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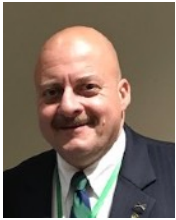
Newsletter

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President's Message

Brothers All,



Where has the summer gone? September already? Wow! Time for football, leaf cleanup, and... our fall board meeting....

The Fall Ohio State Board meeting will be on Saturday October 15th, at Tara Hall in

Columbus. We'll start with 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 even that Friday evening**, with live 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?*

We're still in the tail end of summer, so I know that many of your Divisions host picnics, ballgame events, and other Division events. **Feel free to shoot me an invite to any of these events (yes, I'm inviting myself).** As always, 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

Our Lady of Knock



As I write this on this eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known affectionately in the English speaking world as Our Lady's Day in August, and just a week from the Feast of Our Lady of Knock on August 21, our attention as Catholics of Irish descent naturally turns toward our Blessed Mother and her role in this history of our salvation.

I first visited Knock in April of 2013 with my cousin Christine. We were in Ireland for the first time and used a bed and breakfast in Knock as our base of operations while combing the countryside doing family history research. As I was sitting in little church in Knock praying before morning Mass, it slowly dawned on me that my own family members, namely my Great great grandmother and her children and grandchildren who had not yet emigrated to the United States, living in nearby Claremorris in 1879, would surely have heard rumors of the apparitions and would most likely have visited. I took great comfort in the probability that the Shrine at Knock and the devotion of pilgrims over the last one hundred forty one years was a clear link with my own family history and with the faith which my ancestors passed on to me.

One aspect of the Apparitions at Knock which I find so endearing is the fact of Mary's silence—a silence which continues to speak volumes even today. While most apparitions of the Blessed Mother include a clear and distinct message from her to the world, at Knock she said no words. Rather, she simply lifted her prayers to heaven, reminding us of her role as intercessor to her Son, who appeared as the Lamb upon the Altar of Sacrifice. In doing so, she reminded us of the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives, the centrality of the Pascal Mystery as the salvific event in human history. I spent several hours during those three days spent in Knock praying and visiting the various chapels and the Basilica. And in doing so, I felt very close to our Blessed Mother and very close, therefore, to her Son.

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One question I have pondered often over the last three decades is whether a place of pilgrimage is holy because of the events that have taken place there or because of the prayers of the pilgrims who go there in search of healing, in search of answers to the ultimate questions of life and death, or mortality and immortality, in search of a renewal of faith and hope. The Shrine at Knock, I believe, is holy because of both. It is holy because our Blessed Mother Mary, along with Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist chose to appear there in the presence of the Lamb of God. It is holy because of the faith of those men, women and children who stood for hours in the rain to gaze upon the wonder which they beheld with the eyes of faith on that evening of August 21, 1879. But it remains holy because of our prayers—because of the faith which continues to bring so many to Knock—because of the yearning for eternity in the presence of the Living God which is so much a part of our Catholic Christian faith which is made manifest to us the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of who we are.

And so, in the words of a song I have often heard, *if you ever get the chance to go to Ireland, go to Knock.* And take with you your prayers, your hopes, your dreams, your fears, and lay them at the Altar of the Lamb. Join with Mary, our Mother and the Mother of God, in giving praise for the wonderful things God has done for us.

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



Modern High Cross marking the Spot where St. John Paul II Celebrated Mass when visiting Knock in 1979.



Mural and main chapel of the Shrine, elevated to the status of Basilica by St. John Paul II during his 1979 visit.

Mark Your Calendars

Commodore Barry Day

September 13th
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Fall State Board Meeting

October 15th
Tara Hall, Columbus OH

2023 State Convention

June 22 - 23
Cincinnati OH

2024 AOH National Convention

Orlando FL

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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 8/22/2022, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 157,319 individuals.

VA-Tracked Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 29,551; 960 Deaths; Active Cases: 500

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

2) Passage of the SFC Heath Robinson PACT Act of 2022:

In the last month Congress passed and President Biden signed the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022. The PACT Act is named after an Ohio Army National Guard Soldier, SFC Heath Robinson, who died in 2020 following prolonged suffering from several conditions caused by exposure to toxic particles from military burn pits in Iraq. The military and VA failed to address SFC Robinson's conditions that baffled the civilian healthcare system here in Ohio. The PACT Act seeks to put screenings and care systems in place for veterans of wars from the Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and Post-9/11 eras. Briefly, the PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps VA improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

The VA has established a website to help guide individuals in accessing the services and benefits provided by the PACT Act:

<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

More information on the story of SFC Heath Robinson, and his widow, Danielle, can be found here:

<https://warfighter2021.com/elementor-601/>

3) Columbus VA Announces New Director for Central Ohio VA Healthcare System:

On July 1, the Columbus VA announced the appointment of Dr. Marc Cooperman as the permanent Director for the VA Healthcare System in Central Ohio. Dr. Cooperman comes to the VA from The Ohio State University where he was a trauma surgeon at OSU East Hospital and he also had a private surgical practice, along with being a surgical consultant for the Columbus VA.

<https://www.va.gov/central-ohio-health-care/news-releases/director-named-for-columbus-va/>

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 Shamrock Special



The new aircraft was given the serial number B-17F-60-BO, 42-29591, LL-Z. It was one of thirteen thousand B-17 Flying Fortress bombers built by the Boeing Company during World War II. It was delivered to the US Army Air Corps in January 1943.

In April 1943 it was flown to the US 336th Bomb Squadron, 95th Bomb Group (BG) at Alconbury, England. After flying two combat missions the plane was reassigned to the US 401st Bomb Squadron, 91st Bomb Group at Bassingbourn, England in June 1943 where it was placed under the care of maintenance Crew Chief, Master Sergeant Jack Paul Gaffney from California.

It was common practice during World War II for a B-17 bomber to be given a name. The most famous B-17 of the war was the *Memphis Belle*, the first bomber to complete 25 combat missions. The name was usually painted on the nose of the plane along with some appropriate artwork. The artwork was not always politically correct by today's standards as it often included popular pin-up girls.

The Air Corps commanders viewed the nose art as a morale booster for the flight crews. A member of the aircraft maintenance crew often did the actual artwork on the planes. There were several famous B-17 artists in World War II. One of these was Master Sergeant Jack Gaffney.

Gaffney decided that the aircraft needed a better name than the one it arrived with, *Easy Aces*. He picked the name *The Shamrock Special* as a tribute to his Irish stepfather and painted the name on the left side of the nose. On each side of the nose Gaffney painted a different pin-up girl. In addition, Gaffney painted a third girl on the tail of the aircraft with the instructions "Call Hollywood-337" (Gaffney used the last three digits of his California phone number). *The Shamrock Special* was unique as the only aircraft in the war to carry three different pieces of artwork.

But, *The Shamrock Special* was not a work of art; it was a combat aircraft. Its job was to deliver 16,000 pounds of bombs to targets in Europe and return its 10-man flight crew safely to England. On every mission the flight crews faced danger from enemy fighters and murderous anti-aircraft fire. There were 4,750 B-17s shot down during the war or a loss rate of 37%. The average life expectancy of a B-17 in late 1943 was 11 missions.

In October 1943, on its 14th mission, it had to return due to mechanical problems. A few days later, crew Chief Gaffney was working inside *The Shamrock Special* as it was parked outside the repair hanger. Gaffney heard a "voice" suggesting it was time to go have a smoke. Just as he exited the plane *The Shamrock Special* was struck in the tail section by a damaged B-17 that landed without brakes. Gaffney escaped injury, but *The Shamrock Special* suffered severe damage. The colliding plane's propeller had destroyed most of the tail section of the aircraft along with Gaffney's Hollywood girl artwork. Gaffney had exited the plane just in time.

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Repairs to *The Shamrock Special* involved replacing the entire tail section with the tail section from a B-17 that had its front end destroyed. This type of major repair was not uncommon for a B-17, a tribute to American engineering.

Gaffney did not replace his Hollywood girl artwork on the tail of *The Shamrock Special*, leaving the two ladies on the nose to carry on the war effort. On December 30, 1943 the repaired aircraft was returned to combat duty. *The Shamrock Special* seemed to enjoy the "luck of the Irish" on its combat missions as it successfully flew a total of 27 combat missions without the loss of a crew member. There were several crew members that were seriously wounded and the plane continued to receive damage from fighters and anti-aircraft fire, but the fact that no crew member was reported killed was a remarkable service record.

On July 14, 1944, Jack Gaffney received the Bronze Star for his maintenance work. Gaffney said, "All I could think of was here you are, entrusted with a \$300,000 bomber, so you had better take good care of it and those who fly it." After leaving the service, Jack worked in the grocery business in California for 41 years, and retired to focus on his artwork. Jack Gaffney passed away on July 17, 2011 at his home in Palm Desert, California at the age of 92.

After completing its last combat mission in April 1944, *The Shamrock Special* was transferred to Air Force Service Command where it was used for transportation. On November 13, 1945 it made its last flight to Kingman Army Airfield in Arizona. There the once proud war bird was cut up and sold for scrap.

Master Sergeant Jack Gaffney created "nose art" for seven different 91st BG Fortresses. He painted the nose art for "Invasion II" (42-5070), "The Bad Egg" (41-24484), "The Sky Wolf" (41-24527), "The Shamrock Special" (42-29591), "Destiny's Child" (42-31812), "Los Angeles City Limits" (42-107018), and "Sunkist Sue" (44-6293).

Currently, there are 40 surviving B-17 bombers located in the United States. Nine B-17 planes are still airworthy. The famous B-17 *Memphis Belle* has been fully restored and is on display at the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

State Organizer's Report

Well, the *Festival Season* is coming to a close and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the various functions. We are now getting into "*Halfway to St. Patrick's Day*" parties and get-togethers. Don't forget to continue to look for new members when you attend the various functions and, if you are hosting a party, try reaching out to those Hibernian brothers who may have fallen away and are no longer active. Retention is as important as recruitment. We need active members and want to keep them involved.

After our National Convention in Pittsburgh in July, our worthy President appointed Ryan Curry, current Georgia State Board President, as the new National Organizer. You may start to get information from him in the near future, concerning recruitment and retention, as well.

As I mention often, 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".

Joe Casey, Deputy National Organizer, State of Ohio Organizer

Commodore John Barry



Article XXIII of the AOH National Constitution states, in part, that **Commodore John Barry Day, September 13th is a National Holiday of the Order** and it shall be celebrated in an appropriate manner. The John Barry Medal is presented by Hibernians throughout the United States to commemorate outstanding academic, cultural and civic achievement.

John Barry was born in Tachumshain, County Wexford, Ireland in 1745 and immigrated to Philadelphia at the age of fifteen. Barry found employment with a shipping firm where he prospered and became Master of several merchant vessels.

At the outbreak of the American Revolution, Barry was made Captain of the ship “Lexington” by the Continental Congress and on April 7, 1776, captured the British sloop “Edward”, the first war prize taken by the Americans. On December 24, 1776, his ragtag fleet unable to reach open water, Barry left his ships, recruited a company of volunteers, rushed to the aid of General Washington on the banks of the Delaware River and participated in the Trenton and Princeton victories.

In the fall of 1777, with Philadelphia in the grip of the enemy and American hopes at their lowest, the British General, Lord Howe, tried to entice Barry to desert General Washington. Barry replied, “Not the value and command of the whole British fleet can lure me from the cause of my country.” During the course of the American Revolution, Barry boldly and skillfully engaged and captured many British vessels and was wounded.

In 1781, the Catholic citizens of France sent to the American patriots the sum of six million dollars. The safe transport of that vital gift was entrusted to John Barry aboard his ship “Resolute”. That money, clothing and munitions enabled General Washington to sustain his army and assemble his forces at Yorktown where, with the aid of the French fleet, he defeated Cornwallis.

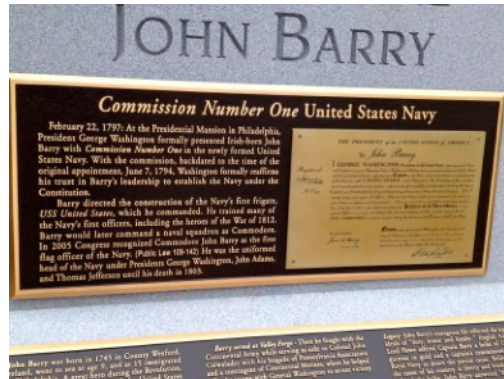
On March 10, 1783, Barry, aboard the “Alliance” won the last sea battle of the American Revolution when, while escorting a shipment of funds vital to the new nation, he engaged and avoided capture by the British ship “Sybille”.

When recalcitrant members of the Pennsylvania Assembly shirked their duty to consider and vote on adoption of the Constitution, Barry led a group, called “the Compellers”, who dragged the delegates to the State House and thrust them into the Chambers as the assembled citizenry cheered.

On June 14, 1794, President Washington appointed John Barry Commanding Officer of the United States Navy with Commission Number One.

On September 13, 1803, at his home on Strawberry Hill, Philadelphia, Barry died after a long illness. He is buried at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Philadelphia. By Joint Resolution, approved August 20, 1981, the U.S. Congress designated September 13, the anniversary of his death, “Commodore John Barry Day” as a tribute to the “father of the United States Navy”. By Joint Resolution, approved in December 2005, Commodore John Barry has been recognized as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.

Monuments honoring John Barry have been raised in Philadelphia, Washington D.C., New York, Boston, County Wexford, Ireland. On May 10, 2014, the Barry Gate and the Barry Monument were dedicated at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.



AOH Divisions



This was originally from the St. Charles, MO, Fr. Donnelly Division. What a great statement!

My division is composed of men like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its seats will be filled, if I help fill them. We can do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. We can make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver of my time and talent. My division will be filled with my family and friends, if I invite and bring them. It is a division of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my division to be. Amen

AOH Opportunity

Just a thought, have you ever wondered what the Apostles must have felt after being sent out by our Lord to cure the sick? For me? It would be amazing, indeed. How cool would that be?

Would you like to give it a try? Really? Well there is a way. We are told by our Lord to give of ourselves. I remember Sister Mary Owen telling the class that "He really means this!". And so He does.

The blood level for hospitals is dangerously low. Who can change this problem? You and I. How!?! Of course, there is an app for that! All one needs to do is:

- (1) Download the Blood Donor app. (**American Red Cross**).
- (2) Register.
- (3) Set up an appointment, time and date. They are everywhere and at all times.
- (4) Then go and give of yourself to those who are in need.

But Wait!!! There's More.....

On that app, on the lower right touch the **impact** icon. Touch the my team on the top. From there, one can join the : **Ohio Ancient Order of Hibernians**, just by typing it in and hitting join. It is already set up for all to join. Really. It is just that and easy. One can donate blood, platelets and more. Not on a special date, but when you can donate. If one needs help, I can do that for you. Just contact me at wildirishjoe@icloud.com. Not very hard and imagine what good it will do? So far we have four (4) members who have impacted over 200 lives!!! Everything for those who are in need. Catholic Irish Charity rings a bell?

Joseph A. Gill, Vice President, Irish Brigade Div.#1, Medina Co.

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Finding A Lost Window

J. Michael Finn, State Historian

In 2003 I received a letter from Brother Michael Carlyle, B.G.S., a Brother of the Good Shepherd, then serving in Arizona. Brother Carlyle had been the director of Mt. Aloysius Home for the developmentally disabled in New Lexington, Ohio, then owned by the Brothers of Good Shepherd. It had formerly been the location of St. Aloysius Academy owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity.

Brother Carlyle had seen an article in the news regarding our nationwide search for stained glass windows donated by the AOH. He wrote to advise me that a Hibernian donated window of St. Patrick was once located in the chapel of St. Aloysius Academy and that he had purchased it and three other windows from the Franciscan Sisters before the chapel and school were demolished in 1985. He noted that the windows were in Columbus and were being stored by Franklin Art Glass in German Village.

Franklin Art Glass said they had turned the windows over to the Diocese of Columbus when they were no longer able to store them. To make a long story short, since that time I have been looking for the AOH window, without much success. There was a rumor that the St. Patrick's window had been sold. This proved to be incorrect.

Fast forward to March 20, 2022. The Catholic Record Society held its quarterly meeting at the new Museum of Catholic Art and History (formerly the Jubilee Museum). Its Executive Director Shawn Kenney spoke and gave a tour of the new museum. I made a point to speak to Shawn about the missing window. He said, "Sure, we have it. I'll give it to you." Thus, a piece of our lost AOH history has been found. Currently, we are making arrangement to bring the window to Tara Hall in Columbus, where it can be preserved and admired. Brother Michael Carlyle, B.G.S. passed away in 2008.



Brothers,

The lost Hibernian widow is finally at Tara Hall. I was able to pick it up and deliver it to the hall on Saturday. Thanks to brother Shawn Kelly for his generous donation. And thank you to Mike Finn for all his work on locating this great work of art. The picture shows only the upper half of the window.

Ken Stebleton, President, Patrick Pearse Division

Catholic Action

The month of September is still part of Ordinary Time, with green being the liturgical vestment color.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

Sept. 3	Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor, Memorial
Sept. 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast
Sept. 9	Peter Claver, Memorial
Sept. 13	John Chrysostom, Memorial
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast
Sept. 16	Cornelius, Pope and Martyr; Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
Sept. 20	Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
Sept. 21	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast
Sept. 23	Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Memorial
Sept. 27	Vincent de Paul, Memorial
Sept. 29	Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Feast
Sept. 30	Jerome, Priest and Doctor, Memorial

IRISH SAINTS OF SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 **Fiacre** (d.c. 670)

Fiacre was an Irishman who went to France in search of a place of solitude. The bishop of Meaux gave him a tract of land at Breuil, where he lived as a solitary for a time. Eventually, he built a hospice for travelers there, attracted many disciples, ministered to the poor, and dealt out spiritual advice. A number of cures are attributed to his intercession, including some on behalf of the royal family of France. He is the patron saint of Paris cabbies (*fiacres*). Fiacre is also the patron saint of gardeners.

Sept. 3 **Macinisius, Bishop** (d.514)

Macinisius (or Aengus MacNisse) was, according to legend, baptized by St. Patrick, and later consecrated bishop by him as well. He may have journeyed to the Holy Land and spent time at Rome. He founded a church and monastery at Kells--later considered the first bishopric of Connor. Stories of very extravagant miracles surround him.

Sept. 4 **Ultan, Bishop** (d.657)

Probably bishop of Ardbraccan, he was a learned evangelizer, also known for his ministrations to the poor, sick, and orphaned. Reputedly, he collected the writings of St. Brigid and wrote the life of Brigid known as "the third life," and supplied St. Tirechan with his materials for his annotations on the life of St. Patrick found in the Book of Armagh. The existence of more than one saintly Ultan has resulted in confusion.

Sept. 9 **Ciaran, Abbot** (d.c. 556)

One of a number of sainted Ciarans, this man is known as Ciaran the Younger. His name is also spelled "Kieran." Many fanciful stories are told of him. We do know that he studied at St. Finnian's school at Clonard, and tutored the daughter of King Cuala. He is one of the so-called Twelve Apostles of Ireland. After some wanderings, he founded the famous abbey at Clonmacnois on the Shannon in County Offaly, a renowned center of Irish learning.

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Sept. 23 **Adamnan, Abbot** (c. 624-704)

Adamnan was born in Donegal, becoming a monk there and later lived at Iona, where he became the ninth abbot in 679. Adamnan had close ties to the royal family of Northumbria, having sheltered the heir to the throne from a usurper. He later used this connection to secure the ransom of Irish prisoners of war. The English monastic writer Bede recalled that as a teenager he met Adamnan during a visit Adamnan made to Wearmouth and Jarrow. Adamnan was instrumental in bringing about the agreement of the Irish church to adopt the Easter calendar usage of the Roman church, bringing it into line with most of Europe, though his own community of Iona resisted. Bede noted Adamnan's reputation as a brilliant scholar of Scripture. He was an advocate of the protection of women and children from the ravages of war, wrote an important biography of Columba, and also composed a travelogue of the East, based upon the account of a Frankish bishop who was shipwrecked near Iona on his way home from Jerusalem.

Sept. 25 **Finbar, Bishop** (d.c. 633)

Reputedly the illegitimate son of a Connaught master smith and a royal female, and baptized Lochan, he was sent to Kilkenny to be educated. It was from the monks there that he received the name by which he is known, Finbar (*Fionnbharr*), Whithead, due to his fair hair. He made at least two trips to Rome, on one of which he visited St. David in Wales on his way home. He may have preached in Scotland, as well as southern Ireland, lived as a hermit for several years, and ultimately founded a monastery which grew into the city of Cork. He was its first bishop.

Sept. 10 **Finnian of Moville, Bishop** (d.c.579)

An Ulsterman possibly of royal blood, he studied at several monastic schools before crossing to the land of the Scots and becoming a monk at Whitern in Strathclyde. It would be interesting to know more about one of the stories told of him: that he was forced to leave Whitern, due to the fallout from a prank which he played on a Pictish princess who was enamored of him. He went to Rome and was ordained there. Upon returning to Ireland, he founded a monastery at Moville, where St. Columba was one of his disciples. There is a story that the two fell into a dispute about a copy which Columba made of a manuscript of St. Jerome's psalter. The dispute received royal mediation, resulting in a victory for Finnian. Finnian is credited with founding, at some point, the monastery at Holywood in Scotland.

STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Since the *Dobbs* decision by the Supreme Court returning the abortion question to the states, some pro-abortion forces have been resorting to violence against pro-life targets. There is also an extensive disinformation campaign, disturbingly enough, sometimes engaged in by medical administrators or providers. There is an attempt to claim that somehow the decision calls into question standard medical treatment for ectopic pregnancies and miscarriages. This argument was actually raised in the dissenting minority opinion of Justice Stephen Breyer, in the *Dobbs* case. We need to be well-informed and willing to speak up.

A number of religious and pro-First Amendment groups, including the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, have expressed concern with the "Respect for Marriage" bill, which passed the House of Representatives July 19 and is now on the Senate agenda. The legislation is intended to enshrine in national law and practice the *Obergefell* ruling of the Supreme Court with regard to the right to gay marriage. The Catholic bishops and others have pointed out the dangers for those who subscribe to a traditional idea of marriage, including the possibility that non-compliant 501(c)(3)'s would lose their tax-exempt status.

Do you have news of your division to report? Please send for inclusion in this report.

Faternally Yours, Patrick J. Lally, lally8404@hotmail.com, 330-792-7135

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)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI	PHONE (include area code)
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
CURRENT LICENSE PLATE #	OHIO DL OR ID CARD #	SIGNATURE X	
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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

OHIO AOH PROLIFE BULLETIN

September & October

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Father Frank Pavone when asked about the attacks on Churches, and Pro life clinic ,...it is because the abortion clinic is their church, the "right to abortion" is their dogma, and the abortion itself is their sacrament. So in their view, if we attack their religion, they attack ours.

DID YOU KNOW?

- At 18 days a baby;s heart begins to beat.
- At 43 days the brain coordinates movements.
- At 8 weeks all organs are functioning.
- At 9weeks individual fingerprints become permanent.
- At 10 weeks a sense of touch such as comfort or pain can be felt.
- At 12 weeks a baby can smile, suck their thumb and make a fist.

PROLIFE IN OHIO

The Ohio Heartbeat bill is now law. No baby maybe aborted after a heart beat is detected (around 20 weeks). The Human Life Protection Act, Senate Bill 123 and House Bill 598 is still pending action when the legislature reconvenes in the Fall. Some of the current language in both of these bills needs to be refined and redefined as the bill is a TRIGGER BAN bill and contains language which would have prohibited nearly all abortions when the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade. Please contact your state representative and state senator affirming your support for a revised bill this session. And please support the pro life candidates in your legislative district this coming November.

LIFE LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION

If unborn children are alive, and they are,they must be treated like other living persons under the law, to the extent practically possible. Equality under the law includes, first and foremost, protection from being deliberately killed. There are no separate categories of human beings based on gestational age or geographical location. It is incoherent that a living human being would be worthy of protection in one state and treated as nothing more than medical waste in another.

POST ROE v WADE

As we move forward here in Ohio it is time to expand our PRO LIFE energies. The AOH PRO LIFE agenda has always embraced a wider umbrella than anti abortion. AOH, PRO LIFE has always been for the protection of all human life from natural conception to natural death. While not abandoning this core principle of what we stand for it is time to redirect some of our effort to a broader protection of PRO LIFE and begin to focus especially on the needs of new born and infants.In particular the new born and infants of single mothers and families are struggling financially to provide diapers, food, medicine, etc. for their new baby. Currently there are over 124 non profit organizations in Ohio providing free or almost free care to mothers during their pregnancy and after. With assistance from Ohio RIGHT TO LIFE I have a list by city and county of these groups. In Cuyahoga County there are 9, Franklin County 11, Hamilton County 6, Jefferson County 1, Lucas County 3, Mahoning County 2, Medina County 3, Montgomery County 4,Stark 1. Summit 3, Trumbull 1 and Washington 0. Please contact me at ruthannanddavid@gmail.com for the name. address and phone number in your county.

I am asking that each of our Ohio divisions partner up with 1 of these group to offer money and volunteer help. This will provide the opportunity to fulfill your division's, Catholic Action, Mission & Charities and Pro Life committees commitment to our christian charity, as well as help raise the awareness of your division.

Respectfully submitted by David Manley AOH Ohio State Pro Life