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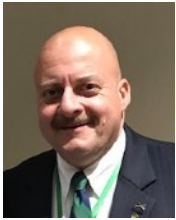
Ohio State Board

Newsletter

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President's Message



Brothers all,

Lots to talk about, so let's dive right in.

The U.S. has not had a Northern Ireland Special Envoy since January 7, 2021.

Since then, the government has appointed many Special Envoys for various interests and issues but has neglected this key position. As a reminder, Senator Mitchell's work as Special Envoy helped lay the foundation for the groundbreaking and historic Good Friday Agreement, which for many reasons is now in danger. As a result, our **National Board has begun an initiative urging our government to correct this lack of representation.**

You can weigh in and make a difference by clicking: <https://www.congressweb.com/AOH/1>. Also, please contact others and urge them to do the same. You CAN make a difference! It takes just a couple of minutes of your time! Do it! **See Page 13** for National President O'Connell's message.

The Fall Ohio State Board meeting will be on Saturday October 15th, at Tara Hall in Columbus. We'll start at noon with lunch and a short joint meeting with the LAOH to hear a report from the 2023 State Convention Committee, then split up and go right into our business meeting. Also, FYI, **Franklin County/Tara Hall will be hosting an Irish Whiskey tasting event that Friday evening**, with live

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Chaplain's Comments



As we enter the month of October, designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as **Respect Life Month, with Sunday, October 2 designated Respect Life Sunday**, perhaps it might benefit all of us if we were to look at the Church's teaching regarding what it means to respect life and what it actually means to be pro-life. This is especially important in light of media coverage, which often even refuses to consider who we are as pro-life, focusing instead on our stance against abortion.

The Church's teaching on the dignity of human life is rooted in scripture, with the passage from Genesis, stating, after having created the heavens and the earth and all other creatures: "Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-8). The human person, thus created in God's very image and likeness, is the highpoint of all of creation, having dominion over all that God has created. This is reiterated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which reminds us that this divine image in which we are created finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ:

"Christ, ... in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, makes man fully manifest to himself and brings to light his exalted vocation." It is in Christ, "the image of the invisible God," that man has been created "in the image and likeness" of the Creator. It is in Christ, Redeemer and Savior, that the divine image, disfigured in man by the first sin, has been restored to its original beauty and ennobled by the grace of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1701)

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music and lots of craic to be had for sure. I'll be there, and I hope to see you all as well. That's a

bye weekend for both OSU and UC football, so that greatly reduces your excuses for not attending!

Recruiting and Retention: *What have you done this month to help your Division reach your 5% growth target, and maybe win one of those bottles of Redbreast 12, for your Division or yourself?*

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.

It is in the person of Jesus Christ himself, then, that every single human being, whether a believer or not, finds his or her dignity, in that every single human being shares in that same image of the God who became human in the person of Jesus, who took upon himself the fullness of what it means to be human in order that we might learn what it means for him, and what it means for each of us through him, to be God.

Our discussion of what it means to be pro-life, therefore, must always be rooted in our belief in the goodness of what it means to be human and the ramifications of what it means for us to share our humanity with the very God who has created us in his image and likeness. For us simply to classify ourselves as "anti-abortion" or "anti" any other violation of the dignity of the human person, whether that is euthanasia, capital punishment, human trafficking, or physical or mental abuse of anyone, is simply missing the point. If we are pro-life, then we embrace rather than reject. We embrace the fullness of what it means to be human. We embrace the fullness of what it means that God has called us into existence, breathing the very life of his Spirit into our lungs and into our lives. We embrace what it means to be redeemed by our Lord and Savior, who calls us into communion with himself

and communion with one another. In doing so, he calls us to live lives of *beatitude*, lives in which we recognize what it means to be blessed and what it means to share that blessing with all of creation. He calls us, moreover, to become partakers of his divine nature and of the eternal life he shares with us through our Savior Jesus Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1722).

Let us pray, then, this month and always, for a growing appreciation for what it means for us to be human. Let us pray for a growing appreciation for what it means for each of us to be created in the image and likeness of God. Let us pray the believers and non-believers alike may come to understand the great dignity of what it means to be human and what it means to cherish and protect the gift of life in every stage, at every moment, from conception to natural death.

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

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

Brothers – As of 9/23/2022, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 158,270 individuals.

VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 30,541; 967 Deaths; Active Cases: 337

*Many VA facilities have reinstated masking requirements while in their buildings. Please continue to check with your local facility regarding their operational status.

2) National Suicide Prevention Month:

The nation is observing National Suicide Prevention Month and, therefore, it is an appropriate time to remind folks that there are extensive resources available to help people in our community. The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF - www.ohiospf.org) is a tremendous organization with a dedicated staff working every day to reduce suicide in our state. Their website includes a host of information on how to deal with crisis yourself or how you can be a resource of help for others. They also have a great reference site on how to connect with local suicide prevention coalitions in your community. These coalitions pull together public and private organizations to build a network of care and resources to support individuals across a broad spectrum of need. That website and other key prevention resource websites are listed below:

OSPF Coalitions Website: <https://www.ohiospf.org/coalitions/>

VA Suicide Prevention Resources: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/health-needs-conditions/mental-health/suicide-prevention/>

VA Vet Centers: <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Ohio Department of Mental Health: <https://mha.ohio.gov/get-help/prevention-services/suicide-prevention>

Star Behavioral Health Providers Network: <https://starproviders.org/>

The Ohio State University Veterans STRIVE Program: <https://medicine.osu.edu/departments/psychiatry-and-behavioral-health/strive>

Veterans Crisis Line – Dial 988 (Press 1) or Text 838255: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

The State of Ohio has also launched a new OhioCares website to create a central point of information regarding behavioral health and suicide prevention for veterans, servicemembers, and their families. That website can be found at www.ohiocares.ohio.gov and includes information on those key populations as well as resource for community members and care providers on how to better support the veterans in their local area.

3) Irish Naval Service Port Visit Honoring LCpl Patrick Gallagher:

The Irish Naval Service warship, *L.E. James Joyce*, recently conducted port visits to Boston, Massachusetts and Portland, Maine to promote Irish business and cultural connections to the United States. While visiting Maine the *James Joyce* crew visited the Bath Iron Works shipyard where the keel of the U.S. Navy *Arleigh Burke*-Class destroyer, *U.S.S. Patrick Gallagher*, was recently laid and is undergoing construction. The new warship is named for LCpl. Gallagher of County Mayo who enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and killed-in-action during combat operations in Vietnam. For his heroism, he was awarded the Navy Cross and the AOH National Veterans Affairs Committee is working with Congress to have the award upgraded to the Medal of Honor. The story can be found in the Irish Echo: <https://www.irishecho.com/2022/9/irish-sailors-salute-a-hero>

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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State Historian's Report

J. Michael Finn, State Historian

The Exile of Hugh O'Neill



In Irish history it's called the Flight of the Earls. Thomas Cardinal O'Fiach once proposed changing the name to the more correct title Strategic Retreat of the Earls. In Irish, it is simply called Imeacht na nIarlaí (the departure of the Earls).

The Irish earls and their supporters didn't actually flee Ireland. They had every intention of returning with a continental army. Their going was a sad affair; it marked the demise of Gaelic Ireland. Sad to tell, as well, is the fate of their leader, Hugh O'Neill in exile.

In 1601 the native Irish were doing well in their war against the British. The armies of Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone and Red Hugh O'Donnell, Earl of Tirconnell had scored several major victories against the British in their nine-year battle with the English Queen Elizabeth I.

Hugh O'Neil had proven to be a brilliant strategist and together with O'Donnell they controlled the north of Ireland. With the promised help of

King Phillip III of Spain they were in a good position to defeat the English and return Ireland to the Irish.

On September 21, 1601 an undermanned Spanish force lands at the worst possible place at Kinsale in southern Ireland and captures the city. The British commander, Lord Mountjoy, besieges Kinsale on October 26. The Spanish put up a good defense, but they are trapped within the city by English artillery fire.

The army of O'Neill and Red Hugh march 300 miles south in winter in an effort to hook up with the Spanish invaders. The Irish army arrives late and tired. Mountjoy attacks the Irish on December 24, 1601. For reasons that are still not clear, the Irish army collapses. The Spanish surrender Kinsale on January 2, 1602 and are allowed to return to Spain.

On December 27, 1601 Red Hugh sails for Spain to meet with King Philip III to convince him to send more help to Ireland. O'Neill withdraws his forces to Ulster. Tragically, Red Hugh O'Donnell is poisoned at Simancas, Spain and dies on August 31, 1602. A British government agent, James Blake, is suspected of being the murderer. Rory O'Donnell, brother of Red Hugh, becomes his successor.

O'Neill, unable to put together the remnants of his broken army, surrenders to the British at Mellifont Abbey on March 30, 1603 and is pardoned. The Treaty of Mellifont ends the Nine Years War. O'Neill continues to communicate with Philip III requesting military and financial aid to defeat the British.

Pressures began to mount on O'Neill and Rory O'Donnell. The Crown has been slowly confiscating their lands and their lives had been threatened. In August 1607 O'Neill is summoned to appear before King James. Friends on the English Privy Council warn O'Neill that the King intends to have him arrested for treason and then executed. O'Neill becomes convinced his best course is to leave Ireland.

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O'Neill decided to leave for Spain and complete the mission of Red Hugh. As O'Neill wrote to King Phillip, "... in order to save our lives, there was no other remedy but to take up arms or to escape from the Kingdom. We chose to escape rather than stir the whole Kingdom to rebellion without first being assured of the help and assistance of Your Majesty." O'Neill's planned "strategic retreat" would allow him time to convince Philip III of the advantages, both religious and political, of a renewed military expedition to break English power in Ireland.

On September 4, 1607 from the Irish fishing village of Rathmullen, Donegal a ship leaves the harbor for Spain. On board are 99 passengers, led by Hugh O'Neill, Rory O'Donnell, Cathbarr O'Donnell (Rory's brother) and Cuchonnacht Maguire (Chieftain of Fermanagh and organizer of the expedition). The party is made up of families, supporters, scholars and priests.

Bad weather blocks their passage to Spain and forces them to land in France. This begins a long overland journey through France to Spanish Flanders, where they are welcomed as visiting royalty, despite English urging that they be treated as a band of barbarous gypsies.

King Phillip is more concerned about maintaining a treaty just signed with the Dutch who were allies with the English. Spain could not afford another war with the English. The Irish are caught in the middle. Phillip calls upon Pope Pius V to offer the Irish Earls his protection in Rome and the Pope agrees.

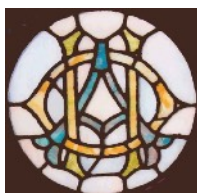
The party departs for Rome. In May 1608 O'Neill and his party arrives in Rome where the Pope provides them with modest accommodations at the Salviati Palace.

Rory O'Donnell and his brother Cathbarr die the year of their arrival of malaria. O'Neill's oldest son Hugh, Baron of Dungannon, is also stricken with fever and dies in 1609. O'Neill's hope for help from Spain evaporates.

Hugh O'Neill dies in Rome on July 20, 1616, an aged and blind Irish exile, having never completed his mission to free Ireland. In 1617 English agents murder O'Neill's youngest son Brian in Brussels.

The O'Neill's and O'Donnell's are buried in the Franciscan chapel of San Pietro de Montorio in Rome. Marble grave stones in the floor in front of the main altar mark their passing with grand Latin inscriptions. Hugh O'Neill's grave was lost during a remodeling of the chapel in 1848 and a newer stone now marks its assumed location.

A tourist to the Franciscan chapel, who wishes to view the graves today, must contact a church maintenance man to roll back carpeting that has been placed over the graves. It is hardly fitting for these giants of Irish history to be concealed beneath blue carpeting, but such is often the outcome of history.



State Organizer's Report

I hope everyone enjoyed their September and celebrating “Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day” events.

As we enter the later months of the year, our divisions will begin the process of nominating and electing their officers for 2023. When that does occur, don’t forget to update your Form 9s on-line. Presidents, when you are elected (or re-elected), be sure to make your appointments and include them on the Form 9s, as well. This helps the State officers know who is heading each of the different positions within your divisions. Since our elections are this November, we thought it would be good to let all the members know the responsibilities for all elected officers (See Pages 11 and 12)

We always need members to step up and run for office. Let me know if you have any issues or problems in your recruiting or retention efforts. As I always mention, if you need fillable, printable recruitment flyers, check out the National website (www.aoh.com) under the column-header “About the AOH” and then “Organizer Resources”.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our October 15th State Board meeting in Columbus.

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer

Division News

Msgr. Donal O’Carroll Division #1, Washington County



Brother Marshall Shreve Griffin was the longtime Financial Secretary for our Division. He took his fiduciary responsibilities most seriously and was a judicious custodian of the financial resources of the Division. It was a devastating loss when he passed on January 29, 2021.

Because of his importance to, for and within the Division, the Division Membership wanted to do something to sustain Bro. Griffin’s memory and to honor his dedication and service. With the pandemic preventing Division social interaction, it was decided that a fund would be established in Brother Griffin’s name. It has been entitled the MARSHALL A CÚIG (Marshall Five) FUND.

The number five (a cúig) was designated by Bro. Griffin, himself. It was his considered opinion that an operational budget of five-thousand dollars would allow the Division to increase its imprint and reach in Southeast Ohio and adjoining West Virginia. The fund is set up to recognize donations, in cash or in kind, to the Division to help with its outreach projects.

Any Division member who reaches the cumulative goal of \$250 in donations will be eligible for a Marshall a Cúig pin as a symbol of their dedication and their tribute to Brother Griffin.

As Division President, Tom Binegar so eloquently put it, “May God always be good to Brother Griffin and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.”

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)

(PRINT or TYPE)

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CONTACT			
CIRCULATOR OF PETITION INFORMATION		TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES	
NAME		PHONE	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PETITION DRIVE

Catholic Action

The month of October still remains within Ordinary Time, the liturgical color being green.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

Oct. 1	Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Memorial
Oct. 4	Francis of Assisi, Memorial
Oct. 7	Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
Oct. 15	Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor, Memorial
Oct. 17	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
Oct. 18	Luke, Evangelist, Feast
Oct. 19	John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
Oct. 22	Pope St. John Paul II
Oct. 28	Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

IRISH SAINTS OF OCTOBER

Oct. 11 **Canice, Abbot** (c. 515-99)

According to some sources, Canice, also known as Kenneth, was born at Glengiven, and became a monk and priest in Wales under St. Cadoc, at Llancarfan. He traveled to Rome, studied under St. Finian at Clonard, and evangelized in Ireland and Scotland. He was a close friend of Columba, whom he accompanied on a mission to the Picts. Canice may be the founder of monasteries at Aghaboe and Kilkenny in Ireland, and he also left a number of traces in place-names in Scotland.

Oct. 13 **Comgan, Abbot** (8th century)

Son of a prince of Leinster, he succeeded his father, but was forced to flee to Scotland, where he settled near Skye, built a monastery, and lived an austere life there. He was buried on Iona by his nephew, St. Fillan.

Oct. 16 **Gall** (d. c. 635)

Gall distinguished himself as a scholar of grammar, poetry, and Holy Scripture under Saints Comgall and Columban at Bangor and was ordained a priest. He was one of twelve disciples who accompanied Columban to the Continent, first evangelizing in France and later in what is now Switzerland. Gall did not accompany Columban when the latter departed for Italy. Some legends have it that this resulted in a falling out between the two that was only healed at the death of Columban, but this may simply be a story to explain their separation. Gall became a hermit, and eventually the famous monastery of St. Gall came to occupy the site of his hermitage. Several stories would seem to indicate that the saint was an avid fisherman. He turned down offers of bishoprics and abbacies to remain a hermit. St. Gall is considered the apostle of Switzerland.

Oct. 21 **Fintan, Abbot** (d.c.635)

Also known as Munnu, Fintan was a monk of Cluain Inis, spent some time at Iona, and upon returning to Ireland founded a monastery at Taghmon, Wexford, serving as its abbot. He was a firm supporter of the Celtic liturgical practices. He reportedly contracted leprosy late in life.

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Oct. 27 **Otteran, Abbot** (d. 563)

Also known as Odhran, this saint may have been a Briton. He was an abbot in Meath before he left Ireland among the twelve companions who accompanied Columba to Iona. There are some very odd stories about Otteran, perhaps incorporating elements of pagan mythology. Interestingly, the Viking settlers of Waterford chose him as their patron.

Oct. 29 **Colman of Kilmacduagh, Bishop** (d.c. 632)

Son of a chieftain, reportedly consecrated a bishop unwillingly, he lived as a hermit in the Burren. He built a monastery at Kilmacduagh and is considered the first bishop of that see. Like many Irish saints, there are many fanciful stories about him. Colman is said to have been aided in his devotions by a rooster, a mouse, and a fly: the first woke him up for the night office, the second kept him from falling asleep again, while the third served as a bookmark.

Oct. 31 **Foillan, Abbot** (d.c. 655)

With his two sainted brothers, Fursey and Ultan, he left Ireland for England c. 630, built a monastery at Burgh Castle, near Yarmouth, and evangelized the East Anglians. When his monastery was destroyed by the pagan Mercians under Penda, Foillan and his brother Ultan decided to follow their brother Fursey to Gaul, where they were welcomed by the Neustrian king, Clovis II. Foillan was founder and first abbot of a monastery at Fosses and converted many of the locals. He was murdered by outlaws.

OHIO NEWS OF INTEREST

On September 16, a Hamilton County judge placed a temporary stay on Ohio's Heartbeat Law for 14 days. This means that as long as the injunction is in force, abortion is legal in Ohio up to 22 weeks. It also likely means that the expected closure of the abortion facility in Dayton will not occur. Four times in the last two years, the abortion forces have sought and found Hamilton County judges to do their bidding. Here is another example of how important elections are and how much we need to research all candidates, including the judges, before making our choices. As one who has worked elections for years, I know how often voters come to the polls completely ignorant of the judicial races, and either leave that choice blank or simply pick a name that they like.

Unfortunately, publicity seems to be wanting, but Ohio will have its own State March for Life on Wednesday, October 5, on the State Capitol grounds. There will be a 10 AM concert, an 11 AM rally, followed by a noon march. Projected participants include Bishop David Bonnar of Youngstown, Alveda King (MLK's niece), and Jeanne Mancini of National March fame. More information may be posted at <https://marchforlife.org/ohio-march-for-life>.

Have local news? Please send for inclusion in this report.

Fraternally,

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Elections

Officers Responsibilities

- **President**
 - Preside at all meetings.
 - Appoint committees for the good and welfare of the Order.
 - Plan meetings and activities.
 - Hold the Officers responsible for the activities entrusted to them.
 - Sign all official documents and papers of the Division.

- **Vice-President**
 - Shall have the same powers and perform all the duties of the President in his absence.
 - Be responsible for promoting the Degree work of the Division.

- **Recording Secretary**
 - Notify members of all meetings.
 - Keep accurate minutes of meetings.
 - Keep accurate membership roster.
 - Countersign all lawful orders of the Division.
 - Notify applicants of their election & members of their suspension.
 - Make detail reports on all facts of the Division to the State & National Boards.
 - Carry out all duties as directed by the bylaws and as directed by the Division he serves.

- **Financial Secretary**
 - Keep accurate record of membership, showing date proposed, date initiated and dates members received their Major Degrees.
 - Collect all dues, fees, assessments and fines and keep an accurate record thereof.
 - Pay the Treasurer all money collected at the close of each meeting.
 - Keep attendance record of all meetings.
 - Make annual financial report.
 - Notify visiting committee of sick members.

- **Treasurer**
 - Be the custodian of all funds, bonds, securities and instruments held in the name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, and deposit same for safe keeping in a bank or savings institution.
 - Keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed.
 - Keep vouchers of all disbursements.
 - Present a financial report to the Division at all meetings.

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- Chairman of the Standing Committee
 - Be in charge of the Grievance Committee that tries all charges filed in writing against another member.
 - Act as Chairman of the Arbitration Board to settle and adjust all disputes and grievances arising in the Division.
 - Perform other duties as assigned by the Division President.
 - Could act as membership chair. All new, reinstated or transfer memberships should be processed through this office.

- Marshal
 - Set up the meeting room for all Division meetings.
 - Assists the President in ascertaining that all members attending the meeting are members in good standing.
 - Assists the President during initiation of candidates and interrogates the candidates according to the ritual.
 - Escorts candidates during the Shamrock Degree.
 - Escorts visiting dignitaries to a place of honor in the hall.
 - Assists the President in miscellaneous activities.

- Sentinel
 - Acts as doorkeeper during meetings.
 - Ascertain that all members are in good standing as they seek entrance to the meeting.
 - Assists the Marshal during the Order of the Shamrock Degree.

Mark Your Calendars

Fall State Board Meeting

October 15th
Tara Hall, Columbus OH

2023 State Convention

June 23 - 24
Cincinnati OH

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

From the Desk of President Daniel J O'Connell

Brothers,

Currently we have 16 Ohio Brothers participating in the call to action. I am asking everyone on this list to do two things today.

1. Add your support to the special envoy by taking two minutes to send the email to the President.
 - The Link is <https://www.congressweb.com/AOH/1>
 - If you have already sent yours in, thank you.
2. Please contact your entire division and get everyone to demonstrate their support for the **Northern Ireland Special Envoy** appointment. It has been 627 days without an Envoy and we need the US to step up.
 - Let's make this first call to action with our new advocacy software a priority.

Where does Ohio Stand?

We rank 8 in emails sent with 17, tied with North Carolina.

New York	120
Pennsylvania	86
Florida	44
New Jersey	37
Virginia	32
South Carolina	20
Connecticut	18

We should be able to get 500 email from Ohio – let's set a goal of 100 and move from there.

Please contact all your division members and ask them to take two minutes to sign on. Take a laptop to your next division meeting and help the guys sign on and send it in. – if you laptop has autofill, open a private or incognito window, this will allow you to open the link without your letter information coming up.

If everyone receiving this signs in and sends their support for the special envoy today, Ohio will be in the top 3, If we each get 4 others to send, we will be number 1!

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