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President's Message



Brothers,

It has been a busy four months since our last meeting in Columbus. I hope all of you had a great Irish American Heritage Month! In talking to Division members from around Ohio, the Ohio AOH is doing its part to keep our Irish heritage and cultural traditions alive. A special thanks to Brother Scott Partika of the Franklin County Patrick Pearse Division for helping me obtain an Ohio Irish American Heritage Month Proclamation from Governor DeWine.

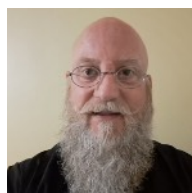
I want to thank all Division Presidents and Financial Secretaries. All Ohio assessments have been received for the year. Thank you for making this a priority.

Representing the State Board: I've had several chances to represent the Ohio AOH at several functions around the Nation and State.

- Three FFAI events in New York including Albany, Schenectady and The Bronx
- The Right to Life March in Washington D.C.
- I was privileged to install several new Division Presidents around the State and was able to march in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day with the Cuyahoga County Board and Divisions.

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Chaplain's Comments



They did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead. This is the last line from the Gospel of John that is read at Easter. The disciples had gone to the tomb of Jesus, and found it empty. Those who had gone to the tomb left wondering what was going on. They did not understand and went to tell the Apostles what they discovered. The Apostles had locked themselves in the upper room for fear of the Roman authorities. They believed that they were being sought and would be tortured, imprisoned and possibly executed like Jesus for their affiliation with him. We are fortunate that we know the events that followed. The Risen Christ appeared to many people at the same time, so the Scripture may be understood and the victory over death could be confirmed and recorded. As Jesus revealed himself to people, they understood the meaning of his death and what it meant for them. After He appeared to them, they feared no more. They understood the meaning of the Resurrection and boldly preached the Gospel in the face of persecution. It was in the experience of the Risen Lord that enabled them to really live. The experience produced an ontological change in them. An ontological change is one that affects the very nature of something, and makes it something new. They were made new beings because they realized how significant it is to be united with Christ. They now understood what the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead really meant and how Christ is the way to eternal life.

Brothers, do we understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead and the implication it has in our lives? Does the experience of the Risen Lord change us? It is in the Sacraments that we experience Christ and the effects of which produce an ontological change. We enter into the death of Christ as we

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Communications:

- The top four of the State Board continue to meet monthly by Zoom. This call allows us to share pertinent information about the State and our activities.
- Our State Committee Chairs attended their first Zoom meeting held by the National Committee Chairs. These meetings will take place in the 1st, 2nd and 4th quarters of the year.

The purpose of these meetings is for the National Chairs to share information with the State Chairs pertinent to each committee. The State Chairs will

then disseminate the information to the Division level.

Brothers, thank you again for all that you do. I want all of us to continue to be engaged in our State Board and Divisions. Recruiting must remain a priority for all of us. The State is down 16 net members this year. We have added 20 members to our ranks in Ohio but it has not outpaced losses due to resignations and suspension. Let's try and turn this around by the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing you all in June at our convention.

In motto,

Denny

Chaplain's Comments, cont.

enter the waters of Baptism and we rise again, in victory over death and sin with the Risen Lord, as we are cleansed and made new. Our very nature is changed as original sin is removed, we are made new beings and enter into communion with Christ and become adopted sons of God, the Father. It is the experience of the Risen Lord that has changed all of us and has allowed us, in our Baptism, to be changed forever, and live a new life in Christ.

We, therefore; like the Apostles, are called to preach the Gospel message of life. This is how we can help others meet the Risen Lord. Experience Christ in the Sacraments and be strengthened to go forth to love and serve the Lord by sharing that experience with others. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our life. It is Christ that gives us life and offers an opportunity to share in it forever. It is our life, and we are called to share this "life" with everyone we meet.

We do this brothers, when we see the hungry and feed them. Donate your time to work in a food bank, or deliver food or meals to those in need. When do this when we see the homeless and provide shelter.

Donate blankets, clothing, and time to help those in need. We do this when we visit the sick who are homebound or in hospitals and pray for them at our meeting. We do this when we visit those in prison, or help those who are imprisoned by addiction and take the time to help them as they struggle. We do this when we see someone thirsty, and give them drink. They may be thirsting for faith, knowledge, or friendship, and we can reach out to them in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. These are the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy and you can see how they are realized in the motto of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Let us continue to help others meet the Risen Christ. Let us make a concerted effort to reach out to those in need. As Hibernians and brothers in Christ, we are called to celebrate our faith and our heritage. Allow your experience with the Risen Lord to affect an ontological change in you, and share the life of the Christ with others in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

God bless you and your families and have a blessed Easter.

Deacon Bruce

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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

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

AOH-LAOH Ohio 2025 State Convention

June 26th-29th, 2025

Sheraton Suites Akron - Cuyahoga Falls

1989 Front Street Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, USA, 44221-3811

Welcome to the AOH/LAOH Ohio 2025 Convention.

This is your one stop shop for important information about our convention.

You'll be able to find out about the hotel, register for our event, and other announcements as they come up.

We've got a lot of GREAT things planned and we hope you will enjoy coming to Summit County.

So as to comply with our State President's requests:

ALL delegates must have their own accounts and pay the appropriate delegate fees.

Everybody, regardless of being a delegate or not, is encouraged to set up their own accounts.

First order of business:

Our hotel, the [Sheraton & Suites - Akron/Cuyahoga Falls](#) has a special room rate of **\$145.00** for us!

Yes, there is a catch, you need to book your room reservation by **May 26th, 2025!**

Also, our registration is now **OPEN!**

A verified login is required to complete the registration.

Last day to register: June 11th, 2025.

Sheraton Inn & Suites Room Booking Special

[Click here for hotel booking.](#)

**Registration is now
open**

[Click here to register.](#)

Veteran Affairs Report April 2025

1. Most Veterans rate burial in a VA National Cemetery, or government furnished headstone, marker or medallion for placement in any cemetery. Starting last June 10, of 2024, families of deceased and cremated Veterans can apply to receive commemorative plaques or urns from the VA. <https://news.va.gov/131136/nca-adds-options-for-commemorative-plaques-and-urns/>
2. The exact location of Veterans who are buried in a National Cemetery can be found at VA Cemetery website: <https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/>
3. Love ones can enter memorials for their Veteran who are buried in a National Cemetery on the same website.
4. Veterans who reenlisted may be eligible for an additional year of Montgomery GI Bill benefits (total of 48 months versus 36 month) <https://news.va.gov/137500/veterans-may-eligible-one-year-gi-bill-benefits/>
5. A 120 page pdf booklet , 'Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, Survivors, and Caregivers' 2025 Edition is available on the following website: <https://department.va.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Federal-Benefits-for-Veterans-Dependents-and-Survivors.pdf>
7. The VA ends DEI, stops millions in spending: <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-ends-dei-stops-millions-in-spending-on-dei/>

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Pro Life Report

This past week on the feast of the Annunciation, was the 30th anniversary of the document *Evangelium Vitae* (the Gospel of Life), which affirmed the value of every human life from conception to natural death. It states that we must defend the most vulnerable and a commitment to building a culture of life. As Hibernians, we must continue to defend the most innocent among us and fight against the culture of death. Since the unfortunate passing of issue 1 in November 2023, Greater Columbus Right to Life stated that Planned Parenthood has expanded abortion services to Athens and has acquired the former women's med of Dayton as a surgical center. Also, Jensen Family Health in Lewis Center is offering the abortion pill. In response to this, pro life groups plan on increasing sidewalk advocacy trainings throughout Ohio.

God Bless and Happy Easter,

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Irish Road Bowling



Brothers, it's April, and once again it's time for Irish Road Bowling. Saturday, April 26th. on the Deer Creek State Park Beach Road. **\$60 per Team. Registration at 10:00am and we roll at 11:00am.** Come up (or down) and join our Columbus Irish community to roll cannonballs down a hilly and winding road. A good time and a good cause. All proceeds to Freedom for All Ireland. We hope to see you on the beach road with your AOH team.

Sponsorships are available and appreciated. Reach out to Stuart Hensel at (614) 207-2457 or peasedffai@gmail.com for information and opportunities.

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State Organizer's Report

I hope everyone enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day and any festivities you may have attended.

We continue to be in the Green Season, so keep trying to drum-up new members and work on getting those lapsed members back into your division.

We do have some newer open applications and I would like to see them closed out soon. My Organizer's report at the upcoming State Board meeting will have an attachment that shows our open applications to date.

All in all, we are in good shape on open applications; just be sure to follow up on them as soon as you can, as these are men wanting to join. At the very least, contact the applicant and let him know it is being processed.

The new application process has yet to be rolled out to the States; as soon as it does, our worthy President will be made aware and pass the information on to the divisions.

I hope you all have a very blessed Easter season spent with loved ones.

Joe Casey

State Historian's Report

The Rising at Easter



Nobel Prize winning poet, William Butler Yeats, in his poem "Easter, 1916" uses the phrase, "Too long a sacrifice can make a stone of the heart." Generations of British misrule in Ireland created that stone in the heart of many. One hundred and nine years after 1916 in 2025 we can still hear the echoes of the Easter Rising reverberating in Ireland.

The secret Irish Republican Brotherhood, after its failure in the Fenian Rising of 1867, was reformed in 1908 and began working behind the scenes to ferment rebellion. New leadership in the personage of Patrick Henry Pearse, educator and poet, joined the Brotherhood and planning began in earnest.

The IRB plan was to infiltrate the Irish Volunteers, a legal and visible paramilitary organization formed as a defensive force in response to the founding of the Ulster Volunteer Force, which was a Protestant force established to fight the implementation of Home Rule in the north of Ireland.

Patrick Pearse had joined the Volunteers with the intention of turning the group into a Republican fighting force.

Arms had been smuggled from Germany by Erskine Childers aboard the yacht *Asgard* in July 1914. This gave the Volunteers 900 rifles and over 29,000 rounds of ammunition. Contacts were made in Germany to secure a larger shipment.

Pearse had lit the fuse for rebellion when he gave the graveside speech at the funeral of a deceased Fenian, O'Donovan Rossa. On August 1, 1915 Pearse said, "They (the British) think that they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other half. They think that they have foreseen everything, think that they have provided against everything; but the fools, the fools, the fools! – they have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace."

Pearse realized that he needed a larger force than the Volunteers. He began recruiting James Connolly, head of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union. Connolly had formed his own military unit, the Irish Citizen Army, to protect striking workers. Connolly was finally convinced and agreed to join the rebellion.

Pearse and the IRB decided that the time was right to begin the rebellion. It was planned to occur on Easter Sunday and the orders went out across Ireland from Pearse. Eoin MacNeil found out about the orders, he promptly countermanded them and cancelled all arrangements. This caused confusion. To add to their woes of the rebellion, the British had discovered the shipment of German arms. Pearse issued new orders that the rebellion would begin on Easter Monday.

On Monday, April 24, 1916 armed forces of the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army assembled at Liberty Hall (home of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union). From there they broke off in groups and marched to their respective positions around the city. All of this went relatively unnoticed by the authorities.

The rebels seized and fortified six positions in Dublin: the General Post Office (GPO), the Four Courts, Boland's Mill, St. Stephen's Green, Jacobs Factory and the South Dublin Union. Later in the rebellion the College of Surgeons on St. Stephen's Green was also occupied.

Pearse, acting as commander-in-chief of the rebellion established the General Post Office as the headquarters. Just after capturing and occupying the GPO, Pearse and the members of his command staff stepped outside onto Sackville Street (now called O'Connell Street). From outside the GPO Pearse read aloud the Proclamation of the Irish Republic.

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The Proclamation had been drafted and signed by seven of the rebellion's leaders. It officially declared Ireland to be a republic and cited that a provisional government would be established to run the country following the successful completion of the rebellion. Not many Dubliners heard the reading. In fact, many Dubliners initially viewed the rebellion as a nuisance and the rebels as criminals.

Easter Monday was a holiday and many of the British military officers were on leave or at the races. They were quickly recalled. By Wednesday the rebels were outnumbered by 20 to 1. The Army secured a cordon around the rebel positions and closed in. The army set up barricades in the streets and this further hindered effective communication between the rebel positions. During the attack on the GPO James Connolly was wounded in the leg.

The British concentrated their attack on the GPO. As the building caught fire from incendiary shells, the occupants fought desperately to prevent the fires from reaching the basement where a quantity of explosives were held.

A British gun-ship, the Helga, arrived in Dublin and sailed up the Liffey and began a continuous and random shelling of the Dublin area. Field-guns were also mounted on Trinity College. Due to the shelling, Sackville Street and the surrounding areas were virtually destroyed.

By Friday the GPO was engulfed in flames and Pearse reluctantly gave the order to surrender. His surrender order specifies the need to prevent further loss of life and damage to Dublin. Although not all of the rebels supported the order, all of the positions were surrendered without incident.

As a result of the rebellion 450 people, many of whom were civilians, were dead with over 2,500 wounded. The city was in ruins with the damage estimated at a massive 2 Million pounds. Only about 64 rebels were killed in the fighting.

Over 3,500 people were subsequently arrested country-wide. Approximately 1,841 were interned without trial in England, and 171 were tried by secret court martial resulting in 170 convictions. Ninety were sentenced to death by firing squad but 74 of these sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

At the court martial Patrick Pearse was asked if he had anything to say. His words present a prophetic description of the years that would follow. He said, "You cannot extinguish the Irish passion for freedom. If our deed has not been sufficient to win freedom, then our children will win it by a better deed."

In all, sixteen men were executed including, including Patrick Pearse. The executions extended over several days. This enraged the Irish public who went from not supporting the rebels to considering them as national heroes. James Connolly who was dying of the infection in his leg went before the firing squad tied to a chair because he was unable to stand. The bodies of the executed heroes of 1916 were thrown into a mass grave and covered in quicklime to insure that no trace of the bodies remained. The mass grave is at Arbour Hill cemetery in Dublin.

By: J. Michael Finn, State Historian

Mark Your Calendars

2025 State Convention

Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls, June 26 - 29

Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls

1989 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

2026 National Convention, Omaha NE

Catholic Action

In the month of April we move from Lent into the Easter season, from violet to white in the color of the liturgical vestments. Holy Week culminates in the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Holy Saturday vigil, in which we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. The Sunday following Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27), so designated by Pope Saint John Paul II, building upon the mystical experiences of the Polish contemplative nun, Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938).

MAJOR SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

Isidore, Bishop and Doctor	April 4	
Vincent Ferrer, Priest	April 5	
John Baptist De La Salle, Priest	April 7	Memorial
Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	April 11	
Mark, Evangelist	April 25	Feast
Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor	April 29	Memorial
Pope Pius V	April 30	

IRISH SAINTS OF APRIL

Tigernach, Bishop (d. 549) April 4

St. Tigernach (or Tierney) was baptized by St. Conleth of Kildare; St. Brigid may have been his godmother. One might say that St. Tigernach suffered the fate of St. Patrick in reverse: as a boy, he was kidnapped from Ireland by raiders from Britain. A British king gave him his freedom. After spending some time at the monastery of Rosnat in Scotland, he embarked upon a pilgrimage to Rome, returning thence to Ireland. He was consecrated bishop at Clogher and lived at his monastic foundation at Clones, County Monaghan. Tigernach became blind in his old age and spent his time in contemplative prayer.

Celsus, Archbishop of Armagh (1079-1129) April 7

Celsus (Ceallach mac Aedha) was a member of a family in which the see of Armagh had become hereditary. Like many of his predecessors, he was a layman when chosen to succeed to the abbacy of Armagh (1105), at the age of 26. Shortly thereafter, he was consecrated its bishop. He proved to be a model bishop, conducting visitations, conserving the temporalities of the see, and restoring discipline. Celsus was instrumental in bringing the reform movement sweeping the continent of Europe to Ireland. He held a great synod at Rath Breasail (1111), at which he sought to enforce these reforms. One of the problems of the Irish church was its organization around the power of the abbots rather than the bishops, a situation leading to the frequent neglect of the spiritual life of the people at large. Celsus replaced the old monastic organization with a diocesan one under the bishops. There was considerable resistance to many reform measures. Celsus is also said to have rebuilt the cathedral of Armagh. The church at this time suffered from depredations carried out by the O'Briens and the O'Rourkes, and Celsus was called upon at times to mediate among warring chiefs. In his efforts, Celsus was supported by St. Malachy. At his death, Celsus broke the tradition of hereditary succession by nominating Malachy to succeed him. He is buried at Lismore. Some calendars place his feast on April 1.

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Catholic Action, cont.**Paternus of Abdinghof (d.1058)**

April 10

St. Paternus was probably an Irishman, whose sojourning on the Continent brought him to Westphalia. There he entered the monastery of Abdinghof founded by St. Meinwerk. He adopted the life of a walled-up hermit. From his hermitage, he predicted the destruction of the city by fire unless the inhabitants repented. The fire came to pass; Paternus was among its victims. The Gregorian reformer St. Peter Damian was very impressed by St. Paternus.

Ruadan of Lothra, Abbot (d.c. 584)

April 15

This saint was born in western Leinster. He was a disciple of St. Finian of Clonard. In Tipperary, he founded a monastery at Lothra and served as its abbot. Beyond these details, much of what comes down to us about him is considered unreliable.

Donnan and his Companions, Martyrs (d. 618)

April 17

St. Donnan was one of the many Irish who followed St. Columba to Iona. Later, with 52 companions, he founded a monastery on the island of Eigg, in the Inner Hebrides. Robbers descended upon the place during the Easter liturgy in 618. The monks were permitted to finish and then murdered. Though robbery is cited as the motive, a story also recounts that the crime was instigated by a woman resentful of the loss of sheep pasturage to the foundation. A St. Donnan's Well survives on Eigg, as well as several Scottish churches named for him.

Laserian, Abbot and Bishop of Leighlin (d.639)

April 18

Also known as Laisren or Molaisse, the early life of this saint is poorly documented. He may have spent several years at Iona, and then went to Rome, where he was ordained by Pope Gregory the Great. Later, he appears at Leighlin, in a monastery run by its founder, St. Goban. At a local synod held at White Fields, St. Laserian was notable as a defender of the Roman usages for Easter, as opposed to the Celtic usages still prevalent in Ireland. The synod could not reach agreement, and Laserian was sent to Rome with a deputation to seek the Pope's assistance in settling the matter. There, Pope Honorius consecrated him bishop and named him legate for Ireland. Upon his return to Ireland, the saint seems to have settled the Easter controversy, at least in southern Ireland. Upon the resignation of St. Goban, Laserian assumed the abbacy at Leighlin, an office which he held until his death.

Malrubius, Abbot (d. 722)

April 21

Also known as Maelrubha, this saint became a monk at St. Comgall's monastery at Bangor, County Down. At the age of 29, he went to Scotland, likely spending some time at Iona before going to the mainland. He established a church and monastery at Applecross in Ross, which served as his base of operations for the remainder of his life. He preached to the Picts, extending his reach to the Isle of Skye. The coast of Scotland between Applecross and Loch Broom contains a number of places named after him, and at least twenty-one churches in Scotland bear his name. An island in Loch Maree contains a spring dedicated to him which till recent times was sought for its healing properties, especially for insanity. The saint ruled as abbot at Applecross for 51 years, dying at the age of 80. Some accounts say he was martyred by Vikings.

Ibar, Bishop of Beggery (5th century)

April 23

Few reliable details are known of this man. He was likely a disciple of St. Patrick. He ran a famous monastic school on the island of Beggery (Beg-Eire) and is reputed to have lived to a great age.

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Asicus, Bishop of Elphin (d.c. 470)

April 27

Also known as Tassach, this saint was a disciple of St. Patrick, a monk, and probably the first bishop of Elphin. He was said to have been a skilled brass worker or coppersmith, and also a married man. He resigned his see--accounts vary as to the reason--and retired to solitude on the island of Rathlin O'Birne in Donegal Bay for seven years. His monks eventually tracked him down. They tried to bring him back to his see, but he died on the way.

Maughold, Bishop of Man (d.c. 498)

April 27

Of Maughold, also known as Maccul, we know only what is found in some early lives of St. Patrick, who converted him from a life of crime and violence. To free him from association with his former companions, St. Patrick imposed exile from Ireland as a penance. He is said to have set off alone in a coracle without rudder or oars, finding his way to the Isle of Man. There, he was welcomed by two missionaries sent there by Patrick. From that time he led an austere and penitential life. He was chosen bishop over the Manx, possibly by acclamation, and succeeded in evangelizing many there.

Cronan of Roscrea, Abbot (d.c. 626)

April 28

Cronan came from what is now County Offaly. He first entered monastic life at Puayd. He practiced the unusual charity of building houses which he then vacated to provide a home for any anchorite who needed one. He is said to have built about fifty, taking nothing with him when he left. St. Cronan is probably the founder of monasteries in Offaly at Lusmag and Monahincha, near Roscrea. By the bog of Monela, near Senross, he built himself a cell, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Forannan, Abbot (d.c. 982)

April 30

Forannan is said to have occupied an Irish bishopric at Domhnach-Mor, which cannot be identified. He is reported to have embarked for the Continent with twelve companions on the basis of a dream, in which an angel showed him a beautiful valley to which he was supposed to travel. Forannan concluded that the abbey of Waulsort on the Meuse was the place pointed out to him. He was apparently appointed abbot in 962. Forannan spent some time later at the abbey of Gorze in Lorraine on a trip back from Rome. There he was seeking instruction in the Rule of St. Benedict, which Waulsort had either abandoned or never embraced. He succeeded in reforming the relaxed practices that had developed at Waulsort, and also persuaded the local nobles to observe the Truce of God in regard to all pilgrims visiting the abbey.

NEWS AND ISSUES

On the pro-life front, take the time to read the interview with Jessica Schmitt posted at <https://www.liveaction.org/news/heartbreaking-pregnancy-diagnoses-chose-life-twice/>

Jessica is the daughter of Ed and Anne Moss; Ed is an Ohio Hibernian.

Do you have local news? Please submit it for inclusion in this report. Happy Easter to all.

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Division News

Patrick Pearse Div. #1, Franklin Co.

These are all our brother Hibernians who attended the Clann na nGael dinner with the award winner Tim Feeney, another brother.



At Columbus City Hall on Shamrock Club Proclamation Day as we presented a check to Gabriel Vance of Catholics for Life.



Irish American Club East Side, Inc



It is with much sadness to report the passing of Francis McGarry. Francis was a Past President of our Club and the **founder of the Bluestone Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians**. His accomplishments in the Irish community are countless.

Please keep his family and friends in your prayers in the days ahead. These next few days are the days we celebrate our Irish heritage. Francis would want us to do just that.

Safe home to you my friend.

President Linda Walsh

Ohio AOH Missions & Charities

Support Your Local Seminaries, Shrines and Basilicas

I encourage all divisions statewide to schedule a visit to nearby seminaries, shrines and basilicas with your Hibernian brothers and sisters. Wear your division baldric when doing so, as this is a subtle symbol of commitment to our faith and our rich history of protecting the church.

It is customary to have a collection from those in your group to provide as an offering, in exchange for the

inspiration such an event holds. There are special events and festivals where divisions could assist to make them more successful.

Hibernian Charity Appeal

by National Missions & Charities Chair John Tarpey

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. We respectfully request your consideration of our Hibernian Charity Appeal with a tax- deductible donation. Each gift makes a difference. With your financial support the Ancient Order of Hibernians will continue to promote our faith, our Irish culture, our concern for community, and our unwavering aspiration for a free and United Ireland.

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Ohio Hibernian note from Chris Konik As divisions and counties, please continue your annual \$500 Click link for PSP forms Project St Patrick Forms Click link to make Individual Donations.

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Division Reports of Mission and Charity Work

I will continue to request updates from divisions about fundraising, charitable activities and other assistance with mission work locally, statewide and nationally. Monthly reports will help inspire our fellow Hibernian brothers.

Chris Konik, Ohio AOH Missions & Charities Chair

