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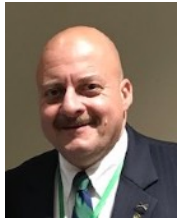
Ohio State Board

Newsletter

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President's Message



Brothers All,

November is here, our time of Thanksgiving, and for me at least, reflection as I give thanks. Please know that I'm thankful for all you - for your passion, commitment, leadership, and

love.

The Fall 2022 Ohio State Board meeting happened on Saturday October 15th, at Tara Hall in Columbus. Lots of information was shared among the attendees; we'll share meeting minutes soon. Thanks to all who attended. I intend to have a **Winter State Board meeting via Zoom in the January/February timing**. Stay tuned for date and agenda.

Recruiting and Retention: We finally have all numbers in (c'mon, a couple of you Division Presidents and Financial Secretaries, this isn't that difficult!). **Division Winners of a bottle of Redbreast 12 are Cuyahoga County's Bluestone Division (highest number of new members) and Clermont County (largest percentage increase)**. I'll be visiting those divisions soon to deliver their winnings and thank them for their hard work.

What have you done this month to help your Division reach your 5% growth target, and maybe win a bottle of Redbreast 12, for your Division or yourself?

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Chaplain's Comments



Throughout this month of November, we as a Church take time to remember. We pause to honor the dead and pray for the souls of those who have gone before us. The Feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All

Souls invited us to look both inward and backward—not so we can dwell on the past with longing, not so that we can surround ourselves with pain or mourn for days gone by—but so that we can remember who we are, so that we might look forward to the future not with fear but rather with trust and hope—trust that God will not abandon us even in death, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life which Jesus promises to all who place their faith in him.

Our observance this month reminds us that we are part of a larger story. We are members of a community which extends out, not only geographically, but also in time. We are connected, each to the other, with bonds so strong that not even death can destroy them. Above all, we are people who remember. We remember those who have gone before us. We remember those who have been examples to us of love, of strength, of goodness. We remember those who have touched our lives in ways that we cannot even imagine, those who have left indelible marks, almost like fingerprints, on our hearts and souls, those whom we not only know so well that we can still hear their voices and their laughter ringing in our ears, but also those nameless faces with whom we have crossed paths in so many ordinary ways, those nameless faces who have nonetheless made a difference in our lives in ways we will never understand.

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President's Message, cont.

Brothers, NOW is the time for you and your Division to start thinking about your support for our **FFAI Christmas Appeal**. Our support means so much to those who still struggle; the monetary assistance is so important, but just as important is the fact that we care, and we act. Please consider a generous contribution!

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 Comments, cont.

But memory can be a funny thing. Memories of the dead can easily bind us to the past, limiting our choices and narrowing our view. Our memories can easily tempt us to spend our lives in a search for safety and security. But for the community of believers, our memories must be more than just a comforting thought or a bond to the past. They must offer us more than a time to reflect or an occasion for prayer.

If we accept the faith handed down to us, then our memories must be allowed to challenge as well as console us. Our story, and stories of the people for whom we pray, remind us that the way things are today are not the way things have to be. Our memories teach us that with God, prisoners can be set free. The weak can overcome the strong. The poor can sometimes be richer than the wealthy. Our memories show us that injustice and hatred—even death itself—can be overcome through faith.

Our memories are a link that connect us to a liberating past. They are part of a covenant which transforms the present and allows us to view the future not with fear and trembling but with hope, so that we can love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and all our strength.

And so, our observance this month also invites us to look ahead, to a time when we will no longer know the restrictions of time and space, when we will take our places in eternity. It reminds us that through Jesus Christ, we are a people who have been set free from the chains of our sins, free from the chains of death which once bound us. Today, and throughout this month of November, we remember the dead because Jesus Christ died for us—for you and for me. And in doing so, he transformed death forever, taking away the power it once held over us and replacing it with the power of his love—a love which sets us free from all which enslaves us in this world so that might we share in his life, in his love, for all of eternity.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,

*Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

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

Veterans Affairs Report

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

As of 10/23/2022: VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 31,033; 970 Deaths; Active Cases: 241

2) Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2022 Announced

On September 16, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services and Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation announced the 2022 Class that will be inducted in Columbus this November:

Peter K. Anderson	Navy	Cuyahoga
Steven L. Arnold	Navy	Wood
Garry J. Augustine *	Army	Lake
Alan F. Bailey	Army	Clark
Adam C. Carr	Army/OHARNG/OHANG	Union
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Thomas M. Showman	Army	Huron
Robert R. Stone	Army	Greene
Robert L. Towles	Army	Portage
David J. Weeks	Air Force	Montgomery
<i>*Posthumous Induction</i>		

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 by former Gov. George Voinovich to recognize the *post-military achievements* of outstanding Ohio veterans. Honorees of the past 30 years include astronauts, entrepreneurs, volunteers, community leaders, safety officers, veteran advocates, and government officials. The Ohio Department of Veterans Services, on behalf of and in collaboration with the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee, administers the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. More information can be found here: www.dvs.ohio.gov/hall-of-fame

3) Veterans Day at National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is hosting a series of programming throughout the month of November in commemoration of Veterans Day 2022. This includes FREE admission for all guests on Friday, November 11. More details about all the events happening at NVMM you can visit their website: <https://nationalvmm.org/november-at-the-museum/>

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

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State Historian's Report

J. Michael Finn, State Historian

The Viking Attacks on Ireland



The Vikings came from Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Young Scandinavian nobles who stood no chance of family inheritance, gathered groups of warriors and began raiding the coast of Norway and Denmark. Viking naval prowess allowed them to expand their raiding and to accomplish their primary mission of acquiring and selling gold and slaves. The famous Viking longship has been called, “an unchallengeable instrument of aggression.”

The first phase of Viking aggression began in England when the monastery at Lindisfarne was attacked in 793 AD. It was sacked, burned, looted for gold and the monks were slaughtered. The Vikings soon turned their attention to Ireland. In 795 the first Viking attack in Ireland occurred when the monastery on Lambay Island was attacked.

The monks were murdered or taken away as slaves. The monastery was looted of any precious metal and its valuable books were burned. Being pagans, the Vikings had no respect for Christian symbols or sites and they seemed to have no use for the priceless manuscripts that the monasteries contained.

The monastery on Rathlin Island was also sacked and burned in 795. Sacked and burned were monasteries at Holmpatrick (798), Inismurry (795 and again in 807), Inisbofin (795) and Skellig Michael (824). All of the raids were carried out in the same hit-and-run fashion by a small fleet of long-ships, each carrying about 35 crewmembers. They would land, attack and pillage what they could and then sail back to Scandinavia.

To protect themselves the monks often used the round tower. This structure was built high enough for someone to keep watch. When the Vikings were sighted the alarm bell was sounded and the monks would climb in the tower taking along any monastic valuables. A ladder to the only door was pulled up and the monks were relatively secure, as the Vikings were not equipped to undertake a protracted siege.

In 840 it was recorded in the Annals of Ulster, “The sea spewed forth floods of foreigners over Erin, so that no haven, no landing-place, no stronghold, no fort, no castle might be found, but it was submerged by waves of Vikings and pirates.”

There were circumstances where the Irish fought back. The Ulstermen defeated a band of raiders in 811, driving them back into the sea. A band of Vikings was also defeated in 812 in Connacht and again in Munster. Because there was no single organized leader in Ireland, the Vikings found their raids to be relatively trouble free, despite occasional defeats by the native population.

The Vikings soon improved their methods of attack. Instead of 3 or 4 ships in a hit-and-run raid, they would show up with 50 to 100 ships. They would land and set up a camp. From that base they would raid the countryside for several months. In 836 the lands of the southern O’Neill suffered such a raid. In 837 it happened on the Boyne and Liffey Rivers and on the Shannon. In 840 the Vikings wintered on Lough Neagh pillaging the monastery at Armagh. Many of the monks, including the Bishop of Armagh, were captured and sold into slavery. The monasteries at Clonmacnoise, Birr and Clonfert were pillaged in 845. The last major raid of the first phase occurred in 851.

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State Historian's Report, cont.

In 841 the Vikings set up camp at Baile Athá Cliath (a place they would later rename Dublin) and established a permanent settlement there. The Vikings are often credited with establishing the first towns in Ireland. This claim completely ignores the fact that many monastic settlements were already firmly established on the island when they arrived. As in Europe, settlements and villages formed around the monasteries and lasted until the Vikings burned them and murdered the inhabitants. To be fair, the towns the Vikings established did become major centers of trading and commercial activity. The Vikings should not be given credit for establishing towns in Ireland when all they did was burn the existing towns and replace them with their own.

The recent trend among some historians is to discount the ferocity and aggression of the Vikings. The claim is that the Vikings were not as bad as we are often led to believe. Their justification is that Christian monks, the people the Vikings brutally murdered, wrote most of what has been written about them. Should the victims be disqualified or discounted as reporters of history? Despite efforts to describe a "kinder, gentler Viking" there are, in my opinion, sufficient credible reports of their ferocity and ruthless killing that do not come exclusively from Christian monks.

The second phase of the Viking invasions began about 914. A large Viking fleet arrived at Waterford and the Vikings captured the city. A second fleet arrived the following year. Raiding parties were sent out plundering the monasteries and cities in Munster and Leinster. The monasteries at Cork and Lismore were burned.

Realizing that the real money was in trade and commerce, the Viking's toned down the pillaging and settled down, consolidating their forces in Leinster. Dublin became a major trading and slave center. Beginning in 952 Dublin and most of Leinster was actually ruled by its own dynasty of Danish kings.

On Good Friday, 1014 at Clontarf, north of Dublin, Irish King Brian Boru's forces defeated a large force of Vikings and their Irish allies, thus ending Viking rule and influence in Ireland. Unfortunately, Brian was killed during the battle, as were his son and grandson. Although Danish rule was ended in Ireland, the loss of Brian Boru as a central unifying leader ushered in a period of disunity among the remaining Irish kings and they battled each other for control of the island. The Vikings who remained in Ireland after Clontarf no longer ruled and were eventually assimilated into the Gaelic culture.

It was less than 200 years later when a third, and much more deadly, phase of Viking pillaging and treachery began. In 1169 the descendants of the Vikings in Europe returned to Ireland to conquer the hearts, minds and monasteries of the Irish. This time, the Viking invaders had become Christians and they called themselves the Normans.

Mark Your Calendars

2023 State Convention

June 23 - 24
Cincinnati OH

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

State Organizer's Report

Remember Who We Are

I applaud all the divisions who have worked hard all year in recruiting and retaining membership. It is always an uphill struggle.



We have enjoyed our mostly “post-pandemic” year attending or hosting festivals, St. Patrick’s Day events, Half-Way parties and our National Convention in Pittsburgh. Throughout all of our fun, we must remember who we are, as Hibernians. *Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity* is our motto and I believe we do a good job living up to it.

For example, at our October State Board meeting, our worthy president read some of the reports from those who could not attend. One of these reports was from the St. Brendan Division, Summit County #3. Their president told of the division’s struggles just to continue to exist over the past several years and the loss of membership. He then mentioned how their Riverfront Festival has returned and showed a good profit. He went on to mention all of the charitable gifts and scholarships they bestowed on different local institutions. This was a division that came close to folding and the first time they made money, they gave it to charity! We need to remember these kind of acts and also keep in mind all of those less-fortunate ones, especially this time of year.

We enjoy having fun and the friendship we make with our brothers, but as we enter into Thanksgiving and Christmas, remember our motto, especially *Christian Charity*. These type of acts will not go unnoticed and will more than likely come back to us in the form of recruiting and retaining members.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season with your family, friends and loved ones.

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer

All Souls Day Mass

Brothers in Christ,

Please know that as I celebrate All Souls Day on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM at Holy Spirit Church in Uniontown (One of my two parishes) I will remember the deceased members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians on both the National and State level, as well.

Peace, Fr. John Keehner

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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

We the undersigned do intend to support the production of specialty license plates designated to the _____ by purchasing the _____

Specialty License Plates from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. We understand there will be an additional cost to the standard license plate fee and also understand a portion of the proceeds will go to the designated fund.

Please do not sign this petition unless it is your present intention to purchase this plate if and when it is issued.

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (Duplicate this form as necessary)

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CONTACT			
CIRCULATOR OF PETITION INFORMATION		TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES	
NAME		PHONE	
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

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 20. We open the new liturgical year with the first Sunday of the Advent season, November 27. 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 24.

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 10	Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor	Memorial
November 11	Martin of Tours, Bishop	Memorial
November 17	Elizabeth of Hungary	Memorial
November 22	Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr	Memorial
November 23	Columban, Abbot	
November 24	Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	Memorial
November 30	Andrew the Apostle	Feast

IRISH SAINTS OF NOVEMBER

November 3 **Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh (1095-1148)**

Malachy was born and raised in Armagh, the son of a learned man. After his parents' death, he became the disciple of Eimar, a hermit, and was ordained at age 25. He studied under St. Malchus at Lismore and was appointed abbot of Bangor Abbey, which was in a sad state at the time. In fact, much of the Church in Ireland was in bad shape due to the ravages of the Vikings, and much of Malachy's effort throughout his life was dedicated to restoration. A few years after his appointment as abbot, he was chosen bishop of Connor, based at Bangor. His leadership of a local revival of the faith ended abruptly when he and his monks were forced to flee to Lismore to escape Viking raiders. Appointed metropolitan of Armagh in 1129, he was unable to occupy the see peacefully for many years, due to a rival claimant--the see had become hereditary in a family of clerics. Malachy eventually prevailed, in the process recovering from his rival a book (probably the Book of Armagh) and a crozier reputedly belonging to St. Patrick. Later, Malachy resigned the see and returned to Connor (1137). He divided the diocese into two, Connor and Down, became bishop of the latter, and refounded the ruined abbey at Bangor. On a trip through Europe to Rome, he met St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and the two became life-long friends. So impressed was Malachy by Bernard and the Cistercians, that he attempted to resign his see and join the order. The Pope refused his request and instead named him papal legate in Ireland.

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Malachy left four companions behind him at Clairvaux; in 1142, they returned to Ireland and founded the Cistercian abbey of Mellifont. In 1148, while journeying to Rome on official business, Malachy stopped at Clairvaux to visit his friend, and died there rather suddenly. Bernard proclaimed him a saint, and his action was confirmed by Pope Clement III, in 1190, making him the first Irish saint officially canonized by a pope.

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.

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

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'Connor, 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'Connor, Henry prevented him from returning to Ireland. Lawrence did eventually receive permission to return, but died in Normandy before he could.

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

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.

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Catholic Action, cont.

ISSUES AND EVENTS

Christian Jenkins, the Hamilton County common pleas judge who last month issued a temporary injunction against enforcement of Ohio's Heartbeat Law, on October 7 issued a preliminary injunction against the law, blocking its enforcement for an indefinite period of time.

The City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County have both announced that they will pay travel costs and lodging for residents and employees to travel out of state to procure an abortion. The county intends to use ARP funds for this.

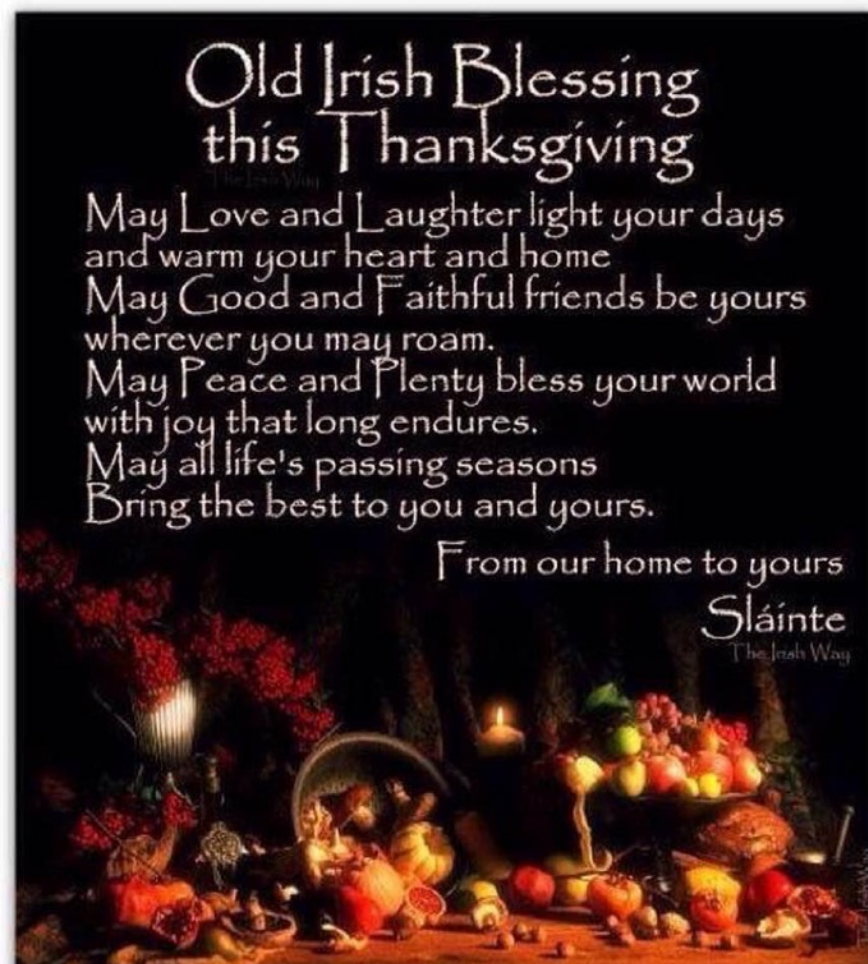
November 8 is election day. As Catholic citizens, we are duty-bound to vote with an informed Catholic conscience. One resource is the voter guide posted by Ohio Right to Life: www.ohiolife.org.

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 15, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. AOH members took up the collection at the opening Mass and, in the procession, carried the canopy over the Holy Eucharist.

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

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Division News

Irish Brigade, Div. #1, Medina County

On Friday, October 21st, a few of our members were able to attend a reception in honor of the newly named **Irish Ambassador to the United States, Geraldine Byrne Nason.**

John O’Brien was helping coordinate the Irish Network USA in hosting a weekend of “Global Irish” networking, learning and fun. He made the arrangements for more of the division to attend. The reception kicked off the weekend events.

In addition to John being there, Joe Casey, Tony Manley and Joe Gill also attended.

Thank you, brother John O’Brien!



Geraldine Byrne Nason



Joe Gill Tony Manley

Joseph T. Nalley, Sr., Div. #1, Mahoning County

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Mark Heffernan, Div. #2, Summit County

We had our annual University of Akron Homecoming game where Akron had one of the largest Home Coming Tail Gates we have seen in a long time. We also had our annual Clam Bake which also was a great success!

Coming up, we do have our Catholic outreach, at the Peter Maurin Center where we team up with our Ladies and Social members and hand out over one hundred meals to the needy in the area. That date is October 30th, 2022. The day before Halloween!

We have other “Pop-Up” events scheduled, as well as our Children’s Christmas party for the children of our AOH/LAOH members. It’s a joy to see the wee ones getting their Christmas Season gift from Santa!

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Report

Aid to Ukraine: UNICEF IRELAND

Donations will be used to directly support the children of Ukraine through UNICEF USA and UNICEF IRELAND. The AOH National Board will make a supporting donation as well. This support is taking shape with a fundraising campaign through Hibernian Charities, a 501c3 organization owned and operated by the AOH. Make your division check out to Hibernian Charity, with UNICEF Ireland in the memo section. Mail payment to: Hibernian Charity, PO Box 19325, New Orleans, LA 70179.

Aid to Ukraine: Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services aids families in Ukraine and the surrounding countries with food, clothing, transport to safe shelter, cash assistance, counseling and care for children.

Find out more at <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>

All Souls Mass Includes Hibernian Brothers and Sisters

All Souls Mass celebrated at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus continues to honor our deceased Hibernian Brothers and Sisters. Their names are placed beneath the altar. Praying for Souls is the major charism of the Dead Theologians Society. DTS founder Eddie Cotter will pray an Irish Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament.

Support Your Seminaries

Ohio is blessed with many seminaries. Your division could consider supporting fundraisers and special events throughout the year. This kind of outreach expands our pillar of Christian Charity and gives future priests and deacons a better understanding of Hibernian service.

Catholic Men's Conference (Columbus, Ohio)

26th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to the Ohio Expo Center on Saturday, February 25, 2023. The event includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandez.

More information at: <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmensconference>

Patrick Pearse Division #1 will have a booth at the conference and sponsor a booth for the Dead Theologians Society. Division participation has also proven to be a very effective for recruiting new members.

Project St. Patrick Forms and PSP Division Representative

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>

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