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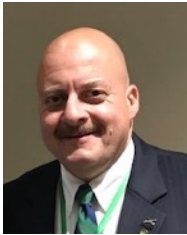
Ohio State Board

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President's Message



Brothers All,

As we roll from Summer to Fall, remember that we have a busy schedule, and lots to work to do: recruiting-recruiting-recruiting, Division and board meetings, and importantly, the upcoming

President's Testimonial Dinner and MacBride Awards, in Youngstown, in October. See you at many, if not all, these events!

Recruiting and Retention: Be positive, be engaged, and be excited about who and what we are. It's hard to get others excited about our organization unless they see our passion and love. Remember those bottles of Redbreast 12. Get out there and win one of those bottles!

Around the State this past month:

- I had the privilege of attending **Lucas County's Annual AOH Picnic** at the Matt & Tricia Cassidy's lovely riverfront property. A great time was had by all, and I'm grateful for the invite and the hospitality. Thank you!
- I had the privilege of attending **Fr Brett Garland's Installation Mass** as the new Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Delaware, north of Columbus. He's an AOH member, as is his brother. Thanks to our Franklin County Brothers for the invite and your hospitality.

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Chaplain's's Comments



Throughout the writings of the prophets in the Old Testament, we are confronted with one crisis after another. In fact, God sent the prophets to his people not when everything was going well but when everything seemed to be going wrong. Their mission, in prophesying to Israel, was to remind them of their covenant with

God and remind them, also, in the midst of their suffering, in the midst of their straying away from him, that if only they would allow God to do so, God would be their strength. When all seemed lost, God would be their consolation. When the future seemed to be lost, God himself would be their future. We read in the thirty fifth chapter of Isaiah, which is the first reading for the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary time of cycle B, for example, that the prophet exhorts the people not to give up but to continue trusting that God loves them, that God will never abandon them, no matter how hopeless their future might seem.

Isaiah's message is one we need to take to heart even several thousand years later. As I write this, it is less than two weeks until we observe the twentieth anniversary of the attacks on our nation on September 11. The recent events in Kabul reminds us of just how little has changed, of just how fragile is peace, of just how precious is human life, and just how uncertain the future is for our nation and our world. And yet, in the face of a future filled with uncertainty we are invited to be strong in our faith. In spite of the temptation to give in, even to give up on our faith, to look at all that is wrong with the world, all that is wrong in our church leadership, all that is messed up even in our own lives, we are still called to be a people of hope—a people who place their faith in a God whose love is unconditional. We are called to place our faith in a God who shares in our suffering, who grieves with us when we are grieving, but who still calls us to greatness, even in our weakness. We are called, even in this weakness, to be strong—not so that we can exert power over others or silence them, not so that we can give witness to our own greatness, but so that we can give witness to God's greatness and the healing power of God's love.

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President's Message, cont.

- I had the privilege of traveling to Canton to **present the newly-elected officers of the newly-formed Stark County Division #1 with their new medallions of office**, a gift to the new Division from the Ohio State Board. Thanks to Father Keehner for blessing the medals, and for his words of wisdom. Thanks also to Worthy Past State President and Organizer Joe Casey for assisting me with the presentation.
- I'll also be attending **Medina County's September Division meeting**.

Where and when you deem appropriate, I'll be glad and grateful to attend your meetings and events, too. Please feel free to send invites, and you can bet I'll attend if at all possible.

As always, thank you for your commitment, passion, and leadership. God Bless you all, God Bless Ireland, and God Bless our great Nation.

Slan, Bob



Chaplain's's Comments, cont.

But this can certainly seem a daunting task. Our Gospel reminds us, however, that while Jesus preached to the crowds and fed the multitudes, he also made a difference in the lives of individual men and women. He made a difference in the lives of those who were weak with illness, in the lives of those who were isolated from the world around them because they were blind or deaf. Yes, He still went out and spoke to the crowds. But he also spoke to individuals—to ordinary men, women and children like you and me. Because Jesus touched their lives, they were able to look to the future not with fear but with a hope that gave them strength—strength to pick up their mats and walk—strength to hear God's word when they had only before heard silence—strength to see God's glory where there had once only been darkness—strength to place their faith in a God who had touched them in a real and concrete way through the words and actions of Jesus.

As Hibernians, we are in a unique position to touch lives and to foster hope in concrete ways. Through our Christmas Charities, we have a singular opportunity to work for peace in communities in Northern Ireland that have been devastated by strife. Through our Project Saint Patrick, we can support

vocations to the priesthood and religious life—supporting men and women who are willing to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as priests, brothers and sisters. Through our local hunger initiatives, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those who worry where they will find their next meal. Through our political advocacy, we have the opportunity to speak out on behalf of the voiceless by giving witness to the sanctity of every human life, of working to shine the light of truth on the darkness of government corruption and sectarian violence, not for the purpose of pointing fingers but of working to make sure that it never happens again. As Christians, we are called to be a people of hope, people who are strong in the face of adversity because of our relationship with Jesus Christ. As Hibernians, we are called to do the same—to learn from our relationship with Jesus Christ what it means to work together in friendship, unity and Christian Charity to build a better world which respects life, which fosters peace and which works to serve those who are most in need.

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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

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

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.



State Historian's Report

The Soldier's Song – The Irish National Anthem

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian



The text of *The Soldier's Song* consisting of three stanzas and a chorus was written around 1907 by Peadar Kearney with music by his childhood friend Patrick Heeney.

The song was originally written in the English language. The original English text of *The Soldier's Song* was first published in Bulmer Hobson's *Irish Freedom* newspaper in 1912. Liam O'Rinn (1886-1943) was responsible for the translation into Irish in late 1916 and it was published in the Army magazine, *An tÓglach*, on November 3, 1923.

Peadar Kearney (pictured here) was born in Dublin in 1883. He was educated at the Model School and St Joseph's Christian Brothers School in Dublin. He left school at the age of 14 to become an apprentice house painter. He was the uncle of Irish writers Brendan and Dominic Behan.

Kearney was a member of the Gaelic League, where he was a teacher of Irish. In 1913 Kearney was also a co-founder of the Irish Volunteers. He took part in both the Howth and Kilcoole gun-runnings in 1914. In the Easter Rising of 1916 Kearney fought at Jacob's biscuit factory serving under Thomas MacDonagh.

In the Irish Language the correct official title is *Amhrán na bhFiann*. In Ireland, the song is always sung in the Irish language, even by those who know very little of the language. In fact, many Irish citizens are not aware of the words to the English version of the song.

What is now the official musical arrangement was done in New York City by composer Victor Herbert (Herbert was born in Ireland). Herbert's arrangement was used as a fund raiser for the Gaelic League in Ireland.

Unlike many other Irish songs, *The Soldier's Song* it is not about any one historical event. Kearney claims he wrote it, "In order to impress on Irishmen that they did not have to join the British Army to be soldiers." That is likely the best interpretation of the song. The British Army was actively recruiting in Ireland throughout the early 1900s. Sadly, many Irish recruits died as cannon fodder for the British in the trenches of World War I.

The song was adopted as the formal marching song of the Irish Volunteers just prior to the 1916 Easter Rising. It was sung quite often in the General Post Office during the Rising and in Frongoch Internment Camp in Wales following the Rising. Legend has it that during Easter Week, after a rousing rendition of the song in the GPO, someone shouted, "After we get the Republic, that should be our National Anthem."

It was adopted officially as the National Anthem in July 1926 by the Irish Free State government. A section of the National Anthem (consisting of the first four bars followed by the last five) is also used as the Presidential Salute.

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The most frequently asked question about the English version of the song is – What is the Bhearna Bhaoil? This is an Irish phrase meaning *Gap of Danger*. It refers to a battle during the 1798 Rising when John Kelly (The Boy from Killan) led a charge against Bewley Gate during the siege of New Ross in County Wexford. The carnage at the gate was so great that the place where the battle was fought was known as *An Bhearna Bhaoil* or the Gap of Danger. When the song was translated into English it was decided that in order to properly commemorate that battle, its title would remain in the Irish language.

Although he escaped capture by the British after the 1916 Rising, Peadar Kearney was arrested and interned in 1920 for his republican activities. He was released in 1921 after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. He served on the Free State side during the Irish Civil War, as he was a good friend and supporter of Michael Collins.

After the war Kearney returned to work as a house painter. He died in relative poverty at his home in Dublin in November 24, 1942. Sadly, Kearney, Heeney or O'Rinn never received any royalties for what became the Irish National Anthem.

The Mass in a Connemara Cabin

The Mass in a Connemara Cabin, a work believed to have been lost, hung for a century in the presbytery of St. Patrick's Church in Edinburgh. Painted in the year 1883, the Irish artist Aloysius O'Kelly created this scene of the domestic Irish celebrating their faith during times of repression.

The piece features a crowd forced into a small cabin to celebrate mass in secrecy during a time of Catholic suppression. Amidst the ordinary tools of everyday life - a butter churn, pots, dishes, a kitchen table - young girls, working men, and housewives kneel in reverence while a young priest reveals Christ in the Eucharist to them during the celebration of the Mass. This gathering highlights how the celebration of the Mass forged the social bonds and heritage of the Irish people when their faith and culture was repressed, along with the closeness of the community with the priest. The original oil on canvas painting - although lost for about 100 years - now hangs in the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin.



State Organizer's Report

Our worthy State President, Bob Harper visited the new division in Stark County on Monday, August 16th to attend the opening of their monthly meeting and to present the newly installed officers with their medallions, a gift from the State Board. He congratulated the entire division on forming and hoped they would try to attend some of the future State Board meetings to learn more about the business of the Hibernians in Ohio. They will go by the name **St. Colmcille Division #1, Stark County, Ohio:**

Joe Casey, State Organizer, National Deputy Organizer



Back row, left to right are: State President Bob Harper, Tom Fickes - Division President, Bill Keenan - Division Financial Secretary, Tom Wolf - Division Treasurer, Joe Casey - State Organizer and Fr. John Keehner - State & National Chaplain. Kneeling in front are Joe Harrison - Division Vice-President and Erik Keenan - Division Recording Secretary.

Ohio AOH Veterans Affairs

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

Brothers – As of 8/24/2021, the VA in Ohio has completed vaccinations for 122,333 individuals. More details can be found at this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

The VA is tracking a *significant uptick* in Active Cases among VHA-enrolled veterans in Ohio. Please continue to check-in with your local VA facility to see if there are impacts on their operations prior to your appointments: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=OH&dnum=ALL>

VA-Tracked* Cumulative Cases in Ohio: 12,125; 536 Deaths; Active Cases: 327

2) 9/11 First Responder & Veteran Commemoration – Medici Museum of Art, Warren, OH:

The Medici Museum of Art, 9350 East Market Street, Warren, Ohio is hosting a community engagement event on 9/11/21 with the morning set aside for the remembrance of the 2,977 people who lost their lives during the horrific attacks on 9/11, including 412 first responders. A solemn ceremony will be streamed from the NYC 9/11 Museum for local viewing. The afternoon is filled with exhibits and events recognizing the valor of the first responders and the American spirit during the recovery following the attacks and include various works of art from 9/11 survivors and local artists' response to 9/11, a live stream of art from the NYC 9/11 museum, the gear of a NYC firefighter's who responded to the 9/11 attacks, and local schools will also be provided with activities focusing on 9/11 for our local school districts. There will be vendors for public programming including art therapy for those suffering from PTSD, art classes, music in the gallery, yoga on the lawn, and other community-centric activities being introduced, and incorporated throughout the year as part of Medici Museum of Art's programming. The event will be closed out with a free concert on the front lawn of the museum by country artist Ricky Lee starting at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds/donations will go toward public programming for a yearlong wellness series (art classes, art therapy, music in the gallery, yoga on the lawn, etc) for those suffering from PTSD, veterans, military, and first responders.

More information can be found at the Medici Museum website: <https://www.medicimuseum.art/>

3) Afghanistan and Post 9-11 Veterans:

Brothers, below is a message I shared with AOH members that participate in the AOH National Board Veterans Affairs Committee on August 17th:

The extraordinary events and images from Afghanistan have been deeply troubling and disappointing to so many veterans of the American and Allied Armed Forces. For twenty years, millions of men and women have honorably served in support of our defense in Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, and numerous places around the globe, having been inspired by the service and sacrifice exemplified during the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

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Every individual will approach these events informed by their own experiences and perspectives and it is not for any of us to tell any other individual how they should feel about what has transpired. That said, if we feel able, it is worthwhile to make ourselves available to support those brothers and sisters for whom these events have prompted feelings of uncertainty, doubt, sadness, or anger. Perhaps you know someone who served in the military, diplomatic corps, or a non-profit that operated in Afghanistan itself, for whom these events have caused them to wonder if their efforts were in vain. Perhaps you know a Gold Star family or individuals who lost friends and family in service in Afghanistan, and they are having difficulty reconciling that sacrifice with the tragic scenes on television and the internet. Perhaps you know veterans of earlier conflicts, such as Vietnam, for whom the images from Kabul have drawn understandable comparisons with the traumatic end of the US-allied government in Saigon, along with all the trauma the events of that era inflicted on our returning veterans.

While we cannot control these events, we can control our response to them. I think it is useful to find ways to help our communities locally and I encourage you to do the same. Veterans organizations around the country are encouraging their members to conduct “buddy checks” with comrades-at-arms and their families, similarly to what I described above, just to touch base and maintain those ties that are so critical to the well-being of our veteran and military community. In the midst of efforts to evacuate the thousands of Afghans that have served alongside our troops at great risk to their lives and those of their families, we can support local organizations that are working around the clock with elements of the US Government to resettle and support Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) recipients safely in the United States. For my part, I have made a donation to a local refugee support organization here in Central Ohio and am working to help them connect with the veteran community in Columbus.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been proactive in promoting information specifically aimed at supporting Afghanistan veterans during this time. More information can be found at this website: <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92631/afghanistan-how-veterans-can-reconcile-service/>

The US Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement maintains an interactive map website that can help you identify organizations that may be working to help resettle Afghan SIV recipients in your region. That resource can be found here: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/map/find-resources-and-contacts-your-state>

Thank you all for your support for our veteran and military community.

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 at the federal, state, and local level in Ohio as well as the National AOH site at www.aoh.com/veterans-affairs for information about benefits and other services around the country.

Danny Eakins

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Catholic Action

Greetings to All Hibernians:

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. 13	John Chrysostom, Memorial
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast
Sept. 16	Cornelius, Pope and Martyr; Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr, 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. 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. Finian'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. 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.

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

Adamnan was born in Donegal, becoming a monk there and later 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. 26 Colman of Lann Elo, Abbot (c. 555-611)

There are a number of sainted Colmans. This Colman was a native of Tyrone, a nephew and protege of St. Columba. About 590, he built a monastery in Offaly called Lann Elo (Lynally).

STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

It has been a slow month on the state front. The state legislature is not currently in session. Do you have news of your division to report? Please send for inclusion in this report.

Faternally Yours,

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From the Desk of National President Danny O’Connell

Brothers and Friends,

By now everyone should be aware of the congressional sign on letter created by Congressmen Brendan Boyle and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick. This bipartisan effort calls on the British government to honor it's commitment to the Stormont House Agreement. This letter is about the concern you and I have over the new legacy proposals that would lead to major setbacks in the search for justice and reconciliation.

Please take a moment today to contact your US congressional representative and get them to sign on to this letter. This is a Republican issue, this is a Democrat issue, this is an Independent issue and most importantly, this is an American issue. The British government holds our special relationship dear to their heart. It is not unrealistic that we would ask them to hold to their international agreements. On December 23, 2014 the British government signed onto the Stormont House Agreement.

It took over five years for the U.K. government to event pledge to introduce Parliamentary legislation to set up the legacy bodies they agreed to. Now today, the British Parliament plans to introduce legislation that would unilaterally Modify the Stormont House Agreement. It is unacceptable for the U.S. to continue a special relationship with a government the refuses to honor their agreement.

The congressional sign-on can be found and downloaded at:

[Boyle Fitzpatrick Sign-On Letter](#)

The Draft letter that you can send to your U.S. Congressional Representative can be found and downloaded at:

[Congressional Sign-On request](#)

Please take the time to edit the sign on request with your member of congress name and your personal details. Sent this today along with the sign on letter to your member of congress. We need to have your Congressperson as a sign on to this critical effort immediately.

Please contact:

[Neil Cosgrove](#) or [Martin Galvin](#), for assistance with your request.

The time is now! Please act today.

God Bless,

Danny O'Connell

National President

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Inc.





**2021 AOH National President's Testimonial
and the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award Weekend.**

You are invited to participate in the 2021 AOH National President's Testimonial and the Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award Weekend. Celebrate the success of President O'Connell's leadership through COVID-19. Seats are limited so please let us know if you plan to attend.

Rooms are available at the Youngstown Doubletree for \$120 + Tax.

Book your room today using the following link: <https://group.doubletree.com/AOH>

Please email me today if you plan to attend. pharmrep7956@aol.com We will reserve your seat immediately.

Events Include:

Friday October 15 Cocktail Reception – Open Bar – DeBartolo Stadium Club– 5-30PM Music by County Mayo

- *Irish Egg Rolls filled with Corned Beef, Whipped Potatoes and Scallions paired with our Horseradish Dipping Sauce *Mini Shepard's Pie
- *Domestic Cheese Display paired with Grapes and Butter Crackers
- *Crisp Vegetable Crudit  paired with Dipping Sauces
- *Stuffed Redskins with Double Smoked Bacon and Melted Cojack Cheese
- *Open Face Reuben on our Classic Rye Bread
- *Pork Rollentine

Saturday October 16 –

Mass at St Columba Cathedral – 4:00 PM

**Dinner Event – Open Bar – Tyler History Museum - 5:30PM Dinner 6:30
Presentations 7:45**

Music by County Mayo

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2021 AOH National President’s Testimonial, cont.

Saturday October 16 –

Appetizer Presentation

- *Mini Crab cakes paired with our Dijon Remoulade
- *Seared Day Boat Scallops resting on a Delicate Lemon Cream Sauce
- *Filet Gorgonzola: Medallions of Filet wrapped around Gorgonzola Cheese and Sautéed in a Madeira Wine Sauce
- *Shrimp Galloway
- *Large Oven Roasted Tomato and Melted Cheese Tart with Toasted Pine nuts

Dinner Buffet

- *Roasted Chilled Pumpkin, Tuscan Kale and Butter Lettuces tossed with Toasted Pumpkin Seeds and Shaved Irish Cheddar
- *Oven Roasted Brussel Sprouts and Carrots with Herbs de'provence
- *Braised Short Rib with Root Vegetables with a Stout Sauce over a Bed of Champs
- *Petite Lobster Tail Rockefeller: Lobster Tail filled with Sautéed Spinach, Mornay Sauce and splashed with Fresh Lemon
- *Warm Artisan Breads and Sweet Cream Butter

Dessert Service

- *Delicate Irish Creme Torte Sprinkled with Sugar Toasted Almonds and served with Freshly Brewed Coffee

If you have a presentation for President Danny O’Connell, please contact National Director / Organizer, Tim McSweeney to make the necessary arrangements. newjack12007@yahoo.com

Shuttle service will be available for all events. Saturday’s events are walkable as well.

Circle your choice

Package Price \$190

Friday Reception Only \$70

Saturday Dinner Only \$150

Name _____

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Telephone number _____

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Please email me immediately if you plan to attend: pharmrep7956@aol.com because there is limited seating. We will reserve your seat and then you can send your registration form and payment directly to me.

Thank you, Ed Moss

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Commodore John Barry Day

September 13, 2021

March for Life

January 21, 2022

<https://marchforlife.org/>

2022 AOH National Convention

July 13-17, 2022

Pittsburgh PA

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Birthday Night**

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Friday September 17th

Mass 6pm @ St Francis of Assisi

Tara Hall Doors Open 6:30PM

Hooligans and Friends at 8PM

Guinness Stew w/Potatoes and Chicken Salad Sandwiches w/side Available for Purchase

50/50 Raffle

100% of Food sales and Raffle to Tara Hall Fund

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