the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker. This day set aside to honor Saint Joseph is a relatively new innovation to the Church calendar, having been established by Pope Pius XII as late as 1955, early in the Cold War, as a counter to the May Day celebrations of the Communists. On this day, we pay special tribute to Saint Joseph in his role as a provider for Mary and Jesus, as a laborer who worked by the sweat of his brow to provide a home for the Holy Family. In doing so, we are reminded of the great dignity of all work but especially the dignity of all who labor by the sweat of their brow, sharing in the work of God the Father as Creator of the Universe.

In an Audience address given on May 1, 2013, the newly elected Pope Francis stated: *The Book of Genesis tells us that God created man and woman entrusting them with the task of filling the earth and subduing it, which does not mean exploiting it but nurturing and protecting it, caring for it through their work (cf. Gen 1:28; 2:15). Work is part of God's loving plan, we are called to cultivate and care for all the goods of creation and in this way share in the work of creation! Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use a metaphor, "anoints" us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts (cf. Jn 5:17); it gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation.*

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requests, and much more. See also pages 7,13,14 and 15 of this issue. We look forward to seeing you in late June!

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 attend your meetings and events whenever and wherever possible. 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.

While as a priest I seldom am required to work “by the sweat of my brow” unless the church is unusually warm, I am nonetheless conscious of the very hard manual labor endured by my ancestors, as building custodians, steel and iron workers, stonemasons and bricklayers, bakers, weavers and farmers. I remember being amazed at seeing the size of my great grandfather’s hands—hands which were hardened and muscled even in his old age after years of working as a stone mason—hands which at the same time could be gentle and loving. I imagine that the hands of Saint Joseph would have been similar—roughened and calloused by years of hard work, but gentle in the love they showed to our Blessed Mother Mary and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During this year in which we honor Saint Joseph in a special way, may we be grateful all who follow his example by working by the sweat of their brow, for all who, in the words of Pope Francis, are anointed with the dignity of their work, for all who keep our nation and our world moving, fed, healthy and growing, for all who keep us safe, for all make the world a better place, sharing in the work of God our Creator by virtue of their labors.

Fr. John Keehner
Chaplain for the State of Ohio
National Chaplain

Commodore Barry Medal

As a reminder, led by Worthy State Past President McKenzie, the State Board has Commodore Barry Award medals for purchase. This is a *great* way to recognize leadership and contributions to the Order, and particularly your Division. Please contact Brother McKenzie with any questions. Slan, Bob



The AOH Ohio State Board is pleased to offer the **Commodore John Barry Medal** to AOH Divisions for \$25. This medal is intended to be awarded to members for outstanding service or achievement. Each medal comes individually packaged in an attractive display case with a printed history of Commodore Barry.

Yours in our Motto,

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Newsletter News

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

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

Immigration Report

Everything has changed, and nothing has changed. The new year of 2021 has brought a quite different tenor in Washington, D.C. As the Federal Government determines and sets Immigration policy, the fact that a new Party minimally controls the levers of power provides new opportunities to advance The AOH's ongoing advocacy for a new, national, comprehensive immigration policy. After several years of no action, the time is upon us, as the sons of immigrants to utilize our combined energies to advocated for a new, humane approach.

With the unprecedented challenges of the Pandemic and the economy, legislative and Administration energies have been focused there. As to Immigration, most of the Feds initial energies have been in responding to the serious spike in the numbers of unaccompanied children crossing the border. Most seasoned observers have attributed this spike to pent up numbers of efforts to immigrate to the United States during the Pandemic, coupled with continued degradation of life and liberty in the "Northern Triangle" Countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras) plus the perception that the new administration would ease some of the most draconian and inhumane border policies of the last administration.

One interesting fact to note came to light with the recent release of the new US Census numbers whose data showed that the U.S. population grew at the slowest rate over the last decade since the census started in 1790, save for the period of the Great Depression (1930's). Slower immigration during the Obama and Trump administrations was attributed as a major cause of this statistic. I note this fact as it counters those who fan the flames of anti-immigrant hostility by creating a false impression that our Country is being overrun by foreigners. A clanging chorus echoing the anti-Catholic and anti-Irish Know Nothing Party of the mid-19th Century.

As the new Congress and Administration's policies take shape in the coming months, it is helpful to review the U.S. Council of Bishops statements on desirable U.S. Immigration Law and Policy:

1. *Ensure access to permanent legal status and a path to citizenship for current residents.*
2. *Reaffirm and prioritize family unity and reunification.*
3. *Reform the immigration detention system.*
4. *Evaluate and revise immigration enforcement strategies, both along the U.S.-Mexico border and within the interior, to ensure the just and humane treatment of all migrants.*
5. *Promote access to asylum and due process.*
6. *Adopt policies that address the root causes of migration.*

Despite having a full plate, The Biden Administration did draft ***The U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021*** which proposes to establish a new system to responsibly manage and secure our border, keep our families and communities safe, and better manage migration across the Hemisphere. Here are the major points:

PROVIDE PATHWAYS TO CITIZENSHIP & STRENGTHEN LABOR PROTECTIONS

PRIORITIZE SMART BORDER CONTROLS

ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATION

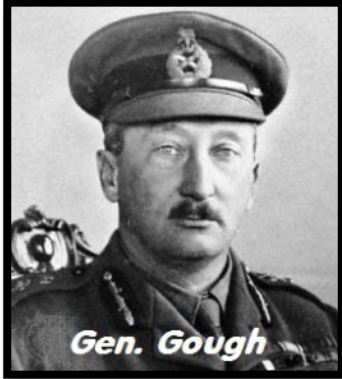
This proposed **U.S. Citizen Act of 2021** by the Biden Administration must now move through the legislative process. While the proposal seems consistent with the guidelines of the U.S. Bishops Conference and is in line with historic AOH advocacy, it is so new that no formal position has been adopted by the National AOH to date. However, our members must be engaged to continue to raise this issue with our Federal Representatives and Senators. We must encourage our electeds to support the general goal of comprehensive Immigration reform as it moves through the legislative process.

John Myers, Immigration Chair

State Historian's Report

The Curragh Mutiny

By: J. Michael Finn, AOH State Historian



In March of 1914 the British army officers stationed at the Curragh Camp in County Kildare, Ireland mutinied by refusing to obey the orders of the British Government. This has come to be known as the Curragh Mutiny (in British history, if it is mentioned at all, it is known as the Curragh Incident).

In 1914 the third Home Rule Bill had been passed by Parliament and was soon to be enacted. This bill proposed to establish a single Irish parliament in Dublin and it proposed to give Ireland a limited amount of autonomy to manage its own affairs, although under the watchful eye of the Empire.

The prospect of being ruled from Dublin did not sit well with the Protestant Unionist community in the north of Ireland. Over 450,000 Unionists under the leadership of Sir Edward Carson had signed the *Ulster Solemn League and Covenant* on September 28, 1912 (some signed in their own blood). The covenant pledged the signers to use "... all means which may be found necessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up a home rule parliament in Ireland." In the event a home rule parliament was established the Unionists would "refuse to recognize its authority."

On January 20, 1913 the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) was formed to defend Ulster against the implementation of Home Rule. A Unionist civil war in the north was not what the British government needed, particularly with conditions in mainland Europe about to erupt into the Great War. In the north Ulster Unionists were preparing to fight the British in order to stay united with Britain.

In March 1914, Sir Arthur Paget, Commander-in-Chief of British troops in Ireland was sent to Ireland by Prime Minister Asquith. The British were fearful that conditions in the north of Ireland could be escalating. His orders were to re-supply arms and reinforce arms depots in the north in case of any attempts by the Unionists to seize them during an insurrection.

On March 20, 1914 orders were given to British troops stationed at the Curragh in County Kildare to be ready to march north, if necessary, to disarm Unionist dissidents and quell the anticipated rebellion. The British commander of the 3rd Cavalry Brigade at the Curragh, Brigadier-General Sir Hubert Gough said, "No" as did 64 of his fellow officers at the Curragh. They mutinied and unilaterally refused to participate in any actions against the Unionists in the north of Ireland. All of the Curragh officers threatened resignation if forced to comply with the government's order. They made this clear to Prime Minister Asquith and to Field Marshall Sir John French, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Chaos ensued at the War Office. General Gough was immediately summoned to "give an account of himself." He was supported there by Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig who had come to the war office to warn of the strong support of his own officers for the stand taken by Gough.

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Haig implied that his officers would also resign if General Gough were punished. Also supporting Gough's position was General Sir Henry Wilson, the Director of Military Operations. Field Marshall Haig suggested that the only way to calm the unrest in the army created by this order was for the government to issue a statement that the army would not be used in any effort to coerce Ulster to give up its guns. General Wilson threatened his own resignation if this was not done.

Faced with a mutiny of the majority of the entire general staff, Sir John French and the Secretary of State for War, Colonel J. E. B. Seely, provided General Gough with a written guarantee that his troops at the Curragh would not be used to enforce a disarming of Protestant citizens nor would they be used to facilitate the implementation of the Home Rule Act on the north.

General Gough returned to the Curragh Camp as a conquering hero. The cabinet of Prime Minister Asquith strongly objected to the guarantee and, as a result of its issuance, both French and Seely were forced to resign their positions; however, the government never withdrew the guarantee.

Adding to the worries of the government, on April 24, 1914 the Ulster Protestants, fearing that Home Rule was soon to be imposed, illegally smuggled from Germany, through the port city of Larne, County Antrim, 35,000 rifles and 5 million rounds ammunition. The government was faced with a very scary possibility – civil war against the Unionist majority population in the north and an army refusing to disarm the dissidents of their illegally obtained arms and ammunition.

On August 4, 1914 England went to war with Germany. The Home Rule bill was passed and signed by the King on September 15, 1914. The Government then suggested that “due to the war” implementation of the bill would be “postponed” until after the war. Home Rule was never implemented.

Many of the participants in the mutiny, Generals French, Gough, and Haig would play major roles in England's bungling of World War I. Their performance in that war was so grossly incompetent that many historians have suggested that they should have been tried for war crimes (England lost over 600,000 men in the first 3 months of the war). It has been speculated that World War I actually saved the British Army from a significant constitutional and disciplinary crisis that resulted from the Curragh Mutiny.

The Curragh Mutiny and the illegal Larne gun smuggling proves that if Home Rule had been implemented the government would have not had the support of the British military in quelling any Unionist violence. Ironically, it was the Larne gun-running and the arming of the Ulster Volunteer Force that led to the formation of the Irish Volunteers in the south of Ireland. The organizing of the Irish Volunteers, of course, led directly to the Easter Rising of 1916.

It is likely that had the Protestants been disarmed in 1914 and Home Rule implemented by the British, there would have been no Irish Volunteers and likely no Easter Rebellion.

Once again, as throughout Irish History, the British had the opportunity to keep the peace in Ireland and they bungled it.

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Mark Your Calendars

2021 State Convention (See Pages 13, 14 and 15)

June 25 - June 26

Double Tree Hilton, West Lake, OH

2022 AOH National Convention

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

Call to Convention

This will serve as a call to the Biennial AOH Ohio State Convention. The Convention will take place at the Doubletree Hilton Westlake on June 25th and 26th.

Information can be found at our state website www.ohioaoh.com , and/or by contacting the convention chairs Patty Lavelle at plave31228@gmail.com , and/or Ray McGann R4A1Y2@aol.com .

Agenda items should be submitted to President Bob Harper at harper.bg@pg.com and/or to me at Pvchrystal59@gmail.com the above address as soon as possible.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.3E of the Ohio State Board Bylaws, County Board and Division Secretaries are requested to forward their list of names of Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the State Secretary.

Please refer to “Article IV C Representation” for information regarding the number of delegates allowed per county:

C.) REPRESENTATION

Section 4.1.C The following members shall be entitled to seats at the State Convention, and shall have a vote on all matters presented: the Board Officers, elected and appointed (See Constitution, Article VIII, Sections 3 and 4); Officers of each County, elected and appointed (See Constitution, Article VIII, Sections 5 through 8), and their Chaplain; each Past State President; each National Officer who is a member in good standing of the State; the Chaplain of each Division; the President of each Division or his alternate.

Section 4.2.C In addition, each Division shall be entitled to one (1) delegate or alternate for each (10) members, or major fraction thereof over and above the first (10) members, based on the Division membership as reported on Line 11 of the Division Membership and Financial Report for the year immediately preceding the Convention.

Section 4.3.C This same formula shall be used to determine the number of delegates entitled to new Divisions organized after the first day in January of the year of the Convention.

Section 4.4.C Representation to the State Convention is by County. In jurisdictions where a County Board is present, the County Board shall represent all of the Divisions within the County. In jurisdictions where there is no presence of a County Board, the Division shall serve as “the County Board” and shall represent the County at the State Convention.

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Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs

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

Brothers - As of 4/24/2021, the VA in Ohio has delivered 91,251 initial doses of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to eligible veterans and 81,346 second doses. VA has also issued 4,196 one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Check your local VA facility for more information. 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 4/24/2021): <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>

VA-Tracked* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 10,645; 486 Deaths; Active Cases: 170

2) MyVA411 National Information Hotline:

The VA is promoting its national toll-free information hotline at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411). This information line can be called 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and includes an automated attendant with an option to "Press 0" at any time to speak to a LIVE VA customer service agent. Veterans or family members can use this hotline to get the following information:

- * Information on COVID-19 and the MISSION Act.
- * Health care eligibility and enrollment.
- * Information on VA benefits, such as disability compensation and pension, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loan guaranty, and burial scheduling and markers.
- * The nearest VA facilities to where you live or to where you may be traveling; directory assistance, and connection to VA Medical Center operators.
- * Technical support for www.VA.gov.
- * Financial information, such as debt and payment options.
- * Referrals during business hours, with an introduction from you and your issue to a VA specialist best able to assist.
- * Immediate transfer to the Veterans Crisis Line or the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans for services and support from caring and trained responders.

More details regarding the MyVA411 Hotline can be found here: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/82379/1-800-myva411/>

3) Catholic War Veterans Conventions:

Catholic War Veterans has announced their National and State Conventions will be held live. CWV Ohio will host their State Convention July 23-25 at the Holiday Inn, Belden Village in Canton, Ohio. The National Convention will be August 1-7 at the Aloft LaGuardia Hotel in New York City. More info about these conventions and how to join CWV can be found at <https://wp2.cwv.org/>; they can also be called at 703-549-3622 or contacted via email at admin@cwv.org.

Please visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at 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 for information about benefits and other services around the country.

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Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

Project St Patrick

All divisions need to establish a Project St Patrick representative and have division information filed with your diocese. This allows for the Bishop's Office to see firsthand how committed the AOH is in supporting local seminarians and those pursuing vocations. Please update your forms. Name recognition scholarships can be made to honor clergy, fellow Hibernians or someone who has passed. PSP forms are posted online at: <https://aoh.com/project-st-patrick>

Reach out to National Catholic Action Chair Ron Hagan at rhagan@haganepa.com or Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair Chris Konik at chriskonik@mindspring.com if you have any questions. Ron can also have any PSP name recognition certificates printed that may have not been received from previous years.

Eddie Cotter at 2021 Ohio AOH/LAOH State Convention



Dead Theologians Society Founder Eddie Cotter will make a brief presentation for the AOH & LAOH during the 2021 Ohio AOH/LAOH State Convention in Cleveland. Contributions from the AOH & LAOH presented during the 2019 convention in Toledo helped DTS expand their efforts and assist new chapters in their formation.

The 25th Anniversary of DTS will be celebrated in August 2021...stay tuned. Eddie is busy compiling a list of the clergy throughout the United States, Europe, Ireland and Africa that started their spiritual journey here.

Last week, two new chapters were created in Des Moines, Iowa and St. Paul, Minnesota.

\$1150.00 check presented to Dead Theologians Society Founder Eddie Cotter, Jr. from combined contributions of

the 2019 Ohio AOH State Board and Patrick Pearse Division #1 during the 2019 AOH/LAOH State Convention in Toledo.

Pictured left to right: Division Past President Scott Partika, Eddie Cotter, Jr., Chris Konik and Ohio AOH State Past President Ron Hagan.

The LAOH State Board also presented a \$500 check to DTS, making a grand total of \$1650.00 for the cause!

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Division News

Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.

Hinckley Memorial Day Parade

Plans are underway for our division to walk in this year's parade. It will be even more special for us as the parade will be in honor of Ray Schulte our vice President who died from COVID this year. Ray was a Trustee of Hinckley and a very active member of our Division.

More information will be available at our May meeting, but in past years we all met in the parking lot of Our Lady of Grace Church around 8:30 am on Memorial Day. We will have our banner and will march as a group down the hill to the Township Hall. There will also be a wreath-laying ceremony and prayer at the American flag area across from Fosters. We would appreciate it if anyone who is available, please try to attend and honor one of our own.

Patrick Pearse Div. #1 Franklin Co.

2021 Hibernian Golf Classic, Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Split Rock Golf Club

For registration and Sponsorship information contact Chris Konik

\$85 per person -- \$340 per foursome

Dinner afterward at Tara Hall, including City BBQ

\$400 to winning foursome

Project St Patrick is the designated charity

Limited to 10 foursomes, to keep with local county health department restrictions.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Chris Konik, chriskonik@mindspring.com

2021 Hibernian Golf Classic Chair

Mahoning Co. Div. #6

Hibernians of Joseph Nalley Sr., Division 6, Youngstown, are selling front license plates featuring the AOH logo. For more information contact Liam Lehn at liamlehn@gmail.com

Msgr. Donal O'Carroll Div. #1 Washington Co.

One of the more recent goals of the Division has been to remember and revere our Irish being. Our heritage and culture transcends the ages. The Irish have a familial word for it Mo Mhuintir (My Peo- ple). Through The Turf and The Slean, the request has gone out for family stories, family history and the bonds of kinship that hold us one to another.

Recently, Brother Patrick Kelly, in researching his family tree, has located a private FaceBook page called Irish Genealogy Ancestors Research. Brother Kelly requested and was granted permission to join the organization.

As Brother Kelly searched the resource, he found such tidbits as, Understanding Naming traditions, Traditional Irish Naming Pattern, Infant Deaths, Using the Naming Patterns to Solve Gap-Ridden Baptism Records - Irish Baptism Traditions & Customs, Missing Irish Census Records, Civil Registration, Irish Place Names, A Break Down of Irish Civil Registration Districts.

The list goes on and is quite extensive. It is a grand resource for the serious genealogist or may be just the "family curious!" If you have an interest, you may wish to contact Brother Kelly for additional information and insight at pkelly03@sprynet.com or (740) 374-0538. Thomas Binegar, President

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Catholic Action

The month of May is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary. This year May falls within the Easter season, the liturgical color being white, except on Pentecost Sunday, when it is red. The Ascension of the Lord, a solemnity and holy day of obligation, falls this year on May 13. Many dioceses of the United States transfer the Ascension to the following Sunday. The Monday following Pentecost Sunday is a memorial of Mary, the Mother of the Church, added to the calendar by Pope Francis in 2018. Though this is a new memorial, actual devotion to Mary as Mother of the Church is thought to date back at least to St. Ambrose in the fourth century.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF MAY

Joseph the Worker	May 1	
Philip and James, Apostles	May 3	Feast
Damien de Veuster (The Leper)	May 10	
The Ascension of the Lord	May 13	Solemnity
Matthias, Apostle	May 14	Feast
Bernardine of Siena	May 20	
Pentecost Sunday	May 23	
Mary, Mother of the Church	May 24	Memorial
Philip Neri	May 26	Memorial
The Visitation of Mary	May 31	Feast

IRISH SAINTS OF MAY

Ultan, Abbot (d. 686) May 2

St. Ultan, along with his sainted brothers, Furse and Foillan, crossed over to East Anglia together. The East Anglian king, Sigebert I, gave them land at Burgh Castle, near Yarmouth, upon which they founded an abbey. The land was harried by raids from the pagan Mercians, and Furse decided to leave for the Continent, where he died. Years later, Ultan and Foillan stopped at their brother's tomb at Peronne, on the way back from a Roman pilgrimage. They were encouraged to remain in Gaul by Blessed Ita and her daughter, St. Gertrude, who offered them land for a foundation at Fosses. Ultan became the abbot of Fosses, but was later abbot at Peronne, where he died. The saint received a revelation of the death of his brother Furse at the hands of bandits, and he predicted the death of St. Gertrude.

Comgall, Abbot of Bangor (c. 517-603) May 11

St. Comgall, born in Ulster, is considered one of the founders of Irish monasticism. After some years of tutelage under St. Fintan in the monastery of Cloneenagh and his ordination as a priest, Comgall retired to an island in Lough Erne with a few followers. The life of this community was so severe that Bishop Luid, who had ordained Comgall, prevailed upon him to relax the rule in force there. Later, Comgall founded the great abbey of Bangor, which came to have about 3 thousand monks there and at daughter houses during Comgall's reign. Many sought his spiritual mentorship, including St. Columban, who later carried many Bangor traditions to the Continent. The saint ventured overseas at least once on a missionary journey to the Picts of Scotland in the company of St. Colmcille. A metrical version of a monastic rule attributed to Comgall still exists.

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Carthach, Bishop and Abbot (d. 637)

May 14

St. Carthach seems to have adopted his name from his mentor, St. Carthach the Elder, to whom he was known as "Mochuda," or "my Cuda," the last evidently being his given name. He is also known as Carthage. He was a swineherd of Castlemaine, Kerry, till coming under the tutelage of his mentor, who trained him as a monk and ordained him. Carthach lived for a time as a hermit at a place named Kiltulagh, but local ecclesiastical rivalries led him to remove to Bangor where he was directed by St. Comgall. After visiting a number of other monasteries, Carthach eventually settled at Rahan in present County Offaly, c. 595, establishing an abbey which is said to have eventually grown to 800 monks. Carthach's rule for that house is extant, though not likely in its original form. The saint may also have held the bishopric of Fircall. The life at Rahan was very austere, a fact perhaps supplying the motive of two unhappy inmates who attempted to drown Carthach. In 635, the community was broken up when the monks were expelled by Blathmac, a hostile chieftain. After some wandering, Carthach and his followers settled on the banks of the Blackwater, where, on land donated by a local prince, they established the great abbey and school of Lismore. Here again, Carthach is said to have served as abbot-bishop, and is regarded as the founder of the see of Lismore. The saint at some point withdrew from the business of construction of the abbey to a cave in a nearby glen--Mochuda's Inch--where he died in 637.

Brendan, Abbot of Clonfert (d. 577 or 583)

May 16

Despite the fact that St. Brendan is one of the best known of Ireland's saints, the true story of his life is so embellished with legend that it is hard to arrive at very many undisputed details. He was probably born near Tralee. Brendan was under the tutelage of several different spiritual mentors in his youth. He was probably ordained a priest before he became a monk. There is little undisputed evidence to support the story of his far-flung adventures at sea and across the North Atlantic; he probably did voyage to Scotland, and possibly Wales. The most reliable fact about him is that he established the abbey at Clonfert, about 559. Brendan supposedly established a rule for Clonfert, which was dictated to him by an angel. Brendan reputedly died at Enach Duin, where he had gone to visit his sister, Brig, who led a religious community of women there. One thing that is unquestionable about Brendan is that he made an enormous spiritual impression upon his contemporaries.

ISSUES

The Ohio Catholic Conference and Ohio Right to Life have lent their support to S.B. 123, The Ohio Human Life Protection Act, sponsored by Senators Kristina Roegner (R) and Sandy O'Brien (R). The measure would ban abortion in the State of Ohio, in the event that the Supreme Court should reverse *Roe v. Wade*. Contrary to what many on both sides of the abortion issue think, the most likely result of a reversal of the 1973 decision would not be an end to abortion, but a return of the issue to the purview of the states.

On April 13, the full U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 9-7 to lift an injunction against Ohio's 2017 law banning abortion planned solely on a diagnosis of Down Syndrome in the fetus. A federal district court had issued the initial injunction (2018), and a panel of the Sixth Circuit had upheld the injunction (2019). The latest ruling allows Ohio's law to protect infants with Down Syndrome from abortion to go into effect.

Another Ohio law which just went into effect with Governor DeWine's signature in January has been blocked by the temporary injunction of a Hamilton County judge, in a suit brought by Planned Parenthood's Ohio affiliate. The new law would have prohibited the dispensing of chemical abortion by telemedicine. The Trump administration had resisted Federal Drug Administration (FDA) efforts to loosen FDA regulations on dispensing the drugs, which are on a list of higher risk drugs subject to greater regulation. Abortion groups have been lobbying for a relaxation of the regulations, supposedly as a pandemic measure. The Biden Administration is now allowing remote prescription and delivery through the mail.

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

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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 24th for those who would like to arrive early through Saturday June 26th, 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 24th of June.

Hotel Information: The DoubleTree by Hilton, 1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&cityhocr=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>.

Please feel free to contact Ray McGann at R4A1Y2@aol.com or Pat Lavelle at plave31228@gmail.com if you have immediate questions or concerns.



*Ancient Order of Hibernians
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 24th for those who would like to plan an extra day in our City through Saturday, June 26th 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 28th, 2021; reservations after this date will be subject to availability.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&cryhocn=CLECRDT&groupCode=CDYTAOH&arrival=20210624&departure=20210627&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.en.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

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 1st to December 31st 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 or Patty Lavelle at 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



2021 Hibernian Ohio State Convention

June 25-26, 2021

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Sponsored by:

AOH Boland Berry Division
AOH Bluestone Division
LAOH Our Lady of the Rosary Divisions

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ E-Mail: _____

AOH LAOH Guest

Current Office: _____

Division: _____ County: _____

Registration and Voting Only: \$25.00

Social Events:

Ice Breaker—Friday, June 25: \$70.00

Open bar, appetizers, and entertainment by Kennedy & Riley

Dinner Dance—Saturday, June 26: \$75.00

Dinner and Dancing with the Portersharks

Choice of Entrée: Braised Short Rib

Chicken Milanese

Vegetarian Strudel

Each Dinner Entrée Includes: Salad, Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable and Dessert

Full Package (includes registration and all events):

Member: \$170.00

Guest: \$145.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2021

Please make checks payable to **Ways and Means**.

Completed registration forms and payment can be mailed to:

Ways and Means, 26559 Chapel Hill Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

Ohio AOH Pro-life Bulletin

April-May 2021

UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE BISHOPS

In a statement today, President Biden and vice President Harris marked the anniversary of Roe v Wade, which overturned all limiting restrictions on abortion across the nation, calling the decision an advancement of women's rights and health. Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities responded: "It is deeply disturbing and tragic that any president would praise and commit a Supreme Court ruling that denies unborn children their most basic and human and civil right, the right to life, under the euphemistic disguise of a health service. I take this opportunity to remind all Catholics that the Catechism states, SINCE THE FIRST CENTURY THE CHURCH HAS AFFIRMED THE MORAL EVIL OF EVERY PROCURED ABORTION. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Public officials are responsible for not only their personal beliefs, but also the effects of their public actions. Roe's elevation of abortion to the status of a protected right and its elimination of state restrictions paved the way for the violent deaths of more than 62 million innocent children and for countless women the heartache of loss, abandonment, and violence' We strongly urge the President to reject abortion and promote life-affirming to women and communities in need".

THE NATURE OF MOTHER AND CHILD

Father Donald Calloway's book UNDER THE MANTAL: MARIAN THOUGHTS FROM A 21ST CENTURY PRIEST wrote "Have you ever heard of fetal microchimerism, sometime also called fetomaternal microchimerism? It's a long complicated word, I know. But it's amazing stuff. Fetal microchimerism basically describes the process by which the fetal cells of a child remain in the mother after her pregnancy. Science has recently discovered that when a woman becomes pregnant, there are many cells from the baby that remain in the mother's body, and some of these living cells remain with her the rest of her life. Science has also discovered that cells of the mother are also exchanged with her children and remain with her children for life, and something that is sure to bring tears to the face of every mother, it has been scientifically verified the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington that even if a mother experiences a miscarriage or has an abortion, living cells of those children, too, remain in her body. (From THE SPIRIT OF MEDJUGORJE, March 2021 issue)

THE HELMS AND HYDE AMENDMENTS

THE HELMS AMENDMENT is 1973 amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and prohibits any U.S. Foreign aid from being used to pay for abortions in foreign countries. The amendment also forbids U.S. Foreign assistance dollars from being used to "motivate or coerce" any women into having an abortion

THE HYDE AMENDMENT: a provision of law which prohibits federal tax dollars from paying for abortions through Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The amendment bans federal funding in all cases except in cases of rape, incest, or where a physician certifies that the pregnancy places the mother's life in danger.

Both of these laws prohibit U.S. Tax payer dollars (your tax money and mine) from be used to conduct or promote abortion. They are currently under attack with bills introduced into the U.S. House to repeal the amendments. You may want to contact your elected representative and senator to ask his position on the use of your tax dollar to support and/or pay for abortion.

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PRIEST FOR LIFE

Father Frank Pavone, National Director of PRIEST FOR LIFE has stated that "Abortion corrupts our whole society and retards progress on all the other issues that concern them...including healthcare, immigration, racial justice, the economy, marriage, the family, education...everything. Our bishops rightly tell us that fighting against abortion is the PRE-EMINENT ISSUE for Catholics. Joining Father Pavone are several cardinals, including Cardinal Rwnato Martino and Christoph Schonborn as well as several bishops including Bishop Michael Sheridan, Colorado, CO., James Conley, Lincoln, NE., and Arthur Kennedy, Boston, MA. To help raise money to provide information to all Catholic elected Federal and State officials.

FROM THE PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE

- Planned Parenthood is the nations #1 killer of babies. * 40% of all abortions in the U.S. Take place at Planned Parenthood. * Abortions provide as much as 60% of Planned Parenthood's annual income. * One out of every woman who visit a Planned Parenthood clinic do so for the sole purpose of killing their baby. * Planned Parenthood provides services to less than 1% of the U.S. Population. * Less than .01%of their services have anything to do with prenatal care. * Planned Parenthood provides zero mammograms.

MORE PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S

Planned Parenthood is quite generous in our national elections supporting pro abortion candidates for the U.S. House and Senate. For 2016 they donated \$683, 548 , for the 2019 in national election they donated \$533,205 and for 2020 they donated \$651,311. In addition Planned Parenthood are still refusing to return the \$80 million they erroneously received from first Covid 19 bill passed in 2019! And, they have recently committed \$45million to all their pro abortion campaigns

(from Troy Newman , Director of Operation Rescue)

ROE v WADE IN OHIO

In 1973 abortion was legal in Ohio prior to the U.S. Supreme Court rulings and if ROE v WADE would be overturned Ohio would revert back to legal abortions.

Senate Bill SB 123 , THE HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT would make abortion illegal in Ohio and becomes law when and if the U.S. Supreme Court overrules ROE v WADE and returns control to the states. The Ohio Supreme Court has already ruled this approach is not in conflict with the Ohio Constitution. It is highly unlikely that any court would take seriously a case involving a law which has not gone into effect. (Right to Life of NE Ohio March 10, 2021 release)

RESPECTFULLY SUMMITTED, David Manley, Ohio AOH Pro-Life Chair

State FFAI Report

The verdict of the Ballymurphy Massacre inquest is expected to be delivered on Tuesday, May 11th. The AOH has requested permission for virtual access to enable our members to observe. The Court has very strict protocols regarding audio and visual recording of proceedings, so there is no guarantee that virtual access will be granted. We are, however, organizing a webinar with the Ballymurphy Massacre families that will take place on Saturday, May 15th.

Meanwhile, a new bill is being drafted by the British parliament that aims to provide special amnesty for British troopers who committed or colluded in murders and war crimes, including the hundreds of which that took place during the Troubles.

Below is a piece by Mark Thompson of Relatives for Justice on what the British amnesty bill would mean.

Are British soldiers above the law for Irish murders? Today, Boris Johnston told the British parliament final preparations were being made to a draft bill that would in effect provide protection from prosecution for British soldiers that served in the North of Ireland. British soldiers killed 367 people during the conflict. The majority of those killed were civilians including women and scores of children. There was no mention of their rights today – only of the perpetrators that wore a British uniform. Only three of these killings resulted in the conviction of four British soldiers. All were released shortly after being sentenced and reinstated back to their regiments. One subsequently had his conviction overturned after the British political and military establishment, supported by the British media, ran a campaign.



Of those combatants killed many were unarmed and posed no threat. Forensic and pathology evidence also shows that some were captured, tortured and then shot. Other combatants were killed in pre-mediated shoot-to-kill operations that involved weeks of extensive covert surveillance and prior intelligence in which safe arrest could have been achieved within the rule of law and without the loss of life.

However, this was never the intention. Political, policing and military decisions were taken as part of pre-planning these set-piece ambushes to deliberately kill rather than to apply due process and prevent unnecessary loss of life. This was policy. This was outside the rule of law – law that those very same political, policing and military leaders liked to preach about so often in respect to everyone else. The vast majority of these set-piece ambushes were against republicans despite loyalists also being engaged in a sectarian murder campaign waged against the Catholic/nationalist/republican community.

And let's be very clear – these state killings were never effectively or independently investigated. So talk of “recycled investigations” and “witch-hunts” are just smoke screens. So too are the claims that only British soldiers are the subject of legacy investigations. But why let the facts get in the way of the truth when truth itself has always been the secondary casualty in the immediate aftermath of state murder. Presenting British soldiers who killed people as victims is grotesquely insulting to the actual victims.

At its height in the 1990's this loyalist campaign was claiming more lives than that of the IRA's military campaign and yet there was no state led covert activity to thwart loyalist murders. Indeed we now know that the presence of covert activity existed in several attacks by loyalists, which claimed Catholic and republican lives yet these 'security units' did not act to prevent attacks or apprehend those loyalists responsible. They assisted them.

Tyrone pensioner Roseanne Mallon and Lurgan republican Sam Marshall are two examples. Threats by the RUC and British army had been made to the Mallon family and to Sam Marshall. The guns used in these murders, like hundreds of other loyalist murders in the late 80's and 90's, were provided by a combination of state run agents within all the various loyalist paramilitaries including the DUP linked Ulster Resistance. Effectively the British state, through its 'security' and intelligence agencies, rearmed loyalism, assisted and directed its sectarian terror and murder campaign.

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State FFAI Report, cont.

The late Sir Desmond de Silva QC, himself a Tory and appointed by David Cameron to conduct a review of state papers into the state murder of human rights lawyer Pat Finucane so as to avoid a full public inquiry, noted that 85% of all intelligence in possession of the UDA for the purposes of targeting and murder was supplied by state 'security' agencies. It would serve Boris Johnston and his ilk well to read de Silva; though I'm sure they're well aware of the levels of illegal activity conducted in their name in our country, hence this bill.

In May 2011 Lord Stevens, formerly head of the Metropolitan Police in London, said of the 210 people he interviewed regarding his extensive enquiries into collusion in the North of Ireland, that 207 were working for the state inside illegal paramilitaries – groups engaged in murder.

His recommendations that 24 members of the RUC special branch, the secretive British army Force Research Unit (FRU) and MI5, all involved in directing agents involved in murder, be prosecuted came to nothing.

More recently the former chief constable of Bedfordshire, Jon Butcher, who is investigating the role of the agent known as Stakeknife, recommended the prosecution of four individuals including two members of the security service. This too came to nothing.

Boris Johnston's immunity/amnesty protection bill is really about providing cover for the actions of those who ran death squads. It is all about shielding a shameful truth – namely that Britain was up to its neck in murder and collusion in our country.

The questions that should be asked of so-called parliamentarians in London are:

What about the rights of those murdered by their armed forces?

What do they have to say to the mothers and fathers whose children their soldiers murdered?

What about the children who were orphaned by the actions of their armed forces?

What about the widows and widowers?

Are those who did Britain's bidding in its dirty war in our country not subject to the rule of law?

Are British soldiers above the law?

And what of the Irish government this evening on hearing the words of Johnson today?

The Irish government need to speak out on behalf of those abandoned this side of partition and who themselves have had to struggle for truth, justice and accountability alone.

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