

Ohio State Board Newsletter May 2023 Volume 5 Issue 5

President's Message



Brothers All,

It's May, just a little over a month away from our next State AOH Convention. As you read this, we'll have wrapped up the April board meeting, touring the convention facility, and heading

into the convention home stretch. I look forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati in June!

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? Just because we've passed Irish-American Heritage Month and all its events and festivities, doesn't mean that countless opportunities for engagement and recruiting don't exist.

We've held the line on membership numbers the past four years (even through the difficulties presented by Covid), after several previous years of significant declines. While it's not the spectacular membership gains that everyone would love to see, it's still a step in the right direction, and it's a testament to your good efforts at engagement, retention, and recruiting. Thank you!

Please Please, 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.

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Chaplain's Comments



Having begun our celebration of the Easter mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus during Holy Week and in the first few weeks of the season of Easter, we continue in the month of May to celebrate these mysteries but we

do so with a spirit of expectation and longing—an expectation of the completion of the Paschal Mystery in the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of his Father, and a longing for the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



Pentecost Window at St. Christine Church, Youngstown, Ohio

Our Sunday Scripture readings, especially the Gospel passages, have focused thus far on the resurrection of Jesus in time and the impact that resurrection had not only on his first disciples, those who saw him and ate with him after he was risen from the dead, but also on us, who believe what we have not seen based upon their witness and their testimony. But as we enter May, they begin pointing us toward the fulfillment of the promise Jesus made to his disciples at the Last Supper, when, as we see in John's Gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Easter,

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President's Message, cont.

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.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Faced with their concerns that they do not know the way, that they do not where he is going, he assures them that he will never abandon them, reminding them, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus' imminent departure from this world becomes even clearer. However, in reminding the disciples that he will not abandon them, he promises to send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will lead them and guide them. He assures them that it is through this Holy Spirit that he will remain with them. At this point, the readings and prayers of every Liturgy points toward the coming of the Holy Spirit and the promised outpouring of gifts which the Spirit will

bring to those who have become one in Christ, increasing their faith, fostering their unity, giving them to the courage to go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News of Salvation.

As a Church, we prepare to celebrate the Pentecost and the outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples and upon us through the Sacraments, specifically through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. At the same time, we long for a new Pentecost, a new outpouring the Holy Spirit upon us that we might give ourselves fully and completely to our Lord and Savior, placing our faith in him and allowing that faith to influence everything we say and do, giving us the courage to remember who we are as members of Christ's Body through Baptism and sharers in his Grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. And so as we move into the month of May, as we proceed closer day by day to the great Feast of Pentecost and the completion of the Paschal Mystery, we are called to open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit acting in our world, acting in our individual lives, calling upon us to change our hearts, to change our lives and, in turn, the change the world around us by what we say and do every single day.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Fr. John Keehner—National and Ohio State Chaplain

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Newsletter News

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

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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

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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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Veterans Affairs Report

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

As of 4/23/2023: VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 33,729; 1,007 Deaths; Active Cases: 106

2) PGA HOPE & Memorial Tournament – Veteran/Military Golf Programs

With the Memorial Tournament approaching in May, I thought some may be interested in the PGA's latest program established to support veterans and military families in golf called PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere). PGA HOPE is direct collaboration between the PGA, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and participating golf courses and golf pros. The program introduces the game of golf through a developmental 6-8 week curriculum, led by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive golf and military cultural competency. All programs are funded by PGA REACH and supplemented by PGA Section Foundations, so the cost of programming is free to all Veterans. The program has been strongly advocated and supported by Ohio-native Jack Nicklaus. More details about the PGA HOPE program, including the 16 golf courses participating in Ohio and Northern Kentucky, can be found here: https://www.pgareach.org/services/military; More details on the program can be found here: https://www.pgareach.org/services/military; More details on the

On a related note, the Memorial Tournament will be their annual "Salute to Service" day for military, veterans, first responders, and their families during the pro-am portion of the week on Wednesday, May 31st. This special day is open to all active duty, military reserve, Ohio National Guard, military retirees, veterans, military spouses (including immediate family) as well as active and retired First Responders, spouses and immediate family. First Responders include Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS. Receive up to four complimentary tickets to Salute to Service Day on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. More details on the day and on how to reserve tickets can be found here: https://www.thememorialtournament.com/tickets/salute-to-service/

The Memorial Tournament will also be hosting the "Military Outpost" during the tournament weekend. This on-course destination has been designed to recognize and honor Ohio's military service men and women. The Military Outpost is sponsored by JobsOhio and is located next to 13 green. All active, reserve, guard, and veteran military and their families are welcome to stop by the Military Outpost for air conditioning and free refreshments. It is open Wednesday through Sunday of the tournament from 10am-5pm. A military or veteran ID is required to enter: https://www.thememorialtournament.com/patron-info/fan-destinations/

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.aoh.com/veterans-affairs for information about services around the country.

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Catholic Action

The month of May is traditionally a month dedicated to Mary. Is your diocese or parish offering any special opportunities to honor the Mother of God? This year May falls within the Easter season, the liturgical color being white. The Ascension of the Lord, a solemnity and holy day of obligation, falls this year on May 18, but many dioceses of the United States transfer the Ascension to the following Sunday. The last Sunday of the month (28th) is Pentecost.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF MAY

Joseph the Worker	May 1	
Athanasius	May 2	Memorial
Philip and James, Apostles	May 3	Feast
Damien de Veuster (The Leper)	May 10	
Our Lady of Fatima	May 13	
The Ascension of the Lord	May 18 or 21	Solemnity
Bernardine of Siena	May 20	
Philip Neri	May 26	Memorial
The Visitation of Mary	May 31	Feast

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR (MARTYRED 165 AD) ON THE EUCHARIST:

No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ. We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

IRISH SAINTS OF MAY

Ultan, Abbot (d. 686)

May 2

St. Ultan, along with his sainted brothers, Fursey 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 Fursey decided to leave for the Continent, where he died. Years later, Ulltan 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 Fursey at the hands of bandits, and he predicted the death of St. Gertrude.

Gibrian (d.c. 515) May 8

Late in the fifth century, an Irish family group consisting of seven brothers and three sisters emigrated to Brittany, looking for an opportunity to serve God there. Gibrian was a priest and the eldest, their leader. They adopted an heremetical life near the Marne, close enough to each other to remain in contact. St. Gibrian died there after a life of prayer and austerity, and a chapel was erected at the site of his hermitage. His relics were removed to Rheims to save them from the Vikings, but they did not survive the destruction wrought by the French Revolution.

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Catholic Action, cont.

Conleth, Bishop of Kildare (d.c. 520)

May 10

Conleth is also known as Conlaed, and is one of a number of early Irish saints who were said to be skilled workers in metal. He was living as a hermit at Old Connell on the Liffey when he made the acquaintance of St. Brigid. Brigid gave him an avenue for his artistic talents, and later his pastoral skills as well, after he was chosen bishop of Kildare. Conleth is considered by some the fashioner of a crozier presented to St. Finbar, which is preserved to this day. There is an odd story about his being devoured by wolves, but scholars consider it a legendary attempt to explain his name in Gaelic.

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 Lugid, 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.

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 farflung 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.

Catholic Action, cont.

Madelgisilus (d.c. 655)

May 30

This saint, also known as Mauguille, was a companion of St. Fursey, and accompanied him first to Britain, then to Gaul. Following the death of his friend, Madelgisilus joined the monastic community of Saint-Riquier, later withdrawing to a hermit's life. He had fallen seriously ill when he was discovered in this state by an English recluse named Vulgan, who nursed him back to health. The two became great friends and lived a solitary life not far from each other, dying around the same time.

ISSUES

Add the pro-life pregnancy help center Her Choice, in Bowling Green, to the list of such establishments threatened or vandalized by pro-abortionists. On April 15, the center was spray-painted with pro-abortion slogans, including "abort God."

Trying to learn a lesson from the experience in other states, Pro-life Ohioans are uniting to fight the proposed November ballot measure which pro-abortion forces are collecting signatures for. Protect Women Ohio is a coalition of nearly 50 pro-life groups. The group has produced a TV spot, is distributing information, and holding training for pro-life activists.

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

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State Organizer's Report

We are getting closer to our State Convention, coming up on June 23-24 in Cincinnati. This should be a great event, thanks to our hosts from Hamilton County. That being said, this is a good time to start talking to your division members, encouraging them to attend and be part of the workings of our Ohio State Board. New members and those who've never attended a convention will be enthused by participating in the business and the social activities throughout the two days. They will go back home with a better feeling about being a Hibernian and hopefully tell their family and friends about it.

Don't forget to access the Organizing material you can download off our National website (aoh.com) and start making copies for the various festivals this summer.

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

State Historian's Report

The Ohio Hibernian Rifles – Part I

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

"Membership in the Hibernian Rifles is conducive to better citizenship. The discipline instilled into the members creates habits of order and bearing that will be helpful in the various occupations in which members may be engaged. Membership in one of our rifle companies gives that buoyancy of step calculated to make us have sound minds in sound bodies."



The Hibernian Rifles were a military division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Rifle companies existed in the US as early as 1871. The History of the Ancient Order of Hibernians by John O'Dea (1923) states that, "Although there had been independent companies of Hibernian Rifles in several cities before 1892, it was the (national) convention of this year (1892) held at New Orleans which finally authorized their establishment under the auspices, and as a constitutional part, of the Order."

The amendment (Article XXXV, Section 1) to the 1892 Hibernian National Constitution creating the new division of the Order read as follows: "In order to encourage and control the formation and maintenance in the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America of an unlimited number of military companies, the membership of such companies to be composed of men of good standing in the Order, so as to afford to all who may be admitted to the ranks the opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of military drill and discipline according to the United States tactics, a military branch of the Order is hereby authorized."

The Hibernian Rifles were organized based on a military structure. Military ranks were used for the officers and men. The basic local unit was designated as a Company with a captain commanding each Company. Companies were identified by a letter designation, such as, Company A, Company B, and so on. Until the founding of state-wide regiments, local Company letters were often duplicated In most companies the officers carried swords and the non-officers were armed with rifles. Members were trained in close order drill and shooting. The companies also participated in parades and civic ceremonies. Several had bands associated with the company.

Hibernian Rifle Companies in Ohio

In Ohio there is evidence that Hibernian Rifle companies existed as early as approximately 1882 (Cincinnati and Cleveland seem to have been the earliest companies founded in Ohio). The National AOH directory for 1884-85 indicates that, at the time, there were 3 companies of Hibernian Rifles in Ohio:

Company A, Cincinnati, Ohio: Captain George Francis Lee, Commanding Company A, Cleveland, Ohio: Captain Michael McCafferty, Commanding Company B, Cleveland, Ohio: Captain William R. Ryan, Commanding

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There are other sources that indicate there was also a Company A in Dayton, Ohio as early as 1884. This unit may have missed publication of the 1884-85 directory. These companies seem to have been the earliest companies established in Ohio. By 1904 the number of military companies in Ohio had increased to seven. In the 1904 National AOH directory the following Ohio companies are listed:

Company A, Cincinnati, Ohio: Captain James P. Kelly, Commanding

Company A, Cleveland, Ohio: John Burke, Commanding

Company A, Toledo, Ohio: Captain Patrick Conway, Commanding

Company B, Columbus, Oho: Captain Hilary C. McAlister, Commanding

Company D, Springfield: Captain Patrick J. Shouvlin, Commanding

Company F, Martin's Ferry, Ohio: Captain Thomas A. Dobbins, Commanding

Company G, Zanesville, Ohio: Captain John O'Brien, Commanding

At the 1910 AOH National Convention held in Portland, Oregon total membership in the Hibernian Rifles in the US and Canada was reported as 3,084 (Ohio reported 400 members). At the 1912 Chicago National Convention total membership was reported as 3,488 (Ohio reported 450 members). In each of these years Ohio reported the second highest number of Rifle Company members. The highest state membership was Massachusetts, with over 1,000 members. Also discovered during the research for this article were evidence of Hibernian Rifle Companies at Middletown, Ohio; Piqua, Ohio; Portsmouth, Ohio; and London, Ohio. No detailed information on these companies was discovered.

Hibernian Rifle Regiments

Several Rifle Companies could be combined within a state to form a Regiment, with the approval of the State President and with a required commission issued by the AOH National President. Once a state-wide Regiment was founded it looks as though local company letter designations were changed to keep from having several companies with the same letter designation.

The commander of a Regiment was given the rank of Colonel. It was common practice for the Colonel to have a command staff under him. It was also required by the National Constitution that the commanders "will be nominated and governed by the same laws and rules as the National Guard of their respective states." In the early 1900s a National Officer was appointed with the title Adjutant-General to oversee the military units of the AOH on a National level.

Regiments usually held an annual encampment where the members actually camped out and held drill and shooting competitions between companies. Many encampments were held in conjunction with the AOH/LAOH State Convention, although that was not a requirement.

Next month, in Part II, we will look at the regiments that were founded in Ohio and also several Hibernian Rifle Encampments over the years.

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Ohio AOH license plate

Brothers, I am working on a project to possibility have an AOH license plate in Ohio but to do that I need to get 100 licensed drivers to sign the attached petition to be considered. By signing the petition does not commit you to get the plate but hopefully if it is successful, you would get the plate.

What we are asking is that each of you to get 7 people to sign the petition and if possible, scan and email it to me.

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

PETITION TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSE PLATE

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