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President's Message



Brothers,

Welcome to October. As we approach the end of the year, please make sure to have a plan in place to contact members that have not paid their dues. The dues collected for this year will be due on February 15, 2026.

Please make every effort to reach out to the Brother who is in arrears. As I mentioned in a previous article, we work so hard to recruit members just to let them slip away without even contacting them.

On September 27, the Ohio FFAI committee hosted National FFAI Chair Martin Galvin at the Shamrock Club of Columbus. The purpose of the event was to screen the documentary "NORAIAD Irish America and the IRA." Martin, the former publicity director for



NORAIAD was central to the documentary. After a viewing of the two-part documentary, there was a question-and-answer session. Ohio was one of two States that



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Chaplain's Comments



Well, summer is now behind us and school is in full swing. As the school year began, we blessed all the college students returning to school, and we celebrated Catechetical Sunday when we blessed the students and the teaches in our Parish School of Religion program. This gave me time to reflect on my education, and in particular; my religious education. I didn't really attend to my religious education until I entered the Diaconate program.

There are four principal areas of concentration in formation: Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral. The spiritual deals with your spiritual life; prayer, spiritual direction, spiritual formation, etc. The Intellectual deals with learning scripture, canon law, theology, etc. The Human deals with relationships, charitable acts, interactions with others, etc. The Pastoral deals with how to handle delicate situations, how to minister to others in an appropriate manner, and learning to act with the heart and mind of Jesus at all times. These four areas of concentration are found in all formation programs, and they are also found in the programs, workshops and seminars offered by the diocese.

During formation one grows in faith, spirituality, intellect, and relationship building; in human relationships and in their relationship with God. This month, brothers, I ask that you reflect upon your education, identify areas of strength and areas that may need improvement. We can only make

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was chosen to have a screening of this documentary. Thank you to Ohio FFAI chair Pat Williams for coordinating this event.

The Fall State Board meeting will be held at Tara Hall in Columbus on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Lunch will be served at 11:30am (\$10 donation) with the meeting starting at 12:30. Please have your elected and appointed position reports into Sate Secretary Pete Chrystal by October 18, 2025. Please contact me if you are unable to attend the meeting. There will be music at Tara Hall on Friday evening and Saturday evening will be the annual Celtic New Year party (See page 14 for more information).

Denny

Chaplain's Comments, cont.

progress in our formation in the faith if we periodically look at where we are and compare it to where we want to be, and look at the gap between the two and see what it is we need to do to continue moving forward. This is the way to conversion. We are called to a life of conversion to constantly move ourselves towards God and develop a relationship similar to the one Jesus showed us.

We can work on these things together. We work together on our human and pastoral aspects of our formation as we work together to help those in need. We give of our time and talents to lend a hand when we see the opportunity for our brigade to help in the community, and provide

monetary gifts for special projects, scholarships and charitable causes. We can petition the diocese to offer workshops in our area and we can even look at developing workshops ourselves for our monthly meetings, or other times, to help us work on our intellectual and spiritual needs. The potential is limited by our commitment, our participation, our imagination and our faith.

Please keep these things in mind, reflect on your own formation in the faith and let's grow together in Friendship, Unity, and Catholic Charity.

Peace be with you,

Deacon Bruce

ProLife Report

This past Friday, I attended the Ohio March for Life in Columbus with Pat Lally, Ed Moss and Bruce McPherson. Thanks for coming and standing up for the right to life! Just this



past week, the Ohio Department of Health released the 2024 abortion statistics report. The overall number of abortions decreased slightly from the year before, but the number has increased in Franklin and Hamilton counties. Almost 22,000 abortions were performed last year in Ohio, with around 3,000 women traveling to Ohio from states with greater protection for the unborn. Around 60 lives are ended

through abortion every day in Ohio, with almost half being done by the abortion pill. These numbers aren't the most encouraging, but it just shows that as Hibernians, we have plenty of opportunities to get involved with the pro life movement. Some good news across the nation is that planned parenthood in Wisconsin has stopped performing abortions, and the once largest abortion facility in America, the planned parenthood in Houston has closed. Keep building a culture of life.

Jacob Durda



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Jim Casey's New Email Address

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Newsletter News

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

jjcasey973@icloud.com

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

State Organizer Report

There has been no update on the new application program; they are still performing the Beta-test in specific areas. Hopefully, we will have more information to share at our October State Board Meeting in Columbus. As I mentioned in the past, division presidents will get the applications directly and not from me. The presidents (or their designates) will start the process of contacting the applicants immediately. It is suggested to send an email, letting the applicant know that he will soon receive a phone call. Telephoning the applicant is much more personal than merely an email. If nothing is done, the applications will be bumped up to the county or state.

We have received a couple applications on the old system and they have been worked on, thanks to the hard work of the division presidents and their chairmen. If any division has old applications that they are still working on, please update me on the status (qualityjoecasey@yahoo.com).

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our State Board Meeting in Columbus on October 25th.

Joe Casey

Ohio State Board Fundraiser Items

Ohio State Board Fundraiser items will be available at the State Board meeting

Commodore Barry Medal \$30.00 ea (you save the \$5.00 shipping fee)

Ohio Hibernian patch \$10 ea

See State Vice President Bruce McPherson for purchase. Cash or check. hilliardmcpherson@gmail.com



Major Degrees

St. Patrick's Division to host the Sons of Milesius degree team for all divisions in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana or beyond.

Date: Saturday, November 8th

Location: Irish Heritage Center

3905 Eastern Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45226

Registration will open at noon, with degrees to begin at 1pm. Pub Room will be open all day with college football on the tv's and live Irish music More details to come.

Contact Director Chris Schulte for more information crpschulte@gmail.com

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

Annual Christmas Appeal for Hibernian Charity

Expect the annual mailer in early November for the AOH Christmas Appeal.

The Hibernian Charity Appeal is the primary National AOH vehicle for individual members to contribute to charity programs. These programs include– **Saint Patrick Centre Young Ambassador Program; Project Saint Patrick; Project Saint Patrick Ireland; Hibernian Hunger Projects; Hibernian Disaster Relief; and Study Abroad scholarships.**

Please make all checks payable to “Hibernian Charity” or visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/hibcha> to make a secure online donation today. If you wish, gifts more than \$50 may be directed to a specific charity program of your choosing.

Hibernian Charity
C/O Tim Quinn
2000 Lancashire Avenue #202
Louisville KY 40205

Report Your Division and County Great Work

Remember to fill out the Annual Division and County forms, so National knows what we are doing locally. The current form can record hours spent and/or monies raised for charity work. This also helps our leadership know the scope of our statewide efforts.

Event Form

<https://aoh.com/gobansaer/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Charities-Single-Event-form-1.pdf>

Annual Form

<https://aoh.com/gobansaer/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Charities-Annual-Event-form-1.pdf>

Expanding The Charitable Net

National is committed to adding more charities beyond the list provided earlier in this report. At our recent Zoom meeting, I suggested they consider Mary’s Meals as an addition. This charity is one that Bishop Alphonsus “Phonzie” Cullinan has shown favor toward. I will keep everyone posted on what is determined by the committee.

Divisions Without Missions & Charities Chairs

Any divisions without a Missions & Charities Chair should contact me directly at chriskonik@mindspring.com to assist with filling this important role.

Getting the Word Out About Project St Patrick

As always, make sure you fill out the form that goes to your Bishop’s Office, establishing a division PSP representative. The often overlooked form is the Vocational Grant Application, link listed below. All divisions and counties, please continue your annual \$500 donations to Project St. Patrick

Donation Form

[2025_Project_St_Patrick_Donation_Form.pdf](#)

Division Diocese Form

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Vocational Grant Application Form

[2025_PSP_Application](#)

Irish Road Bowling Fall Classic

Sponsored by the County Fayette Irish Road Bowling Association
All Proceeds benefitting the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation

Saturday October 25, 2025: Check In at 10:00am bowling at 11:00am

Deer Creek State Park Beach Area

Teams of four \$20.00 per player

\$100 Sign Sponsorships Available

Bring your own drinks

Hotdogs and chips provided

All are welcome to join us even if you don't want to bowl

Mark Your Calendars

Ohio March for Life
October 3, 2025
Columbus OH

2026 National Convention
July 16 - 19
Omaha NE

Ohio AOH Fall State Board Meeting
October 25, 2025
Tara Hall
Columbus OH

2027 State Convention
June 24 - 27
Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark OH

March for Life
January 23, 2026
Washington D.C.

LAOH Annual History Contest

The Irish and the American Revolution

How the Irish affected the outcome of the American Revolution

2025-2026 National Irish History Contest

for Grades 6 - 12

Scholarship Opportunity

Submissions due to local Division contact by

October 30, 2025

For more information including guidelines and details, visit here

<https://ladiesaoh.com/contest/>

Colleen Griffin, colleengwhite01@gmail.com

Catholic Action

The month of October still remains within Ordinary Time, the liturgical color being green. The month of October contains the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, and perhaps for this reason, the month is considered by many Catholics as especially dedicated to Mary.

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

Oct. 1	Therese of the Child Jesus (Therese of Lisieux), Virgin	Memorial
Oct. 2	Guardian Angels	Memorial
Oct. 4	Francis of Assisi	Memorial
Oct. 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	Memorial
Oct. 15	Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor	Memorial
Oct. 17	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Memorial
Oct. 18	Luke, Evangelist	Feast
Oct. 22	Pope 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. 11 **Loman of Trim (d.c.450)**

Loman, a Briton like St. Patrick, and according to some accounts, his uncle, is said to have accompanied Patrick on his return to Ireland. The party arrived at the mouth of the Boyne River, where Patrick left Loman to watch the boat. Having waited many days in vain, Loman rowed up the river to the ford at Trim, where a chieftain named Fedelmid had a castle. In quick succession, Loman converted Fedelmid's son, Fortchern, Fedelmid's wife, then Fedelmid himself with his household. Fedelmid granted land for a church nearby, and Loman became the first bishop established by Patrick in Ireland.

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 and is often depicted in the company of a bear.

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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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

This memorial of Our Lady was originally established by Pope Pius V to commemorate the naval victory of a European Catholic coalition over the Turks, in 1571. The Islamic Turks at the time posed a real threat to Christian Europe. The Pope had appealed to all of Catholic Europe to pray the rosary for the enterprise.

OHIO NEWS AND NOTES

The State of Ohio's biennial budget includes provisions requiring pornographic websites to verify that users are at least 18, establishes a tax credit for donations to pregnancy help centers and increases grant support to the same, and recognizes that in Ohio policy there are only two sexes—male and female.

The State March for Life is October 3rd in Columbus. Hibernians will be there. Will you join us?

Many of us head to the polls November 4. As Catholics, we are called upon to participate with a well-informed conscience.

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

Fraternally,

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Sean Pender National President, Liam McNabb National Vice President, Ray Lynch National Secretary, Dan Devinney National Treasurer

The Oath We Take

Members need to remember the oath that we take
when we join this Order:

*"I declare and promise
that I will keep inviolate
all the secrets of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
from all, but those whom I know
to be members in good standing,
except the Roman Catholic clergy,
and that I will support the Constitution and By-Laws
of this organization to the best of my ability."*

It is important to remind all members that, although social media platforms provide individuals with the freedom to express their opinions openly, it is essential to uphold the professional standards and responsibilities associated with our roles. Members should always remember the oath taken upon assuming membership, which emphasizes integrity, confidentiality and professionalism in all forms of communication; and this includes online platforms. Maintaining a respectful and responsible online presence reflects positively on our organization and ensures that our values are consistently upheld in both personal and professional contexts.

Each AOH meeting ends with the President saying:

*"Brothers, you are cautioned against speaking of
anything that has transpired at this meeting to any
but those who you know to be members in good
standing and bound by the same fraternal ties of
Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity"*

The activities and discussions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are to be confined to official meetings and conventions, and are not to be conducted on social media platforms.

The Political Parties of the North: Who They are And What They Stand For

Judge Michael C. Mentel*

When we read about the political and legal matters facing the north we regularly see the political parties mentioned as well. The representatives speaking on behalf of their parties will state their party's perspective on the issue, usually with an unequivocal voice. Beyond the immediate statements they make on the issues concerning the day, where do these political parties stand on issues that extend beyond the day? Where do they stand on Irish unification, the economy and Brexit, and the Legacy Act? To find out we need to review the party manifestos and positions.

The Parties and Their political Positions

In 2025, thirty political parties in the north had registered with the UK government. Not all of these parties are major participants in the electoral process, nor do they hold offices in the north. Nonetheless, they are a registered political party. Seven of the registered political parties have members elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly. They will be the focus of this article. For additional information on the other twenty-three registered parties you may go to The Electoral Commission UK at www.electoralcommission.org.uk. It is advisable to tailor your search to northern Ireland. The seven parties elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly are:

The Alliance Party. The Alliance Party was established in 1970 by former members of the New Ulster Movement. It currently holds seventeen seats in the Northern Ireland Assembly. The party is divided on Irish unification. Party members are beginning to show signs of support for unification. Overall, Alliance is not currently taking a position on the question. Alliance's position is to seek elimination of the cultural divides in the north and obtain a lasting peace. Alliance views the economy and Brexit in a collective fashion. It opposed leaving

the European Community and advocates returning to it at the earliest opportunity. It argues that by 2035, incomes will have been reduced, and a 5-6% GDP decline will occur. Alliance opposes the Legacy Act on the grounds it deprives families and victims' access to justice and supports its repeal. For more information on the Alliance party go to their website at www.allianceparty.org

The Democratic Unionist Party. The Democratic Unionist Party, also referred to as the "DUP", was started in 1971 by the Reverend Ian Paisley, MP. It currently holds twenty-five seats in the Northern Ireland Assembly. Its vision is to "maintain and enhance Northern Ireland's constitutional position within the United Kingdom", meaning it advocates remaining in union with the UK. It firmly opposes any efforts towards unification with the Republic. Its economic objective is to grow the northern economy through Agri-tech, health sciences, and manufacturing. It supports the removal of the "Northern Ireland Protocol" that was established following Brexit to allow goods to flow between the north and the Republic. It promotes restoring the north to a UK internal market. The DUP, however, opposes the Legacy Act and calls for its repeal. As with the nationalist parties, the DUP denounces the lack of accountability for those committing unlawful murders during the troubles. For more information on the DUP go to their website at www.mydup.com

People Before Profit. Initially established in 2005, People Before Profit was called the Socialist Environmental Alliance People Before Profit. It currently has one member serving in the Northern Ireland Assembly. It also has two members (Teachta Dála or "TD's") elected to the Dáil Éireann making it a cross border party. People Before Profit calls for a united Ireland. They envision a united Ireland as a united socialist Ireland established in the vision of James Connolly, a socialist himself and a leader of the 1916 Easter Rising. It also calls for a boarder poll on the unification question. The party sees a

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united Ireland as not simply a removal of unionism and joining the Republic. People Before Profit want to establish “an entirely different Ireland.” Its economic policy essentially stands for the working class and against corporate subsidy. It supports living wages, public health care, and a tax on those with high wealth. As to the Legacy Act, People Before Profit MLA, Gerry Carroll, has said that the current government cannot replace the current act with one that will continue to “whitewash the state’s dirty war in Ireland”. For more information on People Before Profit go to www.pbp.ie

Sinn Féin. Sinn Féin has gone through several party iterations since it was founded in 1905 by Arthur Griffith. The Sinn Féin of today was established during the Troubles in 1970, after a split from Official Sinn Féin. It currently has twenty-seven members elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly with Michelle O’Neill, vice-President of the party, serving as the First Minister of the Assembly. Sinn Féin also has thirty-nine TDs elected to the Dáil and is the opposition party in the body. It is also a cross border party with a strong constituency in both parts of the island. The party is steadfastly in support of a united Ireland and for calling a border poll. It strongly advocates planning and preparation in anticipation of a border poll. It contends that cross boarder polls show support for a unification vote. It has held People’s Assembly’s across Ireland and in the United States to obtain input on planning and preparation for unification. It also staunchly opposes the Legacy Act and calls for its repeal. Sinn Féin views Brexit as the catalyst for continued instability. Although the Northern Ireland Protocol was implemented, it does not in their view address the economic differential between the north and the south. The only opportunity for a strong economy in the north is unification with the south. Sinn Féin unequivocally calls for the repeal of the Legacy Act. It views the Act as a violation of the rights of the victims and their families to obtain justice for the

unlawful murders committed during the Troubles. For more information on Sinn Féin go to www.sinnfein.ie

The Social Democratic and Labour Party. The Social Democratic and Labour Party, also referred to as the “SDLP”, was founded in 1970 with the objective of reconciling the people on the island of Ireland as an anti-sectarian political movement. Its most notable leader was John Hume, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on the Good Friday Agreement. The SDLP currently has eight members elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly. It strongly supports the unification of Ireland. The SDLP has established the New Ireland Commission that engages with every community, sector, and age demographic on this island to develop new proposals that can generate a consensus on future unification. It seeks to build a “new Ireland” that is founded on consensus and recognition of all people’s viewpoints. The SDLP contends that Brexit has left the north in a difficult situation. It promotes policies that create jobs while reducing inequality, increase support for public services, and grow the private sector economy. Overall, it proposes policies that provide economic justice. The SDLP opposes the Legacy Act and calls for its repeal. It calls out the injustice to the families and victims under the Act which denies them the accountability and justice for the illegal acts committed. For more information on the SDLP go to www.sdlp.ie

The Traditional Unionist Voice. The Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV) was established in 2007 by former DUP members who opposed the party’s backing of the St. Andrews Agreement, which reinstated the Northern Ireland Assembly. The TUV currently has one member in the Northern Ireland Assembly. The TUV is thin on policies addressing the economy. It can be safely assumed that it strongly supports Brexit and opposes the Northern Ireland Protocol. The thrust of its policy position is in opposition to the Good Friday Agreement and

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serving in government with Sinn Féin. Their website states, "we robustly oppose IRA/Sinn Fein and the advancement of their all-Ireland agenda through the implementation of the pernicious [Good Friday] Agreement...We want an end to the obscenity of unreconstructed terrorists in government and an end to the system which ever let them in." For more information on the TUV go to www.tuv.org.uk

The Ulster Unionist Party. The Ulster Unionist Party, also referred to as the "UUP", has gone through its own iterations since its establishment in 1905 by Edward Carson. In 1921, it formally began referring to itself as the UUP. The UUP currently has nine members elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly. Economically, the UUP wants to establish a self-sufficient economy attracting investment to the north. The strength of this position rests on

remaining in union with the UK. Maintaining unionism, it contends, provides the best opportunity to be part of one of the world's large economies. Thus, it opposes unification of the island. The UUP has criticized the Legacy Act and called for the UK government to refocus its efforts to correct it. It also calls on the UK government to demand that the Republic establish its own legacy investigations, especially Troubles related activities initiated in the south. For more information on the UUP go to www.uup.org

**Judge Michael C. Mentel is an appellate court judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals for the Tenth District. He is a member of The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Patrick Pearse Division 1, Franklin County, Ohio, The Shamrock Club of Columbus, Ohio, The Irish American Club East Side, Euclid/Cleveland, Ohio, The Irish National Caucus, and The Brehon Law Society of New York.*

FFAI Report

Patrick Williams, State FFAI chairman karimcwilly@gmail.com

BLOODY SUNDAY TRIAL-KEY STATEMENTS RULED ADMISSABLE

A chairde

The judge has ruled that key statements by other British Troopers are admissible against Soldier F-the only British Trooper charged for any of the 14 murders and 14 woundings of Civil Rights Marchers on Bloody Sunday.

Two British troopers had made statements to British Military Police and Widgery Tribunal (set up to whitewash the killings in 1972) describing Soldier F firing multiple shots at the civil rights marchers. One has refused to testify at a trial on grounds of self-incrimination and a second is deceased. Defendant challenged the admissibility on grounds that these statements were hearsay.

The prosecution called these statements decisive evidence." One of the major arguments by the British for imposing the Legacy Act was that British troopers were being subjected to malicious prosecutions.

In fact only a handful of British Troopers have been prosecuted. Eg One trooper for Bloody Sunday, none for Ballymurphy Massacre where a priest, grandmother and 8 others were killed etc.

No one was charged with perjury in giving sworn accounts that they had been fired upon or shot people with bombs-which were subsequently shown to be patently false.

Martin Galvin

Division News

Bluestone Division #3, Cuyahoga Co.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 1, 2026 11th Annual Scholarship Reverse Raffle

Irish American Club-East Side, 22770 Lakeshore Blvd, Euclid Ohio 44123

Ticket and Donation information to follow next month

Sunday, October 19, 2025 11am Quarterly Hibernian Mass

Saint Patrick's Church, 3602 Bridge Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44113

All invited to brunch after mass, donations encouraged

25th Anniversary of Cleveland Irish Hunger Memorial, Cleveland Ohio Dedicated September 16, 2020. It was created by sculptor Paula Blackman and carver Eamon D'Arcy. It was commissioned by the Cleveland Hunger Memorial Committee.

Each year a mass is celebrated by the Irish community at the Memorial on the last Saturday in September, by an Irish American priest. Father James O'Donnell was the original celebrant. This year the mass was concelebrated by Bluestone Division Chaplain, Father James Walsh and LAOH Our Lady of the Rosary Division, Division Chaplain, Father Thomas Mahoney.

The Memorial is located on the East Bank of the Cuyahoga River, in the Cleveland Flats near Irishtown Bend where the Irish originally settled. It is also directly across the street from the Flat Iron Café, built in 1910 serving a working class largely Irish clientele.

"Lest we forget: / To those who died, / to those who came and enriched our / Cleveland shores / we dedicate this monument to you"

Submitted by David McLaughlin, Bluestone Division



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Division News, cont.

Irish Brigade Div. #1 Medina Co.

Dave Manley, one of our charter members, and his wife Ruth Ann currently reside at the Regina Health Center in Summit County. Recently, three of our members spent a day sanding and staining the picnic tables and benches there.



L to R: Tony Manley, Scott Manley, Dave Manley (Supervisor), Joe Casey

State Board Meeting Weekend at Tara Hall

Come for the meeting and stay for the Craic!

Friday October 24th 8-11pm

All Those Who Wander

American, Celtic, Irish and Cornish Folk Band

Saturday prior to meeting:

Lunch \$10 with Proceeds to Franklin County, State Convention Fund

Pulled Pork or Chicken Sandwich with sides

Saturday Evening:

Celtic New Year Celebration

Tara Hall, 274 E Innis Ave

Saturday October 25th 6-10pm

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