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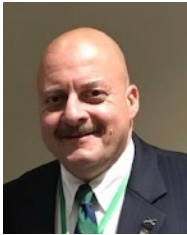
Ohio State Board

Newsletter

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President's Message



November is a month of thanksgiving (both Capital T and small t), and reflection, as we enter the end of the year and the holiday seasons. It certainly is for me, and I hope it is for you as well.

As I write this at the VERY end of October (surely driving Editor Jim Casey batty – he likes to receive our submissions around the third week of the month, which gives him time to work his magic), I've just arrived home from Marietta. The Washington County Brothers greeted me with a very warm and hospitable welcome at their monthly Division meeting. And a lively meeting, and social hour afterwards, it was. These guys have so much spirit and do so much – they're truly an example for all to follow. I gave **Washington County their recruiting award, that bottle of Redbreast 12, because they had the highest percentage membership gain in 2020 – and astonishing 13.1%!**

I'll be joining the **Cleveland folks at their annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser on November 5th**. It's always a great time, and I look forward to spending time with the Cuyahoga County brothers, hopefully with no structure fires at the venue.

October saw a good Board meeting with a lot accomplished, and a wide opportunity for folks to join. I was pleased with the outcomes, and look forward to our next meeting, which will be in-person.

Recruiting and Retention: Remember, our base expectation is a net 5% growth each year, and remember those bottles of Redbreast 12. *What have you done this month to help your Division reach that 5% target, and maybe win one of those bottles?* Organizer Joe Casey and I continue to work on **starting a Division in Jefferson County (Steubenville).**

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Chaplain's's Comments



The poor in spirit—those who mourn—the meek—those who hunger and thirst—those who are persecuted and insulted. We don't usually think of these persons as blessed. We do not think of them, as another translation suggests, as happy. And yet in what we have come to know as the Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel, that is exactly how Jesus describes them—as blessed—as happy. But what is it that all of these persons have in common that would make them blessed? What do all of these persons have in common that Jesus would hold them up as examples to each of us of how we are to conduct ourselves and live our lives? Maybe it is the fact that they have all endured some kind of loss—a loss which has caused them to reexamine their priorities. And because they have reexamined their priorities, they know what is important and what is not. They are blessed precisely because they can look at the world around them and recognize what is lasting and what is fleeting. They can look at the world around them and recognize what is illusion and what is real. They can look at the world around them and recognize what will pass away and what will remain.

Particularly on the feast of All Saints but also on the Commemoration of All Souls on November 2, and throughout the month of November, we are reminded that like the many saints who have gone before us, we, too, are called to be blessed. We, too, are called to look at the circumstances of our lives, the good and the bad, and to recognize what

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President's Message, cont.

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Annual Reporting & Accounting requirements:

Division Officers, now's the time to start thinking about your responsibilities for annual reporting (to both National AND State). This includes:

- Your Form 9, which should be submitted soon after new officers are elected and installed (it's a good idea to submit annually, even if your officers remain unchanged);
- Your Form 11 and dues assessment checks;
- Your IRS reporting.

In the next few weeks, like last year, you'll again see a one-pager that gives you a simple, checklist-like

tool to help you stay up-to-date and compliant. In addition, look for an occasional phone call from me, inquiring as to your progress on these important requirements.

Where and when you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events, too. 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.

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Bob



Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

is important, what is lasting and what is fleeting, what will pass away and what will remain. We are called to learn from the example of the saints who have gone before us—not flat, two dimensional images who were scarcely human but real men and women of flesh and blood like you and me who were able to see themselves for who and what they were in relationship to God—real men and women who were able to recognize the truth of God's love—real men and women who were willing to embrace the cross of Jesus as they encountered that cross in their own lives, in their own challenges, in their own sinfulness, in their own suffering, and were able learn from their mistakes, to learn from their loss, to learn even from their failures, so that they knew what was important. They were able to recognize God's plan for them and trusted in God's abiding presence even when they felt only his absence.

May each of us strive to do the same. May we as Hibernians strive to be men of the beatitudes, who know what is important and what is not, who are willing to embrace the cross of Jesus in our own lives, so that we can see the truth of who we are in relationship to God and one another. And let us remember that the saints aren't just those who lived in the past. We, too, are called to be saints. We, too, are called to learn from our mistakes, to learn from our sinfulness, to learn from our suffering, so that we can have that same understanding, that same vision which gave the saints hope in times of adversity, which allowed them to recognize themselves as God's children and to be transformed by the power of God's love, even as they worked to transform the world around them.

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Newsletter News

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

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

Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs

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

Brothers – As of 10/23/2021, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 135,898 individuals. More details can be found at this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Please continue to check-in with your local VA facility to see if there are impacts on their operations prior to your appointments: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=OH&dnum=ALL>

VA-Tracked* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 14,446; 605 Deaths; Active Cases: 339

2) Veterans Day, 2021:

To all of our Veteran Brothers: Thank you for your service to the Uniformed Services of the United States. I hope you all have the opportunity to participate in meaningful and commemorative Veterans Day activities.

The VA Vantage Point Blog has published a list of organizations that provide veteran discounts on a year-round basis. Check in with veteran organizations and newspapers to find discounts in your area.

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/85765/veteran-discounts-available-year-round/>

The Columbus Veterans Day parade will step off as scheduled at noon on Friday, November 5th. The Military/Veterans Educational Foundation (MilVets) is sponsoring the parade that will feature LTG Michael Ferriter, Director of the National Veterans Memorial & Museum and 2021 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame inductee, as the Grand Marshal. This year's parade will commemorate all veterans who have served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other theaters of the Global War on Terrorism. The Parade steps off from Nationwide Blvd. at noon with a sharp turn south on N. High St. then turning west on W. Broad St. and ending at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. <https://www.ohiomilvets.org/page-5>

DaytonLocal.com has published a list of several Veterans Day commemoration events happening in communities across the Miami Valley: <https://www.daytonlocal.com/veterans-day-events.asp>

The Disabled American Veterans will host a 5K race in Cincinnati as part of a national DAV awareness campaign that will help support services for disabled veterans across the country:

<https://support.dav.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=521>

Veterans can secure free tickets for their families to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on 11/11:

<https://fox8.com/tag/cuyahoga-valley-scenic-railroad/>

National VA Committee meetings are held online every third Tuesday of each month at 7pm ET. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Also, be sure to visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services at www.ohiovets.gov to learn more about veterans benefits as well as the National AOH site at www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs for information about services around the country.

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Veterans Affairs Chair

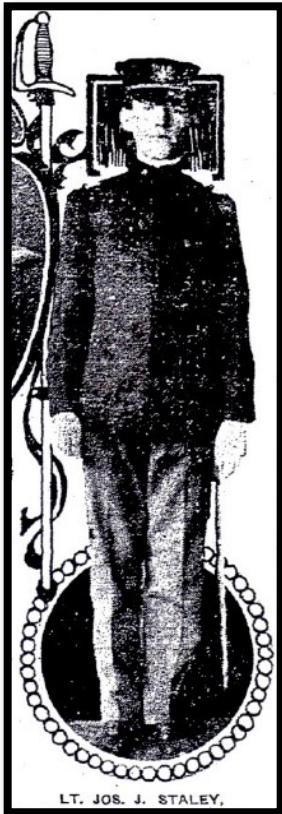
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State Historian's Report

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.

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, Ohio: Captain Hilary C. McAlister, Commanding
- Company D, Springfield: Captain Patrick J. Shoumlin, 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.

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

The following article appeared in the Catholic Telegraph, the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on September 21, 1893. It ran originally in the Boston Pilot.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

In the dark days of Ireland's history, when no Catholic church was allowed to exist and when a price was placed upon the head of Catholic priest or teacher, the Ancient Order of Hibernians came to the front to fight for faith and motherland.

Since that period the work of the order has changed, and its banner today bears the message of unity, friendship and true Christian charity to its members, and peace and good will to all men. This is the doctrine taught by the A. O. H. the world over, and no true Hibernian fosters any spirit of proscription against his neighbor, whatever his race or creed.

Its principles are fully in accord with American institutions, and its growth and prosperity bear the strongest testimony of its great and noble work. About 60 years ago the order was transplanted to the United States, and outside a few large centers of Irish population, as New York, Philadelphia, Boston and a few other cities, very little was known of it for a number of years. Then when the Irish people began to settle in other large cities and states the order took root and flourished among them until today it extends to every state and territory on this broad continent, as well as in the Dominion of Canada and Australia.

Everywhere it went it carried with it aid and comfort to the sick and helpless and hope and consolation to the widow and orphan. With such a mission to soothe the unhappy, to relieve their miseries, to restore peace to their troubled minds and also to elevate our people, its pathway should be easy, and its works should proclaim the great and noble purpose which it aims to carry out.

Yet it had its struggles and trial's. It was misrepresented and maligned, but many of those who stood by it in its darkest hour have lived to witness its vindication and triumph. To speak of the good work which the order has effected, both among its members and for the cause of the old land, its benevolent feature—"to care for the sick and bury the dead"—the bond of brotherhood among its members, the friendship which always endures and has for its foundation the best impulses of the human heart, are matters too well known to recapitulate.—Boston Pilot.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity,

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Mark Your Calendars

March for Life

January 21, 2022

<https://marchforlife.org/>

2022 AOH National Convention

July 13-17, 2022

Pittsburgh PA

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

State Organizer's Report

Brothers,

This month I want to talk about division membership retention. We all have membership drives and some have booths at festivals to boost our membership, but all too often we get complacent with our current members. Some members may not feel engaged or really a “part of the division.” Here are a few examples of things we can do to help retain membership, which will eventually assist in having the division grow.

Encourage social events within the division. This could be as simple as an evening at a pub or a ballgame. If many of your members are married and have children at home, plan a picnic for the family, with games and prizes for the kids.

When you bring in a new member, have them fill out a “Welcome New Member” bio sheet, asking about his family, parish and interests. Include on the sheet, what areas he'd be interested in within the division, for instance, Catholic Action, FFAI, History, Special Events, Fundraising, etc. Then, make sure you get him involved in one of these programs.

If there are other divisions in your area, maybe plan some type of social gathering with them to foster the feeling of Hibernian Brotherhood.

Host a Hibernian mass on a regular basis. See if you can all be seated together and possibly, some can bring up the gifts at Offertory or if some are members of the parish, they can be the Eucharistic Ministers or Readers. Gather together after mass in the atrium or outside and let people see you together. This would also help in getting new members, but would definitely help the members feel a sense of unity.

Don't forget the *age-old rituals* at the division meetings. Be sure to set your hall or meeting room up in the format shown in the Blue Book. Make sure you hold the Shamrock Degree for the new members and maybe ask some of the newer members to act as escorts during the ceremony. This shows the new members that they now belong to a very special organization.

When a member doesn't renew his membership, the President or his designee should reach out to them. Don't just send an email or text, but call them or ask to meet with him, face to face. Make sure the reason they want to quit isn't because of something the division or someone in the division has done. Encourage him to reconsider and ask him if he is comfortable in discussing it with you.

Has he lost his job and cannot afford the dues? I am certain if you pass the hat around at a meeting, you'll collect more than enough to cover his dues. Better yet, start a fund that will be there when needed. We are in trying times now and every little bit helps.

These are just a few ideas; I'm sure there are plenty others. I applaud those divisions who are doing all they can to retain their members and continue to grow. To them I say, **thanks and keep up the good work!**

Joe Casey, State Organizer, National Deputy Organizer



Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones

November 6th at 7 PM

Irish Heritage Center in Cincinnati

3905 Eastern Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45226, 513-533-0100

Come see for yourself why Critics and Fans can't get enough of this electrifying group!

Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones are known throughout the world for their quality musical presentation of Irish patriotic songs and traditional music featuring top class fiery introductions from their lead singer, songwriter and storyteller, Derek Warfield.

An outstanding singer, stage personality, composer and historian of the music and song tradition, Derek Warfield is a legend wherever Irish roots have been put down. He enjoyed phenomenal success for some 40 years with the Wolfe Tones, including best-selling albums, number one hits, television appearances and shows in Carnegie Hall, New York and the Royal Albert Hall, London. Added to that, Derek has been prolific as a solo artist, with an astonishing twelve albums in just over a decade.

Ten years on from the beginning of his solo career, the man often described as 'Ireland's greatest ballad singer' is bringing an old tradition with a young sound to his legion of fans across the world. The Young Wolfe Tones feature some of the finest Irish musicians and singers from a younger generation and bring guaranteed excitement, fun and passion to every performance.

Young Wolfe Tones members include Damaris Woods, tenor banjo player from County Meath; Mylo Moylan, guitarist and vocalist from Kildare; Andreas Durkin, keyboard player and vocalist from County Cavan; and Cormac McGuinness, vocalist from Dublin.

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones brings a fresh perspective of traditional music, with Mr. Warfield relaying Irish history before each song.

We are so excited to have this much beloved group back at the Irish Heritage Center. Don't miss your chance to see these outstanding musicians and storytellers at the IHC.

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Catholic Action

In November, we conclude a period of Ordinary time and the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 21. We open the new liturgical year with the first Sunday of the Advent season, November 28. Advent is a period of preparation for the Christmas season, and the liturgical color is violet. The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, is a holy day of obligation. Thanksgiving Day falls on November 25. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.

--2 Machabees 12:46

November is a month to remember and pray for our departed ones, and not simply on All Souls' Day (Nov. 2). There are many opportunities to pray for our departed relatives and friends. Many parishes offer All Souls Day novenas. Another avenue may be the opportunity which the Church offers us to earn a plenary indulgence for the faithful departed in Purgatory from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8, by visiting a cemetery to pray for the dead. The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence apply: receive the Eucharist that day, pray for the Pope's intention that day, go to Confession during that week, and remain free of attachment to sin.

NOTABLE SAINTS, SOLEMNITIES, AND FEAST DAYS

November 1	All Saints	Solemnity
November 2	All Souls Day	
November 4	Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Memorial
November 9	Dedication of the Lateran	Basilica Feast
November 10	Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor	Memorial
November 11	Martin of Tours, Bishop	Memorial
November 13	Frances Xavier Cabrini	Memorial
November 17	Elizabeth of Hungary	Memorial
November 22	Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
November 23	Columban, Abbot	
November 24	Andrew Dung-Lac & companions	Memorial
November 30	Andrew the Apostle	Feast

FROM AN INSTRUCTION BY ST. COLUMBAN

Moses wrote in the law: God made man in his image and likeness. Consider, I ask you, the dignity of these words. God is all-powerful. We cannot see or understand him, describe or assess him. Yet he fashioned man from clay and endowed him with the nobility of his own image. What has man in common with God? Or earth with spirit?--for God is a spirit. It is a glorious privilege that God should grant man his eternal image and the likeness of his character. Man's likeness to God, if he preserves it, imparts high dignity. If man applies the virtues planted in his soul to the right purpose, he will be like God.

IRISH SAINTS OF NOVEMBER

Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh (1095-1148)

November 3

Malachy was a truly great saint of Ireland. He helped instill in the Irish church the spirit of reform that was sweeping the church on the Continent, and was a man of great virtue himself. He is familiar to many today because of the so-called Prophecies of Malachy, which are almost certainly not written by him and are most likely forgeries of the 16th century.

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Catholic Action, cont.**Lawrence O'Toole (1128-80), Archbishop of Dublin****November 14**

Son of Murtagh, chief of the Murrays, he was born in Kildare, and as a youth was carried off and held as a hostage for two years by King Dermot McMurrough of Leinster. Lawrence's father finally compelled Dermot to surrender the boy to the bishop of Glendalough. He became a monk of Glendalough, and later was abbot (1153), known for his strict reign. His prudence and virtue were demonstrated when famine struck the area, and Lawrence was able to supply the local people with grain from monastic stores. Although resisting earlier efforts to elevate him to the episcopate, Lawrence accepted election to the archbishopric of Dublin in 1161. The new archbishop embarked on a reform of his clergy, forming a community of strict canons regular at the cathedral. Lawrence became embroiled in the dynastic struggle which resulted in the intervention of England's Henry II and which is too complicated to outline here. In 1172, a synod convened by Lawrence at Cashel confirmed a bull of Pope Adrian IV imposing English liturgical forms upon Ireland, and Lawrence supported Pope Alexander III's confirmation of these measures. In 1175, while in England trying to arrange a peace between Henry II and Rory O'Conor, a probably-deranged man tried to murder him at Becket's shrine. He attended the Lateran Council of 1179 and after explaining the state of the Irish Church to the pope found himself appointed papal legate in Ireland. His efforts there began to worry Henry II, who may have suspected another Becket in the making, and when Lawrence travelled to England in 1180 in the course of negotiations on behalf of Rory O'Conor, Henry prevented him from returning to Ireland. Lawrence did eventually receive permission to return, but died in Normandy before he could.

Columban, Abbot (c.540-615)**November 23**

Columban was born in West Leinster and well educated as a youth. In the advice of a holy hermitess to flee the local environs to avoid sin, Columban saw a call to the religious life. Despite his mother's opposition, he departed for an island in Lough Erne, where he was under the tutelage of a monk named Sinell. He later became a monk of Bangor. In 585, with the blessing of St. Comgall, he went as a missionary to Gaul with 12 other monks. He himself built several monasteries--Annegray, Luxeuil, and Fontaine--and his followers built others throughout France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. Columban's institutions followed his very strict monastic rule. He aroused opposition among the Frankish bishops due to his advocacy of Celtic usages and his refusal to acknowledge their authority. In 610, King Theodoric II of Burgundy, angered by Columban's denunciations of his marital irregularities, banished all Irish monks from his kingdom. After being shipwrecked attempting to return to Ireland, Columban was offered refuge by King Theodebert II of Neustria and embarked on a mission journey which ultimately led him to the Alemanni around Lake Constance. However, when the hostile Burgundians overran Neustria, Columban fled to Italy and was welcomed by King Agilulf of the Lombards, although the king was an Arian heretic. Columban strove against the Arian heresy. He also became embroiled in the controversy over the Three Chapters then roiling the Church, an issue on which he was ill-informed; his words during this controversy led him to later write apologetically to the pope. Columban founded the monastery at Bobbio on land given to him by Agilulf; it was to have a distinguished history. It is at Bobbio that the saint died. Besides sermons and poems, Columban wrote his monastic rule and treatises against Arianism.

LOCAL NEWS

As in past years, members of Joseph T. Nalley, Sr., Division 6, Youngstown, as well as members of Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland, LAOH, participated in the annual Fatima Rosary Rally and Procession, held this year on October 16. In the procession, officers of the local division carried the canopy over the Holy Eucharist. The AOH National Board, meeting in Youngstown that weekend, had planned to participate in the procession, but changes brought on by the weather made that impossible.

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Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

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AOH National Board Presents Check in Ireland



National AOH President Danny O'Connell arrived in Ireland this October to present Irish Bishop Alphonsus "Phonsie" Cullinan (of Waterford and Linsmore) with a check to sponsor four \$500 Project St Patrick scholarships from the National AOH Board for seminarians of the Emerald Isle.

AOH/LAOH Honor Guard at Fr. Dan Dury Installation Mass



Father Dan Dury Installation Mass as Pastor of St John Neumann Church in Sunbury, Ohio, was a glorious event. Bishop Robert Brennan was the celebrant. Patrick Pearse Division #1 brought their pikes to the party.

AOH National Project St Patrick Chair Ron Hagan joined the AOH/LAOH Honor Guard, as well as Patrick Pearse Division #1 President Ken Stebleton and LAOH Countess de Markievicz Division #1 President Katie Somers.

Project St. Patrick

All divisions must have a Project St Patrick representative and division information filed with your diocese. This allows the Bishop's Office to see how the AOH supports 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>

Commodore Barry Medal



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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