

# Marching for Life in NY's state capital



New York Hibernians from Nassau, Queens and Suffolk counties carried their pro-life banner to the state capital.

## By John O'Brien, NYS Pro Life Chairman

I represented the Order as the NY State AOH Pro Life Chairman at the March For Life NY in Albany in early June. I joined more than 750 Pro-Life advocates and marched with them to a rally to the state capital, calling everyone's attention to the horror of abortion.

Today, tomorrow and every day going forward approximately 2,400 lives are being ended until this culture is changed. The right to live is the first and most important right. This is the second time we rallied in Albany. I witnessed a wonderful turnout by women, families, workers, priests, pastors and deacons. The interaction between the various marchers was amazing as well. Some there were post abortive seeking healing, and some were forgotten fathers who lost their child without being given the legal option to keep the baby.

I was glad Chaplain O'Rourke of Division 5, Albany, was quoted as saying, "It is very important to get the word out for life. We have an awful lot of opposition, especially in this state." Chaplain O'Rourke was referencing January's state legislation, the so called Reproductive Health Act. This abomination has been happening since 1973 and the Doe v. Bolton ruling.

The signing of this RHA changes little in New York. In 2018, (before making a NY State Code), there were about 2,000 third-trimester abortions. In New York City, more minority babies were aborted than born. The RHA merely codified, on the NYS level, the rules already in place at the federal level. They were

meant to guarantee a woman's right to choose abortion in New York State in the event that Roe v. Wade is overturned at the federal level. It was, more likely, done to get money and publicity from the abortion organizations and more Pro Choice votes.

## Hibernians must show their commitment

It was good to see such enthusiastic action in Albany at the March for Life NY, but the turnout of Hibernians was low. I hope to see more people and groups there next year. And many more Hibernians! We need a stronger presence, a public presence. We will not end abortion by spending money. The Pro-Abortion industry can easily out-spend our organizations. Visibility matters, and we need to take action in our private and public lives.

Perhaps 10 percent of the people arrived and stayed just because they saw the crowd. They stayed and asked some very good questions on Respect Life issues. Knowledge is power and these newcomers now know more about the problem than before. Hopefully, they choose to help us end the senseless killing that has become a way of life for generations now.

Remember that the government changing laws alone cannot solve this issue. Some politicians will always be changing their position on abortion to get elected and re-elected. To end abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, we need to re-educate Americans on pro-life issues.

# Fr. Donegan to receive AOH humanitarian award

The 2019 National Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 19, in the Washington, D.C. Marriott, Metro Center. Following the board meeting will be a Mass and the National President's Dinner, at which we will honor the Hibernians' Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award winner, Father Gary Donegan, of Belfast.

Through Fr. Donegan's leadership and dedication, families — especially children — have seen beyond hatred and trauma and experienced the better side of humanity and the peace of God's love. Fr. Donegan, serving as a living example, has provided true meaning to an entire community that has resulted in civility, growth and collaboration.

Everyone is invited to save the date and join us in our nation's capital on October 19. Details will follow in the next Hibernian Digest.



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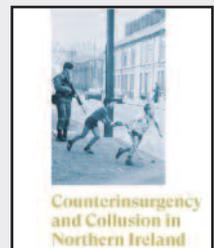
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**South Carolina**



Sisters Marcene, left, and Canice of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius with Brother Joe Gibbons who presented the sisters with a Certificate of Recognition for the outstanding work they are doing at the Franciscan Center as well as a financial contribution to help support the Center's operations.

St. Helena is a predominantly residential Sea Island located in Beaufort County, South Carolina with a relatively high level of poverty. The mission of the St. Francis Center on St. Helena Island - to support those in need in their quest to rise out of poverty - is carried forth by Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, of Danville, Pa. The Center was founded in the spirit of St. Francis and it continues in this spirit of service. The Bishop Patrick Lynch Division regularly supports the Mission both financially and with time and talents of brothers from the Division.



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1992 North Wildwood 2019

**28th Annual Irish Fall Festival**

**Thursday, September 19th**  
**A.O.H. Golf Tournament – 8:00 AM**

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Cape May National Golf Course, Route 9 and Fairway Drive, CMCH  
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Wildwood Catholic High School, North Wildwood

**Friday September 20th**

**VENDORS** - 8 AM to 7 PM Olde New Jersey Avenue  
**LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT** - 12 PM to 8:30 PM Olde NJ Avenue

**Saturday September 21st**

**5K Run**-8 AM SIGN-UP-\$20.00 fee Olde New Jersey Avenue (prizes awarded)  
**VENDORS** - 8 AM to 7 PM Olde New Jersey Avenue  
**BRIAN RILEY PIPE EXHIBITION** - 10 AM - Bill Henfey Park  
Featuring some of the best pipe bands on the East Coast  
**IRISH DANCE LESSONS-FREE** - 10 AM till 12 PM -Elks Lodge  
**LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT** - 12 PM to 8:30 PM Olde NJ Avenue

**Sunday September 22nd**

**MASS** - 10:30 AM Saint Ann's R.C. Church Glenwood & Atlantic Avenue  
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## president's message

By Jim McKay III

"Tempus fugit" as they say, and by the time you get this issue, you will be well into the heat of summer. This is the season of State Conventions, and I have already had the opportunity to attend several. Unfortunately, I'll never be able to make all of them because of time and practicality. However, I wish I could because it is the rare opportunity when you can see the workings of our Order at the local level, which is where the true spirit of Hibernianism operates.

You will recall that I reported on some of our new membership drive initiatives begun by National Vice President Daniel O'Connell and National Membership Chairman Tim McSweeney. I can now report to you that because of our new "At Large" program, we have AOH membership in all 50 states. Hopefully, one day we will be able to report that there are Divisions in all 50 states, but we will take it one day at a time.

Work is continuing to progress on the AOH Commemorative statue concept in Dublin. We recently met with the Taoiseach as well as some of the families of the Rising and Dublin Corporation Council members. While there are still a few hurdles left, we seem to be getting consensus from the powers that be.

The next big National event on the calendar is my President's Dinner in October of this year in Washington, D.C. The dinner is planned for the night of October 19th at the Marriott Metro Centre in D.C., with a Mass before at St. Patrick's Church, which is situated a block from the hotel. Since this is my second President's Dinner and my first was held in New Orleans, I thought that our Nation's Capital would be the right venue this year since so many of our Hibernian initiatives have involved working "The Hill" in our Nation's Capital. We still have a limited number of rooms in our bloc at the Marriott. If anyone is interested, they should make arrangements immediately while the rooms last.

Our National Secretary Jere Cole has just implemented the latest technological change in our office by allowing all Financial Secretaries to update their membership rosters with their computer. So far, we have nothing but rave reviews from our members.

Our National Treasurer Sean Pender is still working with our membership in an attempt to get all of our Divisions in good standing with the IRS. He will be conducting conference calls in the near future with Division Financial Secretaries and/or Presidents who are not in compliance. I hope to have something favorable to report on this program in our next issue.

Hope to see some of you all at your state conventions and many of you all at my President's Dinner in D.C. in October.

God Bless



## Director's report

By Liam McNabb

### Strengthening the Order for the Next Generation...

#### Does your Division have and use Blue Books?

The Blue Book is a "How To" guide and script for the "Regular Order of Business Meetings," the Ritual at the Wake of a Member, Installation of Officers, the Shamrock Degree and the Draping of the Charter. Each Officer should have a copy of the Blue Book to help him better understand his duties as these are described in the book along with a diagram showing the position of Officers during business sessions.

Also included in the Blue Book are descriptions of the emblems and symbols of our Order and the proper set up of the meeting hall for Hibernian business.

Blue Books are used throughout our organization and are critical to local operations because they provide universal policies and procedures. These books are helpful tools that make practices easy to follow while fostering respect among all members, guests and maintaining decorum in all situations. Having a "standard operating procedure" on hand as a guide helps Officers and the Division be more productive and continue to focus on the mission of the organization.

The Blue Books (also known as "Manuals for Meetings") are available through the National Secretary's Office and each Division should have a supply on hand for reference and a resource for new Officer orientation.

### Email blast enables immediate Hibernian call to action!

The national email system provides an opportunity for the National Board to share information with members between publications of the Hibernian Digest. This system also gives us instant contact with our members when we need a call to action on any Hibernian issue.

If you do not receive our email blasts and wish to be a part of our call to action team, please be sure to get your email updated on your membership information. Your financial secretary can update your information today. We need you as part of our team.



## vice president's report

By Danny O'Connell

Rituals and Degrees has been moving forward under the positive leadership of Jack Schneider. Most recently, Jack led a review team for the Tri Abhainn Allegheny County Degree Team in Pittsburgh. The team, led by Denny Maher, performed admirably and was certified by the rituals committee following a positive recommendation.

Jack expects an updated Blue Book to be submitted for approval to the National Board during the fall board meeting in Washington, D.C. The Degree Committee is in the process of gathering Degree Team rosters and contact information. This will allow for better communication among Degree Team members.

On the convention front, state conventions continue throughout the summer creating a setting of positive communication between divisions and counties throughout each state. I hope everyone comes away from their convention with a better knowledge and understanding of the Order as well as a desire to help us continue to grow. There is no day better to recruit a new member than today. I challenge each and every Hibernian to recruit a couple of members annually. Embrace your Irish Heritage and help us grow.

#### Save the date!

The 2020 national convention will be held in Orlando, Florida. The convention will begin Wednesday, July 22, with the opening mass, an icebreaker, and continue through Saturday, July 25. Details will be published later in the year. It is never too early to save the date in your calendar.

#### Tom McNabb Day

I recently had the opportunity to represent the National Board at Tom McNabb Day in Auburn, New York, on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. What a wonderful time to remember those who have come before us and done so much to move the AOH forward. Hibernians from around the state of New York came to Auburn to recognize Brother McNabb's service to the Order. Thank you, NY State President Vic Vogel, for initiating this event and thank you to the McNabb family for sharing Tom with the Hibernians. Few have accomplished so much for our Order. (See page 24.)

#### Communication

Our email blasts continue to grow. The AOH Update is scheduled to arrive on or about the 5th and the 20th of each month. All members of the national board will be providing a monthly article usually consisting of a picture and a paragraph. Committee chairs will provide more detail, which should help the local chairs with information and ideas that will help each committee succeed on every level.

If you do not receive our blast, please get your email to your Financial Secretary and ask him to update your file via the online Form 40 process. In the first month of our new online membership system we increased our email numbers by 20 percent. Congratulations to Jere Cole, Jeff Nisler and Joe Ryan for their work. Success of this system now rests in the hands of our Financial Secretaries.

The Marketing, Promotion and Advertising is ending its first year of funded service to the Order and has much to show for their efforts. In addition to the positive membership growth they have also educated the public of the great work we do as Hibernians, the "Voice of Irish America." This team will continue to push forward and continues to look for new members. Currently, we are looking for members to help in design work. If you have a talent you wish to share please contact me. Thank you and God Bless.



National Director Liam McNabb, Bridget McNabb and National Vice President Danny O'Connell celebrated Tom McNabb Day in Auburn, New York.

### Remember the AOH in your will

Please consider the Order when writing or rewriting your will, and add a paragraph along the lines of: "I leave to The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America [X percent of my estate or a specific dollar amount] for its charitable works."



## secretary's report

By JERE COLE

### New roster editing tool

As of this writing all divisions that we have an email address for have been invited to participate in the management of their own rosters. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to explore the system. All feedback from those that have tried the new system has been very favorable.

**Unfortunately, many divisions have not responded to this invitation even though the email appears to be good. Please respond if you have not or request another invite.**

Some answers to the most common questions.

No, you are not able to change a major degree date because we need verification from the degree team before we can print that info on the card. If you have proof such as the card issued you at the ceremony or a copy of an old membership card upon which the degree is reflected, that will suffice. Otherwise we will need to go back in the archives and see if we can determine if you were included on the original list submitted. It is helpful if you know which division you were associated with when you obtained your degree and which degree team you attended and in which year.

Reinstatements will be able to use their original membership number if it is still in the system. Years ago, there was a practice of expunging the numbers and many records are simply gone. If not available the reinstatement will be assigned the next available number for the division.

New cards will automatically be printed if essential information is changed. If you change a birthday or an email, the card will not be printed.

Initially, until we are sure we have everything running smoothly only one member — The Financial Secretary — of a division will be invited to participate. Going forward we will expand this as necessary. Of course, if you have a financial secretary that is unwilling or unable to participate, your president will designate the individual who will.

When you first log in you will see a header on the page that contains your roster. Certain information contained therein may not be edited by you. The EIN, for instance, is being updated and will be filled in shortly.

Division transfers still require a signed transfer card from officers of each division. Please forward these via email as has been done in the past. In the future we will be looking at folding this process into the system as well

If you have any questions/problems please email rather than call with your concerns.

*Important reminder: as of this writing there are still 29 divisions that have not paid their per capita for 2018. This payment was due on February 15, 2019, and is now seriously overdue. If you have not paid you will be ineligible to participate in your state convention this summer.*

And very importantly, next year if payments are not submitted on time you will incur a charge of \$4 per member. That is more than a 30 percent increase just for being tardy.



## Director's report

By DENNIS PARKS

Brothers, I hope this message finds you well. By the time you read this message, state conventions will be taking place all over the country. Congratulations to all of the new incoming state board officers. Thank you for taking a leadership role in our Order. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your designated National Director or Liaison with any questions that you may have. We are here to support you and help grow the AOH in your states.

In late April, I had the privilege of attending the Republic Day event put on by the Rochester, NY, AOH FFAI committee. The theme of the event was the impact of Brexit on Irish unification. Our own National Treasurer Sean Pender, along with a distinguished panel of three professors from the Rochester area, answered questions posed to them in a round table setting. As much as I've read and studied about Brexit, there were some interesting points made that I had not heard before. If you go to YouTube.com and search for Rochester AOH, you can watch a video of the event. Thanks to President Patrick Miller, FFAI Chair Gavin Barry, and the brothers of the Rochester AOH for the hospitality.

In May, I attended the Ohio State Board meeting in Toledo. One of the topics was the upcoming Ohio AOH/LAOH Biennial Convention. The convention will be held in Toledo on August 16 and 17. If you would like more information on attending the convention please go to [www.hibernianstoledo.com](http://www.hibernianstoledo.com).

Also in May, I had a chance to attend the exemplification of the Major Degrees in Columbus, OH. Worth mentioning again brothers, is that members who have taken their Major Degrees are more likely to remain engaged and active in the Order. There is a listing of the current schedule of Major Degrees to be performed as well as contacts for all of the Major Degree teams listed under rituals and degrees on [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)

As always, you can contact me at [dparks121@yahoo.com](mailto:dparks121@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns.



## Director's report

By BILL SULLIVAN

With the summer of 2019 upon us, we want to thank those who inquired over the past year regarding the National Board's Irish Way and Study Abroad Scholarships. We are pleased to announce on behalf of AOH National President James McKay and the National Board our 2019 scholarship recipients to date.

### 2019 Irish Way Recipient

Allyson Tracy, of Monroe, Connecticut, has been selected as the AOH National Board's 2019 Irish Way recipient. Allyson will head to Ireland to participate in this year's program in late June. Allyson's mother, Mary Tracy, participated in the Irish Way Program when she was in high school. Allyson received a \$1,000 scholarship. Her grandfather, the Rev. Dennis Donahue, is a member of the John F. Kennedy Division 1 in Auburn, NY.

### 2019 Study Abroad in Ireland Scholarship Recipients

Cara McCarthy, of Salem, NH, has been selected as one of this year's Study Abroad Scholarship recipients. Her father, Michael McCarthy, is a member of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA Division 8 in Lawrence, MA. Cara is a student at Bentley University in Waltham, MA, and will attend University College Dublin for the fall semester, 2019. Cara received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Celia Murphy, of Lawrence, MA, will also receive a \$1,000 Study Abroad Scholarship. Her father, Keith Murphy, is a member of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA Division 8 in Lawrence. Celia is a student at Towson University in Maryland and will attend Maynooth University in Ireland for the spring semester, 2020.

Our sincere thanks to Joe Casler, president of the Hibernian Charity, and to the members of the Hibernian Charity Board for providing the funding for our scholarships. In the next issue of the Hibernian Digest several other scholarship recipients will be announced. Information on our 2020 Scholarships will be announced this fall in the Hibernian Digest and on the AOH National Web Page.

At the Massachusetts AOH State Convention held in early May, Jack Lahey was elected AOH State President. AOH National President Jim McKay was in attendance. The Connecticut AOH and LAOH State Convention will take place in Waterbury from June 23 to 25. AOH National Secretary Jere Cole, AOH National Treasurer Sean Pender and National Director Liam McNabb are expected to be in attendance. The AOH Rhode Island State Convention will be hosted by Division 1 in Newport in September. More details in the next issue of the Digest.

Martin Galvin, AOH National Freedom for All Ireland Chairman, along with Professor Mark McGovern and Mark Thompson, of Relatives for Justice, have included three New England states as part of a seven-state book launch of the book, Counterinsurgency and Collusion in Northern Ireland. On Friday, June 7, they will discuss their book at the home of AOH Division 14 in Watertown, MA; on Saturday, June 8, they will be at the home of the Dennis Collins Division 1 in Newport, RI, and on Sunday, June 9 they will be the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield, CT.

Over the last several months, I have had the opportunity to visit and take part in many AOH and Irish-related events in the New England region. In mid-May, I attended the Pennsylvania State Board meeting and testimonial for Pennsylvania AOH President Joe Hosie, in Carbondale, PA. A great weekend and tribute to a great Hibernian!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any comments, concerns or questions. My email address is: [williamsullivan@verizon.net](mailto:williamsullivan@verizon.net) Enjoy the great summer weather ahead!



## Organizer

By TIM MCSWEENEY

Our Order continues to grow. Through collective efforts of Brothers committed expanding Hibernianism, we are assured that our Order has a bright future ahead.

Palm County Florida- On May 23, 21 members were sworn in to form the Francis Hughes Division 2. Terry McIntyre was installed as division. Florida State Vice President organized the division. Deputy National Organizer Keith Reynolds and Florida State Secretary assisted with the installation.

Brunswick County North Carolina- North Carolina State President Patrick Tracy assisted by North Carolina eastern Organizer Joe Coty recently installed Brunswick County Division 1.

Organizing efforts are on going in the following areas: Janesville, Wisconsin; Dallas Fort Worth, Texas (to be sworn in August); Spokane, Washington; Seattle/Tacoma, Washington; Casper, Wyoming; Warwick, NY; and Pocatello, Idaho.

If you any potential members in these areas, please contact me at [newjack12007@yahoo.com](mailto:newjack12007@yahoo.com)

### Resource page

The Organizer resource page is up on the National website [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com). The page contains downloadable and customizable recruitment posters, information brochures and Membership applications. This allows a clean professional look on recruitment material, allowing you add your division contact information.



## treasurer's report

By sean pender

As we are in the season of conventions, I hope all our county and state boards had or will have successful and substantive meetings. These are very important events that will allow us to continue the good work of the Order.

In consultation with National President McKay, Vice President O'Connell and Secretary Cole, we have decided that we need to take a more proactive involvement in bringing to some sort of conclusion the on-going tax-exempt status situation. This project is now approaching three years and we still have a large percent of our divisions and boards that are not in compliance with IRS regulations and National Board instruction.

Therefore, we will be assigning non-compliant divisions and boards to national directors, liaisons and state officers with the intent that they monitor their road to compliance. In the event that boards and divisions decide not to be compliant they will be instructed by their assigned contact of their IRS responsibilities as a for-profit organization. The target completion date for this project is September 30, 2019, at which time all required paperwork and fines will be submitted to the IRS for re-instatement of tax-exempt status or a local decision will be made to file taxes yearly as a for-profit entity. A further constitutional discussion on this matter will be scheduled at the Orlando convention of 2020.

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### Revenue Streams

Earlier this year the National Board — in an attempt to generate different revenue streams —partnered with three reputable vendors to sell their goods to our members and friends. Each of these vendors returns a portion of sales to the National Board, so I'd like to take the opportunity to remind you about them.

The AOH's official merchandise partner is Keltex Imprinted Apparel. They are proud to be able to provide quality merchandise to members throughout the country. Single customized pieces for individuals, bulk for groups and special customized orders are all available. No job too big or too small. The official merchandise supplier of the 2016 AOH-LAOH convention, Keltex has been in business for more than 30 years. They have a great reputation, and work with big and small companies nationwide, shipping apparel and promotional products alike. Mike Hagan, sales manager at Keltex, has been a Brother of the AOH for more than 20 years. Browse and shop at <https://aohapparel.com/>

Looking for that special piece of jewelry? We've got just the place for you. The AOH is excited to be in partnership with the Galway-based Celtic jeweler, Irish Creation. Crafted locally in Ireland, Irish Creation offers Hibernians and friends a chance to connect with their Irish heritage through the highest quality Celtic jewelry. Members and friends who use the promo code "AOH" will receive a discount and the AOH will receive a portion of the sale. Check out their website to see their high quality and unique Irish wares. [https://www.irishcreation.com/?magehit\\_aref=30022cad3736a8ebee63b71e89b6d1b](https://www.irishcreation.com/?magehit_aref=30022cad3736a8ebee63b71e89b6d1b)

Harney and Sons, one of the country's leading tea makers, has partnered with the AOH to develop a premium Irish Breakfast tea, with a portion of sales benefiting the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Harney and Sons was impressed by our long-time history of helping others, so working with them we commissioned this tea as a way to raise money for our worthy causes. The tea that is most drunk in Ireland comes from Kenya, so they developed a strong tea from two tea estates in Kenya. It can handle the milk and sugar that most Irish like to add. I ordered these teas last Christmas for friends and family and the feedback was great.

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# Director's report

By Dan Dennehy

With the soon-to-be-expanded Woodlawn offices of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center as a backdrop, board members of two Irish community organizations serving the New York Metro area met for an exciting development.

"Plans for the space renovation have been underway for a number of years, and this grant is a much-needed boost to the private funds we now need to raise to ensure that the project continues," said Brian O'Dwyer, the center's Chairman Emeritus. Cyril Hughes, Chairman of The Tara Circle, said: "We are delighted to support the EIIC with our grant, which continues The Tara Circle's decades of commitment to supporting Irish culture and heritage in our community."

"We are uniquely grateful to The Tara Circle for their investment in our infrastructure in the Bronx community and are indebted to them for this financial support, allowing us to continue with permanent plans for our long term home in the Bronx serving immigrants with the immigration and social services we are long associated with," stated Siobhan Dennehy the Center's Executive Director.

"This grant is welcome in support of the only center in the New York Tri-State area providing the widest array of services in social and immigration-related matters to the Irish diaspora and beyond," commented John F. Tully, Chairman of the EIIC Board of Directors.

Dan Dennehy, National Director and Immigration Chair of Ancient Order of Hibernians who attended the presentation and assisted in coordination with both groups stated, "Hibernians have supported Tara Circle and the Emerald Isle Immigration Center from their inception because their missions are to serve our community and that of our neighbors. It is great to see Tara Circle support Emerald Isle Immigration Center, as they help the newest to oldest Irish Americans and so many New York immigrants."

Additional funding for the project has already been committed from the New York City, State, Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Emigrant Support Program and the Irish Institute. To learn more about The Tara Circle visit <http://taracircle.org>. To learn more about the Emerald Isle Immigration Center visit: [www.eiic.org](http://www.eiic.org)



At Emerald Isle Immigration Center on Katonah Ave. in New York, aka The Emerald Mile, from left, Dan Dennehy, Dr. Brian O'Dwyer of the EIIC and a member of the NY County AOH, Jim Rice, Tara Circle President; Cyril Hughes, Tara Circle Chairman and AOH Rockland; John Tully, EIIC Chairman & AOH NY County; Siobhan Dennehy, EIIC Exec. Director and Westchester LAOH; Jim McQuaid, Tara Circle; Cathy Hogan, Tara Circle and Westchester LAOH; and Juan Grajeda with the EIIC. Hibernians helped these two Irish community support organizations get their start; now one gives the other a boost — The Tara Circle supports the Emerald Isle Immigration Center's Woodlawn building renovation fund.

## Deadline

Articles for the August-September issue are due no later than August 1.



# Director's report

By John Wilson

Nicholas Schroer is the Missouri State Representative for the 107th District, and a proud AOH member in St. Charles County. Nick was the sponsor of Missouri's HB 126 Heart Beat Bill. The Missouri bill started out as a ban on abortion once a fetal heartbeat can be detected, as early as six weeks into pregnancy. But it was amended in the state Senate to an eight-week ban. Though slightly less restrictive than heartbeat bills in other states, it would still ban abortions starting just a few weeks after a missed period, before many women even know they are pregnant.

Governor Parson signed this Bill into law on May 24. The eight-week ban is in clear conflict with Roe v. Wade and the 1992 Supreme Court decision Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which bar states from banning abortion before a fetus can survive outside the womb, around 24 weeks' gestation. Like the heartbeat bills around the country, it will almost certainly be challenged in court.

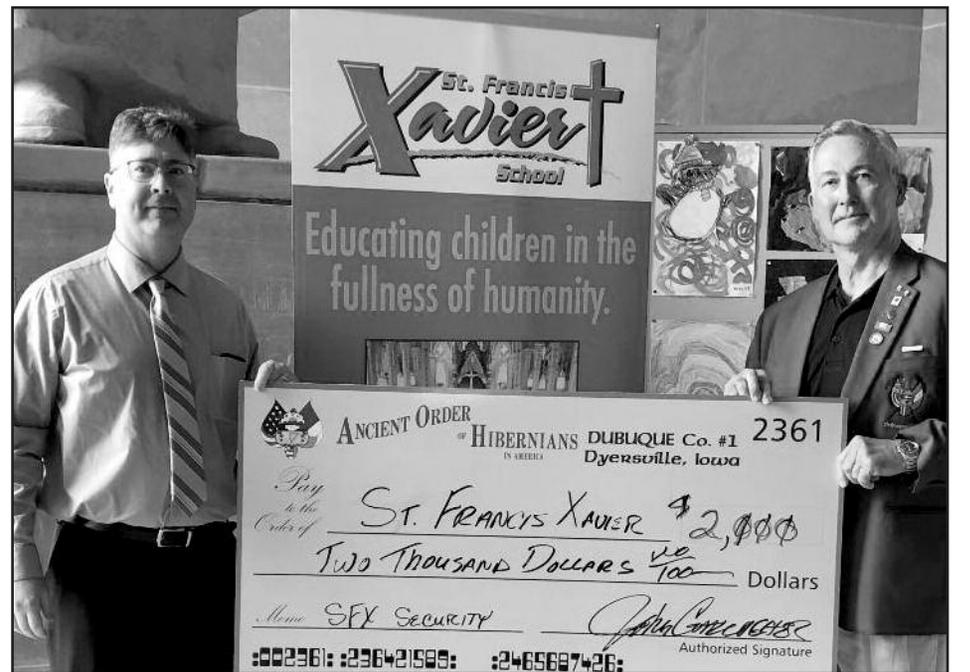
The Missouri law, known as HB 126 or the "Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act," includes a number of new restrictions on abortion and other provisions. These include the following:

- A ban on abortion solely on the basis of the fetus's race, sex or diagnosis of Down syndrome.
- A requirement that both parents be notified if a minor is seeking an abortion.
- An increase to the state tax credit for "pregnancy resource centers," which provide counseling to "encourage women to carry their pregnancies to term" and do not offer or refer for abortions.
- A ban on abortion at about eight weeks' gestation, with no exceptions for rape or incest, a doctor may perform an abortion because of a medical emergency, but the law places the "burden of persuasion" on the doctor to show that the abortion was necessary, according to the AP.
- A "ladder" of bans designed to take effect if the eight-week ban is struck down in court, banning abortion at 14, 18 or 20 weeks.
- A trigger provision that would ban abortion at any stage of pregnancy, except in the case of medical emergencies, if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

Ireland's Ambassador Daniel Mulhall and Consulate General of Ireland Adrian Farrell were honored at the Irish Center of Kansas City on May 16th. Both had kind words in their speeches about the hospitality of the Hibernians around the country and praised the work we do. The ambassador had just come from Utah where they celebrated the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, that over 10,000 Irish immigrants help build. Ambassador Mulhall last visited Kansas City in 1974 on a J1 student visa. As a 19-year-old, he spent that summer staying at Rockhurst University, in Kansas City, and worked at Winstead's Diner there.

I would like to thank Joe Flanagan for all his hard work as Missouri State President. He did an excellent job and was well respected. John Callahan of St. Charles is the new State President.

## Iowa



### Hibernians support Catholic education

The Dubuque Co. Division 1, Iowa, recently met and allocated some of the funds we have raised during the St. Patrick's Banquet that is held every year, always on the Saturday before the parade.

Today I was honored to provide a check for \$2,000 to St. Francis Xavier (SFX) Elementary School to be put toward a new Security System for the front entrance of the school. Accepting the check for SFX is AOH member and SFX School Principal Peter Smith. Dyersville, Iowa, is blessed to have a gem like SFX School to provide exceptional Catholic Education and the Dubuque Co. 1 AOH are honored to support that mission in anyway we can.

— John Gallagher, Division President



## immigration

By Dan Dennehy, chairman

Thanks for the outpouring of condolences for the passing of my mother, Dora McGowan Dennehy, 93. It was heartwarming amidst her neighbors, family, friends and her coworkers from her long life, to see the mark of respect by many Hibernians and abundant beautiful flowers, sent by AOH National, State, County and Division Boards and members.

My mom's story is an immigrant's story. Dora McGowan was born in 1925 in Stirling, Scotland, due to the economic hardships Ireland faced in the aftermath of the Irish Civil War. Her parents brought her and her brother back to be raised in Leitrim. Her parents had seven more children before Pdraig "Pa" McGowan was tragically killed on Christmas Eve 1938. When her father died, she worked in Belfast to support her widowed mother and young siblings. After helping with the family, at the age of 25, she emigrated in 1950 to New York.

If Dora McGowan had attempted to enter the U.S. today, she would likely be denied; at 25, with no university degrees, and little hope for a lottery visa, she would not qualify. Her father's Irish Republican history would definitely make her a candidate for visa denial. She would also be denied her career as the representative of a top restaurant chain, and later, a cherished school cafeteria cashier. Her marriage to a decorated Korean War veteran, motherhood of a decorated policewoman and yours truly, and her love for four grandchildren, of whom she was most proud.

For all the Dora's and Pdraig's, we, as Hibernians, must continue to pave the way for legal immigration visas for Irish people. We need you to make sure your District and State elected members of Congress support the E3 Visa for Ireland, proposed in the House recently. In honor of all our Irish predecessors, we ask you to contact this chair to see how you may help in the effort to keep Malachy McAllister and his family here in the United States. My mom always welcomed visitors to her door, and no one left a stranger. I am inviting you to help the National Immigration Committee to keep America from shutting the door in the face of the Irish immigrant.



## Director's Report

By Ed Halligan

I joined up with New Jersey State President Larry Prella as the Gloucester County Division 1 held a commemoration of the Easter Monday 1916 Rising with the raising of the Tricolor, speeches, Mass and a luncheon. This was followed by the women of National Park doing an Easter bonnet parade.

Philadelphia Div. 25 held their annual Day of the Rope Dinner on May 17. Brian Coleman brings the AOH, LAOH and the Philadelphia unions together for this event. Judge Patrick Dugan gives us the lesson of what the coal miners in Pennsylvania had to endure from the barons that controlled the mines, the railroads and the newspapers. He brings the union members and the AOH members together as though it was back in the time of the Molly Maguires. The judge points out that our reward for working hard, supporting our families and trying to get better working conditions is the hangman's noose. The noose is put out there for all of us to see and realize the injustice done to these men. As many times as I have seen this presentation, it never grows old.

The Pennsylvania State Board meeting was held in Carbondale, PA. This was followed by a great testimonial for the outgoing state president, Joe Hosie. The meeting and testimonial were well attended. Members of the National Board, Hibernians from New York and Pennsylvania, along with family and friends, filled the banquet hall. It was a well-deserved celebration of Joe's hard work these past two years.

Memorial Day weekend was filled with several functions honoring our veterans. I was invited by the Pennsylvania divisions in Delaware County to attend the first annual Mass they were having at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, at the old Philadelphia Navy Yard. This was a memorial to our veterans and the veterans of Irish birth and descent. The story of the Four Chaplains is an amazing story of sacrifice, love and a profound trust in God. Having the Mass here was an appropriate place to honor all those who put their life on the line for our country. We were welcomed to the chapel by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Captain Louis Cavaliere USN (Retired), who wants to work with the AOH in future endeavors. Mass was celebrated by Reverend James Cordosi USN (Retired), a P-3 pilot. He talked about how many young people in our armed forces made the ultimate sacrifice for our country at such a young age.

On Memorial Day, the AOH Div. 2 Montgomery County, Philadelphia Divisions 80 and 46 joined with the American Legion Post 100 in Wyndmoor, PA, for the parade that the Post sponsors. It was the Post's 100th Anniversary of their charter.

I attended the Bernard McCarren Div. 2 in Newark, DE, meeting at the end of May. They are 40 members strong with several members joining in the past couple of years. They discussed their charity work, which is impressive. Meetings are held at the beautiful St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, in Bear, DE. They work with four different parishes and will be having their annual picnic where they will hand out scholarship awards.



## freedom for all ireland

By Martin Galvin, chairman

### McGovern, Thompson launch book on British collusion

A groundbreaking new book shows Britain armed, directed, paid and protected loyalist agents to carry out murders in Tyrone and Derry, then denied blame.

Professor Mark McGovern, joined by Mark Thompson, of Relatives for Justice, launched "Counterinsurgency and Collusion in Northern Ireland," and presented shocking new findings in public events and Congressional meetings in a seven-state tour organized by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Relatives for Justice.

A book tour has enabled the authors to further inform many in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states about the crimes of the British government.



Counterinsurgency and Collusion in Northern Ireland  
Mark McGovern

### At Stake

British officials claim that their crown forces were only responsible for 10 percent of the north's killings. Mark McGovern, professor of sociology at Edge Hill University, in England, studied dozens of these killings in Tyrone and South Derry. Helped by Mark Thompson and Relatives for Justice, Professor McGovern put together a shocking new look at British collusion. His findings raises questions on hundreds of murders attributed to loyalists, but may have been carried out as part of an overall British strategy.

McGovern and Thompson appeared at AOH-sponsored events in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Virginia, New Jersey, Boston, Newport, Rhode Island, Fairfield, Connecticut and Albany.

This book is an important advance in the battle for legacy truth, as victims' families in Tyrone, south Derry and indeed across the north knew it. Loyalists may have fired the shots but British crown forces directed these murders and protected killers as part of an overall British strategy. The book and these speakers have had a tremendous response in AOH-sponsored events and in meetings with Congress.

It says a great deal about how important these families regard American help and the AOH that they came to us as soon as the book was released to get the word out. The AOH is proud to help in the battle for legacy truth.



One stop on the tour was the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



## project st. patrick

By Vic Vogel, chairman

I would like to thank the many Divisions, Counties and States that have participated in the 2019 Project St. Patrick Easter Appeal. Your generosity makes this program the success that enables the Ancient Order of Hibernians to award Seminarians and Religious the financial support they need and deserve.

If your jurisdiction has not yet responded, there is still time to help. Please return the "Support Vocations" Donation Form and the Diocese Information Form soon. Each donation of \$500 or more creates a grant in the name of your Chaplain or anyone you believe is worthy of such recognition. In addition, the donating Division, County or State will receive a Certificate recognizing the honor bestowed upon that Chaplain or worthy recipient. These Certificates will serve as an ongoing reminder of your generosity and support of Vocations in the Catholic Church through Project St. Patrick.

In the fall, Grant Applications will be mailed to all Dioceses and Seminaries listed on the forms that were returned to my office. If you want to recommend a specific Seminarian or Religious for a grant, please notify the Director of the Seminary to consider your request and have the Seminarian be sure to ask the Director for an application. All grants should be awarded before the end of the year. In 2018, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, through your donations to Project St. Patrick, awarded 75 vocational grants. The overwhelming responses of gratitude and thankfulness from the Seminarians and Religious was heartfelt. Let's make it our GOAL to increase that number this year for the Good Work they will provide for us.

Again, thank you for your support!



# Historical Happenings

by Mike McCormack  
Historian

The first months of 2019 was a time of hard work in three areas and congratulations are due to those who put in the time and effort.

First, on May 18, months of effort concluded in the dedication of a memorial stone, carved by Tom Miller, to Father Patrick McCabe of Arnaghan, Co. Cavan (10/25/1822 - 10/23/1899). It was the latest memorial to the men of the 1876 Catalpa Rescue.

Fr. McCabe was a Priest in Western Australia where he ministered to the Fenian prisoners in the Fremantle penal colony. Beneath his clerical robe beat the heart of a true Irish patriot and he was instrumental in liberating John Boyle O'Reilly and later assisted in the rescue of six Fenian prisoners aboard the ship, Catalpa. When he came under suspicion by the authorities, he fled to America where Bishop John Ireland gave him a position in the little Irish church of St. Mary's in Waseca County, MN where he ended his days.

## Remembering the heroes of the Catalpa

The Fenian Memorial Committee of America (FMCA), led by the tireless George McLaughlin, is memorializing all the Catalpa heroes. To date, they have placed memorial stones on the graves of four of the six rescued Fenians in Providence, Chicago and Philadelphia. The remaining two are in Calvary cemetery in New York and after this memorial to Father McCabe, George will continue his campaign until all six are honored. The FMCA was assisted in the Fr. McCabe effort by Joe Hoehn of the Waseka Irish-American Club, Joan Mooney of the Waseca County Historical Society and two major AOH donors: the Shamrock Division in LeSueur and the Archbishop Ireland Division of St. Paul. In attendance were members of the Cavan Men's Association and visitors from Missouri, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Ottawa and New York. Donations were also received from individuals and organizations throughout the USA and Australia.

Secondly, on May 25, hundreds gathered to dedicate a huge Celtic Cross on Deer Island in Boston Harbor to the memory of Irish exiles resting in unmarked graves on the island (see accompanying Echoes in Irish History article). The memorial, visible from virtually every point in the harbor, was the idea of Dr. William O'Connell and his wife, Rita – both deceased – who wanted the public to know what happened on that island.

Boston Archivist John McColgan told the crowd about ordinary people who sacrificed everything for a better life and ships arriving with orphans whose parents starved during the voyage because feeding their children was their priority. He said the Irish who died on the island, "suffered trauma, poverty, disease and death, due to a government in London that placed political power and private profit over poor people."

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, son of Irish immigrants, saluted the committee that erected the memorial and specifically members of the AOH and LAOH. "Like much of Irish culture," he said, "this memorial marks profound suffering with remarkable beauty. Most immigration stories are tales of overcoming adversity. But our city's story and our country's story is the story of those who were lost, as well."

Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, delivered the invocation and blessed those 'too-long-forgotten burial sites'. White doves were released and a wreath was placed in Boston Harbor. Piper Joe Hickey of the Boston Firefighters Pipe & Drum Corps added a poignant touch to the ceremony.

## A Legacy

Finally, three month of intense effort came to fruition with the publishing of 'Irish and Irish-American Monuments, Memorials and Commemorative Plaques in New York State.' The book is the legacy of NY State President Vic Vogel and contains 124 pages of photos and stories of the icons of Irish and Irish-American contributions to the state and the nation that exist in New York. While there are hundreds more, this effort had to be completed by the State Convention and was therefore designated as Volume One. Volume Two is already in the works as state members are being asked to submit any memorials in their areas not in Volume One. An advance publication was introduced at the State Board meeting in May and almost sold out. A second printing will be available for the convention.

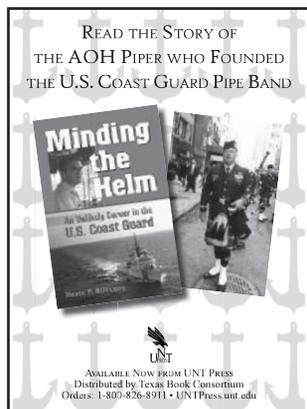
Congratulations to all involved for keeping the traditions alive!

## By Kevin P. Gilheany

Growing up in Manhattan, I had two big dreams: to join the Coast Guard and to play the bagpipes. Since we couldn't afford bagpipes, I was content to watch the bands pass, feel the hair stand up on the back of my neck, and dream.

I joined the Coast Guard after high school and was eventually assigned to New Orleans. At a Mardi Gras parade in 1996, I recognized the drum major of the Pipes and Drums of New Orleans. I contacted the pipe major and started taking lessons. Six months later he told me it was time to buy some pipes.

One of my first opportunities to play with the band was at the Celtic Nations Festival in New Orleans. We came to a halt after our little parade, and as soon as the drum major said, "Band dismissed!" I was approached by three men. One of them introduced himself as Judge James McKay. He had heard there was an Irish Catholic piper in town and came to find me. The Judge told me about the AOH and that I needed to join and be their piper. The Judge is hard to say no to,



# Echoes of Irish History

## By Mike McCormack

From 1845 to 1852, millions of refugees fled Ireland to avoid the starvation and disease associated with An Gorta Mor – the Great Hunger. Men, women and children were packed into Coffin Ship steerage so tightly that there was no way to even preserve privacy, and disease spread rapidly. One 1848 report described the berths provided for sleeping by noting that, "The passengers have not more room than their coffins." Another report related: "I have known cases of females who sat up all night upon their boxes in steerage, because they could not think of going into a bunk with a strange man." About six percent died of disease at sea or were lost as unseaworthy vessels took them to the ocean's bottom. Those who survived flooded the coastal cities of North America. By 1847, a crisis hit Boston as coffin ships unloaded 25,000 Irish exiles, many of whom were sick after the 6-8-week Atlantic crossing, suffering from typhus, cholera and other hunger-related maladies.

## Deer Island

Fearing a city-wide epidemic, Boston officials ordered a quarantine hospital to be established on Deer Island in Boston Harbor. Henceforth, all arriving ships, judged by port officials to be 'foul and infected with any malignant or contagious disease,' would moor at Deer Island, where men, women and children suffering fevers would be removed "as a precautionary measure to ward off a pestilence that would have been ruinous to the public health and business of the city." Only then could the remaining immigrants proceed to Boston.

From 1847 to 1849, about 4,186 people were removed and quarantined; not all of them made it off the island; about 1,200 sleep there to this day in the old Rest Haven Cemetery that the City Council ordered to be 'near the northwest corner of the most northerly hill on the island.'

## Puritan Prejudice

To make matters worse, those who survived were not welcomed by Boston's Yankee population who had ruled the city since Puritan days and held the same anti-Irish Catholic prejudice as Boston's founders. As the city grew from 115,000 to more than 150,000 in 1847, the new Irish realized they had escaped the age-old prejudice in Ireland only to confront it again in this new land. They settled in Boston's North End tenements where conditions were as bad as they were on the coffin ships. A Boston Committee of Internal Health studied the tenements and related, in part, that the Irish survived in "a perfect hive of human beings," without comforts and mostly without common necessities; in many cases huddled together without regard to age or sex. The lack of sanitation unleashed a wide array of lethal disease like cholera and typhus. Of Irish children born in Boston during that time, about 60 percent died before the age of six! But that's another story; for now breathe a prayer for those who sleep on Deer Island.



Hibernians from Massachusetts gathered for the dedication of the monument to the victims of the Great Hunger on Deer Island on Memorial Day Weekend. (See Massachusetts news in this Digest page 12.)

# Piping for the AOH

and I was honored to be asked. The AOH funded my saffron kilt and I played mostly Irish tunes. Over the years I have played for the AOH in parades, at funerals, memorial services, meetings and weddings.

I eventually left the Pipes and Drums of New Orleans, the only pipe band in New Orleans, as they refused to play in the New Orleans St. Patrick's Day parades and had only one Irish set in their repertoire. A fellow Irish piper and I formed the New Orleans Irish Pipe Band. The band was a big success for quite a few years and got up to 13 members, but we were eventually done in by Hurricane Katrina and all that went along with that catastrophe.

In 2002 I used the Internet to gather Coast Guard pipers and drummers to form a band for the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan. The U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band is still going strong today, with well over 100 members across the nation. In 2008 we were the largest volunteer military pipe band to participate in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a great honor to march past the corner at 79th and Fifth where I dreamed my dreams as a boy.

I am truly blessed. My memoir, "Minding the Helm – An Unlikely Career in the U.S. Coast Guard," is being published by University of North Texas Press and is available on Amazon.com.

# New Mexico

## Albuquerque Hibernians taking action

A very busy spring in the Southwest. Brother Mathias Barrett Bernalillo County Division 1 participated in two major events. Bros. Val Varela, Dcn Steve Rangel and Tom Farrell coordinated our participation in the 68th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Center. Brother Tim Gannon secured the generous donation of airtime by iHeart Media to promote the event, earning the Division the prestigious Diamond Sponsor recognition. We presented Archbishop Emeritus Michael Sheehan with his AOH credentials and donated \$200 to the Good Shepherd Center.



Bishop Sheehan at Brother Mathias Division, from left, Jim Larkin, Archbishop Emeritus Michael Sheehan, Dcn. Steve Rangel

## Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival

The first weekend in May our division had a booth at the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival in Bernalillo, NM. The event was well attended and we marched in both the opening and closing ceremonies. Several individuals stopped by the booth inquiring about our Order. Mick McGovern was able to borrow the Papal Flag from the local K. of C. Assembly, which we proudly flew and which generated attention. Sadly, we experienced anti-Catholic and anti-Irish bigotry from one of the Scottish Protestant vendors, who insisted that An Gorta Mor was way overblown by the Irish. Several expressed interest in joining and some ladies inquired about whether there was a local LAOH they could join. Ultimately, we gained another enthusiastic Brother, Matthew McGovern, from Los Alamos. He signed up as webmaster, so be looking for a new website coming online for our division in the coming months.



Ray Hayden, left, Jim Larkin, Dcn. Steve Rangel, Collin Donohue and Matthew McGovern at the festival.

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Singing Anthem, from left, Val Varela, Bobby Hickey, Trefflee Lagarde, Michael O'Hearn, Tim Gannon, Mick McGovern, Tom Farrell, Jim Larkin and Henry Drees.

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## veterans affairs By Jim Green, chairman

Before we close the books on the Memorial Day holiday recently behind us, I wanted to take a moment to address my last email blast that came through the National Board. I hope by now you know how respectful I feel about all of the branches of service, our active service members, and the veterans of our Armed Forces. I have heard, though, that some may have felt a little offended because of my reference specifically to "Soldiers & Sailors" in the email, thereby "excluding" those who served in our other branches of service. By way of an explanation, I have come to think of "Soldiers & Sailors" as inclusive of all of our brothers and sisters in uniform. For example, we have a building in Pittsburgh named "Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall," at which I continue to perform annual volunteer work, and whose hallowed halls certainly honor all who have served. So, please know that I would never intentionally overlook, or take for granted, any brothers or sisters who have served our country — too often sacrificing their minds and bodies, and tragically sometimes sacrificing their lives. May the peace of our Lord be with you, and bring comfort and healing to you all. My apologies to you for any unintended slight.

Many Hibernians at this time of year set their sights on the summer and their plans for well-deserved rest and relaxation. However, many of us will also be traveling to attend our State Conventions. Hopefully, your State has a Veterans Affairs chairman or representative that can offer a short break-out session and invite other Hibernian veterans in for an information and discussion session. It's a rare opportunity to have some face-to-face time with other vets in your state. I recommend that you try to gather email addresses and phone numbers so that you can share information with your brothers throughout the year. And if you come across anything that you'd like to share nationally, please send me an email and any attachments you'd like and I'll take a look at them. I appreciate that!

By the time this article is published, there was an event that already took place in my region that I think is worth sharing with you, and I hope other members of Congress consider performing similar presentations. Similar to our presentations of the Hibernian Veterans pins, Congressman Conor Lamb, of our local Pennsylvania 17th Congressional District, hosted a special ceremony that presented veterans pins to recognize and honor veterans of the Vietnam era. I contacted Congressman Lamb's office to express the appreciation of our Order for hosting the presentation, and also to express my deepest regrets for not being able to attend in person due to an AOH obligation. I was invited to attend because I am a Vietnam-era veteran. The Congressman's office indicated that they will ensure that I am presented with a pin, but also this conversation will hopefully open up a meaningful exchange of information going forward that could benefit all of us. You see, Congressman Lamb also sits on the Veterans Affairs committee in Washington and I hope that will prove to be fruitful going forward. Also, his uncles are all local Hibernians, so Conor will be recruited for membership as well! Never be reluctant to discuss the Order with anyone willing to listen! You never know where our next great Hibernian brother can be found.

I wish you all a safe and happy 4th of July. My wife and I, as well as a small group of local Hibernian friends and wives, are flying off to Ireland at the end of June and will spend the 4th in Doolin. But be assured that we are still planning music and a cookout at one of our cottages, and we will raise a toast to our country's birth and thank God that we are all bonded together in this great Order. Until next time, God bless all you do for the Order and for our veterans.

— In our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Jim Green



# pro-life

By John Patrick, Walsh Chairman

## Make Adoption An Option

While home for Easter, my mother relayed a heartbreaking local news story. A local teen mother smothered her newborn son and got the father's help in disposing of the body in a nearby housing community dumpster. The woman had hid the pregnancy from her parents but the baby came to the attention of local authorities after she shared pictures of the child, and alluded to her actions, through text messages with a friend, who alerted police. The body has not been found and police have called off the search; the parents are being held without bail on felony charges.

My mother was shocked that the young parents did not seek help in caring for the child. She then looked at me with despair, and asked why they couldn't have given the child up for adoption or dropped it off at a hospital, with the police or at a fire station. Didn't they know about the Safe Haven law, wasn't that taught in schools?

The New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act was passed in 2000 and allows the safe, legal and anonymous surrender of children under 30-days-old, no questions asked, at hospitals, first aid squads, police and fire stations. The N.J. Department of Children and Families ensures that each child will be placed with a foster or pre-adoptive home.

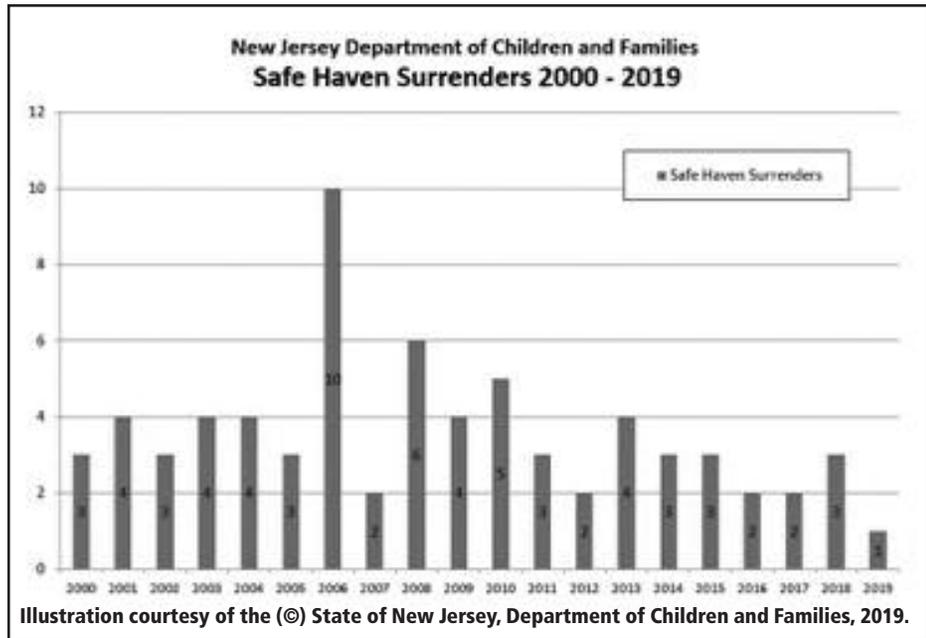
Unfortunately, this law is relatively unknown to young adults and infrequently used. According to statistics provided by DCF, since its inception, only 71 infants have been surrendered to safe havens. Sen. Anthony Bucco (R-Morris, Somerset), an original sponsor of the bill, thinks this may be the result of state law not requiring schools to include Safe Haven in sex education classes. He has introduced legislation in each session to require its inclusion in NJ sexual health education plans. But these efforts have been defeated in committee.

For N.J. Hibernians – the bill, S1126, has passed the N.J. Senate and is now under consideration by the Assembly; please call your legislators to make your opinion known.

Hibernians across the nation can help to rectify situations like this as all 50 states have Safe Haven laws. Our faith preaches a commitment to life that does not end when the baby is born and as Catholics we are uniquely qualified to push for a more balanced sexual education curriculum that places an emphasis on adoption and post-partum care.

Most Americans, whether pro-choice or pro-life, agree that abortion should be an option of last resort, wishing that the practice was limited in nature and numbers. This common ground should offer an opportunity for cooperation in making adoption a preferred and highlighted option for unwanted children or crisis pregnancies. Having graduated from a neighboring public school district to the one both young parents above attended, I can tell you that our schools "covered" the Safe Haven law; however, it was discussed for only five minutes of my senior year sex-ed. class.

Surely, with the magnitude of consequence that having a child demands, Americans across all walks of life can agree that knowledge of safe, anonymous and legal alternatives to abortion or abandonment should be widely shared. Check with your local legislatures and school districts if this is the case. If not, consider a campaign to better educate your community on its use and availability.



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# Connecticut

By Phil Gallagher

By the time this column is read, the biennial AOH Connecticut Convention will have been hosted on the weekend of June 21-23 in Waterbury by the Monsignor Slocum Division.

It is expected that a highlight of the weekend will be the keynote address at the Saturday night banquet by Ryan Mahoney, director of the Great Hunger Museum, in Hamden, Connecticut. Tom McDonough, a member of the host Division, in one of his last actions as State President, will present a \$5,000 check from the Connecticut State Board to Director Mahoney for the benefit of the museum.

This very generous donation was approved at the State Board meeting in Danbury this past April, and represents one of the largest donations ever made by the AOH in Connecticut.

One has to go back to 1888 when the Connecticut AOH donated \$10,000 to the building fund of the original St. Joseph's Cathedral, in Hartford, for an altar dedicated to St. Patrick, or to the 1896 Convention in Meriden when \$5,000 was appropriated for the establishment of the Gaelic Chair at Catholic University, to find similar large expenditures.

Accolades and a big thank you to Tom McDonagh, who served our Order in a competent and dignified manner during his two terms as State President. Tom made sure that the State Board of the AOH was always represented at major events around Connecticut.

With Tom McDonough, I recently attended the wake of Past State President Hugh Ryan of the Naugatuck Division. Though Hugh was State President from 1975-77, he still regularly attended State Board meetings and Conventions up until recent years when ill health slowed him down. Hugh was a dapper dresser and an all-round classy guy who was a dedicated Hibernian and a credit to his family and our Noble Order. May he rest in peace.

Spring always seems to be a busy time in Meriden, where each year the AOH and LAOH sponsor a booth at that city's famous daffodil festival. Meriden Hibernians also hosted a concert at the John and Dot Kasey Hall on April 29, featuring Tony McManus and Julia Toaspern. Tony is one of the best Celtic finger-style guitar players in the world, and Julia is an absolutely fantastic fiddle and guitar player. Meriden President Brian Brennan reports that the LAOH and AOH have been meeting jointly to plan activities that will enhance the finances of their Meriden Hibernian Hall.

The General Philip Sheridan Division of Stamford sponsored a talk on Faith and Patriotism, presented by Fr. Albert Audette, on April 28. Fr. Audette is a magnificent speaker with an extraordinary life story. He led a full life prior to becoming priest. He was a decorated U.S. Air Force Colonel, was married, had children, and after the passing of his wife, joined the priesthood.

Every year the Stamford Hibernians sponsor a Charity Golf Classic. This year's event was held on May 10, and benefited the New Covenant Center, which focuses on hunger prevention, which we all know is a major Hibernian cause.

Two upcoming dates to keep in mind are August 24, when the JFK Division of Bridgeport hosts the AOH State Softball Tournament for Charity, and September 7, when the Fairfield County Board sponsors the annual Commodore Barry Memorial Commemoration, in Southport.

The Danbury Hibernians were pleased by a visit this past May by past president and past Hibernian of the Year Ron Keenan, who was in town with daughter Colette and son John to have a commemorative Mass said for his wife, Sheila, who passed away last year in Florida. Sheila was a hardworking and dedicated member of the Danbury LAOH before moving to Florida. After Mass, Ron and family hosted a luncheon at the Irish Center for longtime friends. At age 88, Ron stands as straight and tall as when he was the drum major for the Celtic Cross Pipe Band! We hope he visits again soon.



Hibernians from all over Fairfield County gathered on May 19 to pay tribute to the men of 1916 at the beautiful monument located on the grounds of the Fairfield Gaelic Club. Fundraising for the monument had been spearheaded by a contingent of Bridgeport Hibernians from the JFK Division.



# political education

By neil cosgrove  
chairman

Brothers, as noted before, a lot can happen on the PEC front from the time an article is submitted to the Digest before it is delivered to you. By the time you read this, my hope is that we will finally have a U.S. Ambassador in residence in Dublin. Let us wish Ed Crawford well, while at the same time vowing that there should never be another lapse of this length in diplomatic representation between the U.S. and Ireland. We need to remind our elected representative that before the "special relationship" with Great Britain, when the American Colonies were at war with England, Ireland was one of our nation's first allies. As home to the fastest growing economy in Europe, given its strategic location and the long history our two nations share, Ireland should be a diplomatic priority always.

Where my crystal ball is not so clear is where we shall be with Brexit. We will almost certainly have a new British Prime Minister and likely a hard Brexit, and with it a hard border in Ireland. We must educate the broader community of the disastrous consequences such a hard border would entail. First, let us remember that the border in Ireland is an artificial political construct that divides a people who share a combined history and heritage. The Irish border is more akin to the border that at one time artificially partitioned East and West Germany than the border between two nations such as the United States and Mexico. The free flow of people, goods and services across an Irish Border, which is only visible on a map, has been fundamental to the 21 years of peace since the Good Friday Agreement. Americans should be rightfully proud of their role in ending a conflict, which many at the time thought was interminable; we should not see that legacy squandered.

We are currently seeing a lot of political snake oil from some of the candidates vying for the role of British P.M. and should not fall prey to nonsense wrapped in a British accent. We keep hearing the refrain from Brexiters that "technology" will eliminate the need for a border, yet at the same time, they want to time limit the "Irish Backstop" that would keep the Irish border open until the technology is deployed. The question we should ask is "Why?" If those proposing this technological solution have faith in it why do they need to time limit the Backstop; as soon as this "To Be Specified" wonder is deployed, the Backstop would terminate, so why do we need a deadline? The answer is because they know this technology is years away (if it comes at all) and they wish to engage in the grand English tradition of running the clock as they have done successfully with so many provisions of the Good Friday Agreement.

We cannot lose sight that a Brexit border in Ireland is a British, not an Irish, creation. The community of Northern Ireland rejected Brexit by 56 percent. The United Kingdom is accountable for resolving the conflicts between its desire for Brexit and its commitment under the Good Friday Agreement; as a guarantor of the agreement, the U.S. cannot enable sacrificing peace so that England can "have its cake and eat it too." If a hard Brexit occurs, Britain will be looking for a huge trade deal with the U.S. to offset the trade they will lose with the E.U. As Hibernians, we must insist that such a deal is contingent on the U.K. delivering on their existing Good Friday commitments, including no hard border in Ireland. No Good Friday Compliance, No Deal.

## Alabama



The Father Treacy Division at the Live Bald event in March.

### Fr. Treacy Division raises over \$23K for childhood cancer research

Father Treacy Division proudly held their 4th annual Live Bald event on March 30 on behalf of St. Baldrick's Foundation to conquer childhood cancers. This year, the division raised more than \$23,000. This accomplishment is the result of volunteers, from bands and dancers who graciously provided incredible entertainment, to Straight to Ale continuing to provide a truly top notch space for Live Bald to have the performers and shavings as we raised much needed funds. In addition to the volunteers, we are humbled by the generosity of our sponsors, who not only enabled the event to occur through financial assistance, but also provided raffle items and much needed services in support of the event. Over the four years, the division has raised more than \$98,000, which has all gone to support St. Baldrick's. And, for the fourth straight year, many brothers were shaves that helped raise additional funds.

## Kentucky

The Father J Ryan Division has teamed with Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany Indiana toward the expense of the Baptist Health Floyd Unborn Baby Project.

The Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany reached out to Baptist Health Floyd Hospital searching for information on the hospital procedures in the disposal of unborn babies. It is a mission of the Catholic Church to serve and protect all God's people and especially those who cannot speak for themselves.

The Cemetery proposed to take any of the unborn babies to give a burial with dignity at Holy Trinity Cemetery, which is located in close proximity to the hospital. The Cemetery agreed to offer this as a free service with the understanding it would be open to accept any donations the hospital or any community group might have through donors of the hospital or other means.

### The team of Baptist Health Floyd accepted the proposal.

All babies will be buried in a designated baby section at Holy Trinity Cemetery. The baby lots will be unmarked. Each baby will be placed in a small wooden container supplied by the hospital and labeled with a metal tag. The cemetery will keep records of the tagged numbers for baby burial and which graves they are interred.

The Division has donated over \$2,500 the last three years and received a letter from the Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany thanking the division for our generosity. The letter stated all donations are used solely for maintaining the baby area and any items that are to be placed to remember the ones buried there. Presently, they do not have any markers and choose not to mark each grave. The Cemetery is looking to set a memorial area for all to reflect and remember the angels buried there. The AOH will be given a space of honor as a major contributor of this project.

The work of the Cemetery is not done yet as the need to give a final resting place for God's Littlest Angels continue on a daily basis. The Father J Ryan Division is very proud to be part of the Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany so they can continue the mission of the church to care for those tiniest of Angels.



Brother Frank McPhillips participated in the burial service of an unborn baby.

## Florida



### Division 2 officers installed

Officers for the Francis Hughes Division 2, Palm Beach County, were installed on May 22 at Tim Finnegan's Irish Pub in Delray Beach. Pictured on hand for the installation were National Deputy Organizer Keith Reynolds, State V.P. Ray Lynch, State Secretary Greg Sean Canning, Division President Terry McIntyre, and some of the newly installed division brothers, St. Lucie County brothers Shawn Sidway and Ed Walsh, and New York's Jim Sullivan.

# Massachusetts

## By Charlie Sinclair

The Massachusetts AOH/LAOH State Convention was held in early May. Elected to lead the State Board were Jack Lahey, State President; Joe McCusker, State Vice President; Keith Murphy, State Secretary; and Charlie Sinclair, State Treasurer. National AOH President James McKay was in attendance and installed the new slate of officers.

On June 7 at the Watertown AOH the Massachusetts State Board along with Division 8 in Lawrence, Division 10 in Lynn and Division 14 in Watertown will co-sponsor a book tour. Professor Mark McGovern, joined by Mark Thompson, of Relatives for Justice, will discuss their new book, Counterinsurgency and Collusion in Northern Ireland.

Here is a sampling of AOH events and activities that are taking place across the Bay State.

• **Division 1 Holyoke:** Division 1 will hold their 11th Annual Hibernian Summer Picnic at the Summit View Pavilion in Holyoke and will feature Jim O'Connor and the Boston Black Thorne Band. The Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship awards will be presented at the picnic. The 2019 AOH Maurice A. Donahue Scholarship award recipients are: Brendan Morrissey, Eileen Griffin, Grace Curran, Julia Pluta and Bridget Healey.

• **Division 8 Lawrence:** Division 8 celebrated the election of their Treasurer; Mike Miller, as the new AOH Essex County President; their Financial Secretary, Jack Lehey, as the new AOH State President, and Keith Murphy, the Division's Vice President, on his re-election as AOH State Secretary and his election as Essex County Vice President at their May Division meeting.

On June 1st Division 8 held a commemoration of the Great Hunger and awarded 50 Year AOH Membership Pins to those who were celebrating their Golden Anniversary as members of the Division, and the AOH Veteran's Pins to members who served in the US Armed Forces. This year's event took place at the An Gorta Mor Memorial in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence.

• **Division 14 Watertown:** On Memorial Day, Division 14 marched in the Watertown's Memorial Day Parade. As in years past, a wreath was laid by the Division at the Cottage Street Cemetery. Past State President Paul Hogan, from the Holyoke Division, provided his new float for those to ride in during the parade.

The Annual AOH Division 14 Memorial Golf Tournament in Memory of Tom Walsh, Sr., will be held on July 19 at Wayland Country Club, Wayland, MA. Proceeds from this event benefit Division 14's Scholarship Fund.

• **Division 18 Salem:** At this year's State Convention, Division 18 President, Charles Sinclair, was elected State Treasurer.

At the Essex County Convention, Charles Sinclair, was elected Essex County Treasurer; Division Vice President Gerry Martin was elected County Marshall; Paul McDonald was elected Financial Secretary and Dan Dumond was elected Standing Committee Chairman.

Division 18's Annual Outing will be held on August 10 at Camp Naumkeag and entertainment will be provided by Randy and Brad.

• **Division 36 Worcester:** Steve Belton was selected as the Division's Hibernian of the Year for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Cultural Centre and Division 36.

That's the way we see it in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. God Bless!



Hibernians from Massachusetts gathered for the dedication of the monument to the victims of the Great Hunger on Deer Island on Memorial Day Weekend. From left, Bill Sullivan, Jack Lahey, Paul Connolly, John Travers, Paul Hogan, Joe McCusker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Margaret O'Connor and Dick Wall.

# Minnesota

## Minnesota's Shamrock Division celebrated Founders Day

On a fine spring day, April 27, the Shamrock Division met to celebrate our Founders Day. On this day we start with inducting new members to our Order, interviewing and awarding scholarships and then celebrating Mass. Later we have a dinner followed by an Irish band for entertainment.

Established 39 years ago, the Shamrock Division has been celebrating its Founders Day annually at St. Thomas Church in Jessenland, Minnesota. Jessenland, being the site of the oldest Irish settlement in Minnesota, gives a sense of history and struggle that befits the celebration of our Founders Day. The day was well attended by our local members and clergy. Members from the St. Paul AOH, John Ireland Division, attended and were welcomed.

The Scholarship Committee interviewed scholarship candidates and awarded a total of \$5,500 AOH Scholarships to eleven applicants. Scholarship selection was based on the applicants' Irish heritage, education plans and how they plan to promote their Irish heritage in the future.

Induction of three new members through the Induction Ceremony was overseen by Chapter President Scott McDonald. The new members were Tim Madden and Jordan Bartholomew, both from Kilkenny, and Jeff McCabe, of St Peter. Following the Induction Ceremony, Mass was celebrated by Fr. Hession.

Pictures and more information about the Shamrock Division can be obtained by visiting our web site at [hibernians-shamrock.com](http://hibernians-shamrock.com).



## A tribute to Fr. McCabe

The unveiling of a memorial stone and a commemoration of Fr. Patrick McCabe's bravery and faith took place in St. Mary's Cemetery, outside Waseca, MN, on May 18.

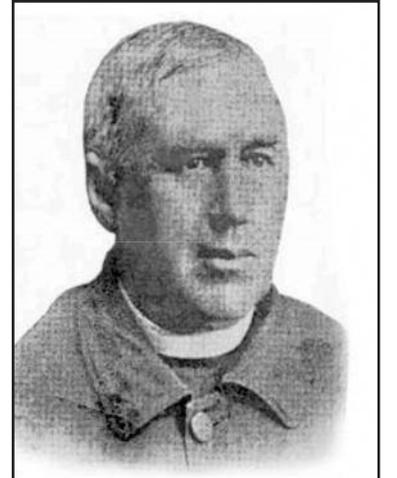
With a substantial crowd — composed of locals, including descendants of parishioners of Fr. McCabe and visitors from around the state and as far away as Missouri, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Ottawa and New York — it was a memorable day indeed.

There was a reception afterwards at the Waseca County Historical Society and a post-reception celebration at the Waseca American Legion Hall. During the luncheon at the Historical Society there was video presentation of a corresponding memorial for Fr. McCabe, held in Anaghary, Lough Gowra, County Cavan, a week earlier, thanks to Maeve Brady, RSM, — a maternal relative of the good Father — and local residents.

Representatives of the Shamrock Division in LeSueur and the Archbishop Ireland Division in St. Paul, and the AOH Midwest Regional Director, were in attendance, along with men from the County Cavan Association in New York, the great-great grandniece of Jerome Collins, founder of Clan-na-Gael, and a number of other Hibernian brothers and Fenian Memorial Committee of America advisors.

It was a wonderful and glorious day. Photos and a video are available at the URLs noted below. There was also a mass said for Father McCabe at Saint Mary's in Providence, RI, on May 22.

A memorial plaque, donated by the County Cavan Association, <https://www.cavannewyork.com/> will be placed at the memorial to Saint Mary's Church or the Waseca County Historical Society. Contingent on available funds, there will be an exhibit on the life of Father McCabe, at the Waseca County Historical Society. A memorial plaque to Father McCabe which will be placed at the parish church near Lough Gowra. The Shamrock Division of the AOH in LeSueur, MN <http://www.hibernians-shamrock.com/> is considering sponsoring the creation of another AOH Division, the "Father Patrick McCabe Division" in Waseca, MN.



Father Patrick McCabe

# Missouri

## State member-recruitment honors to KCMO

The post-St. Patrick's Day Parade party, at Nick and Jakes in Kansas City Missouri, was briefly interrupted for serious business and an important recognition. State President Joe Flanagin took the stage to announce a recognition for the Padraig Pearse Division 1 as the top division in Missouri, having recruited the most new members of any division in the state.

Early in the year, President Flanagin charged each division to have a significant focus on recruitment in 2018. This he emphasized would parallel the efforts of the national brotherhood to expand membership among Hibernians across the country. Under John McEvoy's leadership, the Pearse Division captured the honors by recruiting 16 new members, a more than 10 percent increase. McEvoy was particularly pleased with the number of younger members recruited, and encouraged members to reach out to new Hibernians and get them engaged and active from day one.

Before relinquishing the stage, President Flanagin also announced that Pearse member, and past-president, Jerry Lonergan would be recognized as the leading recruiter in the state and would also receive a plaque for that accomplishment.

Sensing the crowd's preference for going back to the day's festivities, President Flanagin thanked everyone for their effort at attracting new members and encouraged the Pearse Division to continue to lead the important effort to grow an engaged membership.



Joe Flanagin, left, President State of Missouri, and John McEvoy, President of the Padraig Pearse Division 1 KCMO.

# Make it *your* job to grow the AOH!

## Montana

### Hibernians help restore neglected miners' cemetery

Butte, Montana, known as the "Richest Hill on Hill," was a thriving copper mining community with a reported population of approximately 100,000 at the turn of the 20th Century. Marcus Daly, one of Butte's three celebrated Copper Kings, born in County Cavan, Ireland, immigrated to New York in 1856. He ventured to Butte in 1881 and purchased the Anaconda mine. A rich vein of copper was discovered and by the mid-1880s, Anaconda Copper was the world's largest producer of the precious ore, which was an essential element in the electrification of America. As a result of his discovery of the copper ore body, Daly became a mining tycoon and a millionaire several times over.

Thousands of Irish immigrants came to Butte to work in one of Daly's mines. The hazardous work of hard rock mining took its toll on many miners. An untold number of those fateful miners were laid to rest in St. Patrick Cemetery established in 1885, known at that time as the "Catholic Cemetery." By 1912, all cemetery plots had been sold. The cemetery is rich with magnificent marble and granite monuments and headstones beautifully sculptured with skillfully crafted designs and intricate carvings. There are over 14,000 gravesites in the cemetery, to include an AOH plot, a R.E.L.A. plot, with a 28-foot obelisk as a memorial to its members, and a plot for Spanish-American veterans. A mausoleum in the cemetery is that of D.J. Hennessey, a close friend of Marcus Daly. Hennessey, a prominent businessman, was deeply involved in the AOH, holding many local, state and national offices.

Sometime in the 1980s, the water was shut off at the cemetery, possibly due to costs. In the following years, the cemetery fell upon hard times. Years of neglect had a cumulative negative effect on the cemetery grounds, resulting in sunken graves, leaning headstones, overgrowth of vegetation, damaged curbing, broken concrete grave caps, roadways in need of repair and no water.

### St. Patrick Cemetery Restoration Project

Local Hibernian records reflect that in the 1920s, the Butte AOH paid \$22 annually to

the Catholic Cemetery Association for watering its plot in the cemetery. Today, the AOH has come full circle in assuming a major role, under the auspices of the Diocese of Helena, in restoring and transforming the cemetery as a dignified resting place that meets the expectations of those who have loved ones interred on the cemetery's hallowed grounds.

Until such time that water can be incorporated in the cemetery's regimen of care, attention has been devoted to a "curb appeal" approach – transforming the cemetery into a more attractive and inviting setting for public visits. Hundreds of sunken graves have been filled, trees trimmed, headstones up-righted, road repairs made, new fencing installed, a mass rock put in place, landscaping and gardening equipment purchased, etc. The Clergy Plot for priests and nuns near the main entrance of the cemetery received particular attention, with the granite border having been reset and the laying of asphalt paving encircling the plot.

Support for the cemetery restoration project has come in a number of ways. This past summer, the AOH Division sponsored its third annual golf tournament as a fundraising event to support the project. Community support has been overwhelming with significant support from individuals and businesses in both monetary and in-kind donations. The Butte Division of the Ladies AOH has come forth with a generous monetary donation. A donation in the form of a grant was also received from the Irish Government Emigrant Support Program.

With much work remaining, the Division's membership, committed to the moral and Christian duty of being good stewards of the cemetery, has avowed to bring about a tranquil and serene resting place as a mark of respect to the memories of the deceased and their families.

Benjamin Franklin poignantly said, "Show me your burial grounds and I'll show you a measure of civility of a community."

— Phillip Telling, President, Butte Division 1, Butte-Silver Bow County



## John 'Jack' Crossan

The Hibernian Family lost a talented, dedicated activist on April 26, 2019. John 'Jack' Crossan passed away in Raleigh, North Carolina, predeceased by wife, Peg in 2009. The Crossons had three children during their 48-year marriage. During Jack's tenure with the USPS he served in various capacities in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, New Jersey, Virginia and N. Carolina.

Proud and enthused with his Irish Heritage, Jack travelled often, with his family to Ireland; gaining the knowledge and insight of his heritage and the history and impediments of Ireland's struggle to gain recognition as an independent and free nation of the world. He lectured often on Ireland's history and political climate. Jack served as New Jersey AOH State President, then on his move to Raleigh, NC, he was instrumental in forming the Raleigh AOH Division and subsequently became the N Carolina State President.

Jack Crosson epitomized the tenacity and dedication of those that preceded him in the quest for Irish sovereignty and freedom, such as John O'Mahoney, John Devoy, O'Donovan Rossa, and others.

Previous to his marriage Jack joined the Navy in 1954 and entered the submariner school in Groton Conn. His first assignment was aboard the diesel submarine, USS Pom Pon in the Mediterranean Sea. Three years later, as the radio operator aboard the Pom Pon Jack was transferred to the new Aircraft Carrier USS Ranger that was then being commissioned. Jack resisted this transfer because of his intense loyalty to the submariner group, however, the interests of the Navy prevailed, and Jack had no option other than to accept the transfer. As an original crewman aboard the Ranger, Jack was awarded, according to Navy tradition, a deck plank when the USS Ranger was decommissioned. For the remainder of his life he remained a short wave and CB enthusiast utilizing his former Navy skills.

Retuning to civilian life Jack began his career with the USPS doing electrical engineering in Washington DC. Subsequently he rose through the ranks in the Postal Service. He was instrumental in implementing the modern Zip code and Zip 4; during the '70s & '80s he was instrumental in the construction and coordination of the Philadelphia Bulk Mail Facility, which propelled the USPS into the finest mail delivery system in the world. Jack ended his career with the USPS in a dual role in New Jersey as the Postmaster in Trenton, NJ, and regional section manager, in charge of postal operation in the entire central NJ region.



**Mary "Dora" (nee McGowan) Dennehy**, longtime resident of Yonkers, NY, died on June 4, 2019, at 93.

Born on November 10, 1925, in Scotland, raised in Corderry, Kilargue, Co. Leitrim, to Patrick and Nora (nee Clarke-Carney) McGowan of Leitrim. Beloved wife of the late Daniel J. Dennehy and most cherished mother of Daniel (Siobhan) and Mary Hansen (Kevin), and grandmother of Ashling, Cara, Kevin and Brian. Loving sister of

Kathleen Donegan, Felix McGowan, Eileen Woods, and the late Jim, Larry, Jack, Annabelle and Gerry McGowan.

Remembered for her beauty, warmth, cheerful nature and hospitality, as head hostess in NY and Chicago for the Stouffers Restaurant chain, by the children of Mark Twain Middle School, and to all who entered her front door.

**Herbert William Dolan**, 89, of Jackson, NJ, died on January 29 at Ocean Medical Center, Brick. Dolan was the first president of the James A. Farley Ocean County Division 1, when it was chartered in 1979. The division later became the Rev. William J Clifford Division.

Dolan was born in Woodside, Queens, NY, and resided in Jackson since 1963. He graduated from Bishop Loughlin Christian Brothers High School, Brooklyn and Brooklyn College.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was an independent insurance agent for 38 years in Toms River, NJ, retiring in 2018. Previously, he was a New York City Police Department Detective with the 23rd Squad in Manhattan. He is survived by his wife Catherine Mary "Kay" Dolan and several nieces and nephews.

Dolan's funeral liturgy was celebrated at the Church of St. Veronica, in Howell, NJ on Feb. 18.



**Hubert N. "Hugh" Ryan, 89**, Waterbury, entered into rest on April 30, 2019, at the Lutheran Home in Southbury. He was the devoted husband of the late Genove "Jen" (Izzo) Ryan for more than 59 years.

Hubert was born March 9, 1930, in Waterbury, son of the late John and Kathleen (Norton) Ryan, and was adopted by the late John and Catherine (Lyons) Norton. Hugh retired from the State of Connecticut after 10 years in the special revenue department, and retired from

Uniroyal after 36 years in the Footwear Division.

He was a member of Local 45 URCLPWA, and was head steward of the Warehouse and a member of the executive board. He was past vice president and past president of the Irish American Club, and was a more than 50-year member of the AOH- Ancient Order of Hibernians, Naugatuck Division 1.

Hugh was a past president of the New Haven County Board, past president of the CT State Board, and was voted life membership in the AOH at the National Convention in 2000. He was a member and served as treasurer for the Open Door Club of Waterbury.

Hugh was the beloved father of Robert J. Ryan of Waterbury, Michael Ryan and his wife, Susan, of Terryville, and Joyce Dynia and her husband, Joseph, of Ridgefield. He also leaves his seven cherished grandchildren; his cousin; several nieces and nephews; and his sister-in-law, Angeline Farrell and her husband, Raymond. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ret. Navy Commander, John Norton and John "Jack" Ryan.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## Tomhas na Teanga

by Jim Norton  
le Séamas Ó Neachtáin

Is dócha go bhfuil a fhios ag gach duine a bhfuil suim san ealaín aige cé hé Augustus Saint-Gaudens. *I suppose that anyone with an interest in art knows who...was.* Is dóigh liom gurbh eisean an dealbhóir Meiriceánach ba chluíití riamh é. *It seems to me that he was the most famous American sculptor ever.* Ba Francach é a athair, ach ba Éireannach í a mháthair (Mary McGuinness) – agus rugadh in Éirinn é! *His father was French, but his mother was Irish – and he was born in Ireland!*

Rugadh Saint-Gaudens i mBaile Átha Cliath in 1848. *...was born in Dublin...* Ach d'imigh a thuismitheoirí leis go Meiriceá agus é ina leanbh fós. *But his parents left with him to America while he was still a baby.*

Is iomaí dealbh clúiteach a rinne sé. *He made many the famous statue.* Idir 1876 agus 1881 rinne sé ceann den Aimiréal Farragut, atá ag Cearnóg Madison i gCathair Nua-Eabhraic. *Between... he made one of Farragut, at Madson Square in NYC.* Tá ceann de Lincoln ina sheasamh, a rinne sé in 1887, i bPáirc Lincoln i Siceágo. *...One of Lincoln standing, which he made in... in Lincoln Park in Chicago.* Tá ceann eile de Lincoln ina shuí i bPáirc Grant sa chathair chéanna (a chríochnaigh a cheardlann i ndiaidh a bháis i 1908). *There's another one of Lincoln sitting in Grant Park in the same city (which his workshop finished after he died...)* Idir 1892 agus 1903 rinne sé ceann den ginearáil Sherman ar mhuintir chapail, atá ar Aibhinne a Cúig i Manhattan. *Between...he made one of General Sherman on horseback ...on 5th Avenue...* Ba eiseann a rinne an cuimhneachán ar Robert Gould Shaw agus a reisimint ar na Coimíní i mBoston (1884-97). *It was he who made the Gould Memorial on the Boston Commons.* Agus rinne sé an ceann de Pharnell atá a Shráid Uí Chonaill i mBÁC! *And he made the one of ... which is on O'Connell St. in Dublin!*

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Agus má tá suim agat sa mhoneolaíocht, gan dabht tá a fhios agat gurbh eisean a rinne an bonn ab áille dá raibh againn sna Stáit, an bonn óir fiche dollar a rinneadh i 1907. *If you are interested in numismatics, no doubt you know that it was he who made the most beautiful coin we've had in the States, the \$20 gold coin which was made in...* Rinne sé é i rilíf ultra-ard ar dtús, ach ní raibh siad inchruachta. *He made it in ultra-high relief at first, but they weren't stackable.* Mar sin, rinneadh an móramh díobh i rilíf ard. *So they made most of them in high relief.* Toisc nach ndearnadh ach fiche cinn i rilíf ultra-ard, tá siad rí-luachmhar. *Because they only made 20 in ultra-high relief, they are extremely valuable.* Íocadh beagnach trí mhiliún dollar as ceann acu i 2005! *Somebody paid almost \$3,000,000 for one in...* Aon seans go bhfuil ceann i dtarraiceán agat áit éigin? *Any chance you have one in a drawer somewhere?*

# New Hampshire

## Queen City Hibernians welcome National Vice President

A delegation of Division 1 Hibernians turned out to greet AOH National Vice President Danny O'Connell upon his arrival in Manchester for his March 8 visit to the Queen City. Over a dozen local AOH members formed the Welcoming Committee, including division president Mike Farley and vice president Brian Cronin, along with 2018 Hibernian of the Year Ken Robinson, Jr. and Founding President Dan O'Neil.

The festivities took place at the Wild Rover Pub, a prominent Manchester establishment with a long history of support for the Division and its good works in the community.

Refreshments were served, old acquaintances renewed and stories exchanged among those in attendance, including extensive and informative discussions regarding the national affairs of the Order. Brother O'Connell was pleased to hear about the recent activities of the Division, in particular our successful efforts to grow the Order in Manchester. It is hoped that efforts such as this will strengthen our bonds with the national organization and improve the Hibernian experience for our local Brothers.



2018 Division 1 Hibernian of the Year Ken Robinson, Jr. (right) welcomes AOH National Vice President Danny O'Connell to Manchester on March 8th.

## Manchester St. Patrick's Parade a success

Manchester's Irish Heritage Month concluded in grand fashion as the 24th annual St. Patrick's Parade proceeded down Elm Street at noon on March 31. Nearly 50 Hibernians joined the ranks at the head of the parade to escort this year's co-grand marshals, John and Marilyn Cashin, along with Irish Vice-Consul General Aoife Budd, between the cheering throngs who lined both sides of the Queen City's main thoroughfare for the entire length of the parade. With five Divisions and featuring five marching bands, five pipe & drum bands and four Irish dance troupes, Manchester's event is the largest St. Patrick's Parade north of Boston.

Led by the AOH Pipes & Drums and our Color Guard, Division 1 looked sharp, sporting the blue-and-tan dress uniform and our new updated pocket badges. The weather reminded all of Ireland, lending a soft tone to the day, but not dampening spirits in any way. The Division is proud to have stepped up our donation this year to a total of \$1,500, and looks forward to next year's 25th anniversary parade.

## Golf Tournament will benefit Adopt-A-Family Project

The 19th annual Wild Rover Golf Tournament to benefit the AOH Adopt-A-Family Program was a huge success. With close to 100 participants, our volunteer staff worked the Mulligan Table, Monte Carlo Hole, Putting Contest and secured over twenty Hole and Tee Sponsorships, with the results of their efforts bringing in over \$3,000 that will go towards purchasing warm clothing, toys and a Christmas dinner for less fortunate children in our community.



## Manchester mayor declares Irish Heritage Month

At a regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on March 5, and at the request of AOH Division 1, Manchester, NH, Mayor Joyce Craig issued a Proclamation declaring the entire month of March 2019 as Irish American Heritage Month in the city. Irish Americans have contributed to the growth and prosperity of Manchester since the city's founding in 1846, and the AOH has made it a point to request commemoration of those contributions each March for several years.

## 'Why I'm a Hibernian' Help us recruit new members

Why are you a Hibernian? What are the benefits of being a Hibernian? What's your favorite thing about the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America and what's the best activity your division does and the Order does?

As part of our new Marketing, Promotion and Advertising Committee, we are gathering content to help attract and recruit new Irish Catholics to join our Order. We'd like you to join in that effort by thinking about these questions and send your responses in writing to the National Board.

So we'd like you, in less than 100 words, respond to the statement: "Why I'm a Hibernian," and send it to committee member John O'Connell at his Digest editor email: EditorHibernianDigest@yahoo.com.

We intend to use the best responses in various social media campaigns, on our national and state websites, and in other media.

We're also planning to encourage Hibernians to make brief, informal videos that will enable brothers to tell potential membership candidates "in person" why they are Hibernians and why other Irish-American Catholics should join, and how.



Manchester, NH Hibernians prepared for parade.

# New Jersey

## AOH 28th Annual Irish Fall Festival

**NORTH WILDWOOD** — The largest Irish festival on the east coast begins on Thursday, September 19, and concludes on Sunday, September 22. This festive four-day event is sponsored by James J. Reilly, Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The success of this festival has been overwhelming, and continues to draw more and more people each year. With over one hundred vendors and 16 food vendors, this gathering will definitely be the place where you want to be!

The activities begin on Thursday, September 19, at 8 a.m. with a round of golf at the Cape May National Golf Course, Route 9 and Fairway Drive, Cape May Court House (2 miles south of Route 47). The fee is \$110 on or before September 5, and \$120 after September 5, and includes greens fees and cart, light breakfast, buffet lunch, beer and many prizes. Space is limited and reservations are suggested. For additional information, please contact the AOH.

Boxing is back! On Thursday evening, 10 amateur boxing bouts will feature the Jack Costello Boxing Club, Philadelphia, PA, vs. the Gleann Amateur Boxing Club from Belfast, Ireland. This event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and takes place at Wildwood Catholic High School. Tickets are \$30. For advanced ticket sales please call 215-820-1547 or email shay39@comcast.net.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the festivities will take place on Olde New Jersey Avenue. Here the street vendors

will display their Irish memorabilia, and the food vendors will offer a variety of Irish and non-Irish treats. This activity begins at 8 a.m. each morning and continues until 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturday there will be free live entertainment continuously from noon until 8:30 p.m.

Saturday begins with a 5K Run. If you are interested, you can sign up at 8 a.m. at the AOH tent (between 1st and 2nd Avenues) on Olde New Jersey Avenue. Cash prizes will be awarded. For additional information on the run visit [TheIrishJog.com](http://TheIrishJog.com).

Saturday at 10 a.m. the Brian Riley Pipe Exhibition will take place at Bill Henfey Park located at 8th and Central Avenues, North Wildwood. This event attracts thousands of spectators every year. Come see and hear some of the best pipe bands in the East!

Also on Saturday, the AOH will host free Irish dance lessons at the Elks Lodge, Chestnut and Olde New Jersey Avenues, from 10 a.m. until noon. All are welcome.

On Friday and Saturday there will be free live entertainment continuously from noon until 8:30 p.m. The National Anthem will be sung at noon. Featured performers include: Shenanigans, Broken Shillelaghs, Birmingham 6, Timmy Kelly, Galway Guild and Ballina. In addition, Irish schools of dance will perform throughout both days.

On Sunday, everyone is welcome to celebrate our faith and heritage at Saint Ann's Roman Catholic Church in the Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, Glenwood and Atlantic Avenues, for 10:30 a.m. Mass. There will be a procession starting at the main entrance to the altar by the Protectors of the Faith Guards, the Cape May County Emerald Society Honor Guard and a liturgical bag piper soloist.

Sunday at 12:30 p.m., the parade begins at 20th and Surf Avenues and will continue to Spruce and Olde New Jersey Avenues. Once again, we are honored to have Seamus Boyle, AOH Past National President, as a special guest. The parade also will feature Miss North Wildwood 2019, many fraternal organizations, bag pipe bands, Irish dance groups and much, much more. All AOH divisions, boards, brothers and officers are welcome to be a part of this celebration of Irish history and heritage.

Irish food and entertainment will be available at most of the clubs and pubs in North Wildwood all weekend long.

As always, bus service will be available from the Anglesea Fire Hall – 2nd and Olde New Jersey Avenue along Surf Avenue to 26th Street. Additional bus service will be available through Wildwood and Wildwood Crest. For detailed information, please call 609-884-5230 or visit [gatrolley.com](http://gatrolley.com).

As a result of this extremely successful annual fund raising event, the AOH achieves significant charitable accomplishments. These contributions reflect the loyalty and ideals that have helped to strengthen our families, community, and national character.

This festival is sponsored, in part, by Budweiser, the Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement and Development Authority and the City of North Wildwood. The AOH would like to acknowledge and thank Mayor Patrick Rosenello, City Council and the City of North Wildwood for their annual support of this event.

For additional information contact the AOH at 1-800-IRISH-91 or [www.cmcaoh.com](http://www.cmcaoh.com).

# Nebraska



## Nebraska AOH in action

Nebraska State Senator Mike McDonnell holds the approved Nebraska Legislative Resolution 85 supporting the McGuinness Principles in his office in the Nebraska State Capital building. From left, Hibernian Brothers Bob McEniry, State Senator Mike McDonnell, Dr. Larry Bradley. Senator McDonnell (AOH member Father Flanagan Division) was the principal sponsor of the resolution. He and his staff worked energetically to get the Nebraska Legislature to pass a resolution supporting the McGuinness Principles and their adoption by the U.K. and Northern Ireland. Senator McDonnell and his staff were supported in their efforts by Dr. Larry Bradley (AOH President emeritus Father Flanagan Division) and Robert McEniry (AOH, President, Sarpy County Division) who provided documentation and supporting material for their efforts. This Nebraska AOH team effort shows what Hibernians can accomplish when we work with unity toward our goals. Photo by Evan Schmeits. Submitted by Bob McEniry, President, AOH Sarpy County Division 1.

# South Carolina

The Society of Saint Gianna promotes holiness in the family and respect for the sanctity of all human life. A chapter of the society is active at Saint Gregory the Great parish in Bluffton, South Carolina. The Bishop Patrick Lynch Division, through its Missions and Charities program, actively supports the society's efforts to foster family holiness and respect for the sanctity of life.



From left, Bishop Patrick Lynch Division Past and Founding President Jerry Kelley presented Catherine Koncul and Bill Dreyer, co-chairpersons of the local chapter of the Society of Saint Gianna, a donation as they all stand in front of a memorial to the unborn.

# West Virginia

## Division 1 grants scholarships

West Virginia's only division, Division 1 Bishop Whelan, out of Wheeling, awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors based on his or her grades, reference letter, extracurricular school activities, knowledge of Ireland and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, civic and religious activities and the required essay. The Division also awarded three scholarships to assist students affected by the reorganization of Wheeling Jesuit University which will be losing its Jesuit affiliation. The scholarships are made possible with funds from the world's largest road bowling event. Pictured are two of this year's winners, Bailey and Sophie, along with Kevin Frank, Treasurer.



# Illinois

By John F. O'Donnell  
 'RJP Open' raises funds for charity



At the May 31st Division 32 annual golf tourney, some 50+ putters lined up in a circle and all shot for the hole, and the ball that went in for the cash prize was brother Marty Moriarty's.

On this beautiful Chicago day that marked a respite from the spring rains, 96 golfers hit the links for the newly named "RJP Open" after the Division's late president, Ray Prendergast, and a team with Ray's two sons on it won the scramble.

This event replenished the D32 charitable account, and sponsors included: Gerald Krystof + Blarney Stone Pub; John M. Malloy & Assoc for shirts; Foglia Family Foundation; Joe Hickey and Family; Michael S. O'Malley; Resch, McDermott and Sweeney Families; Joseph's Finest Meats; Moriartys; Chicago White Sox; Ellengee Meat, Ace Hardware and Lou Manfredini; Byrne's; Cooney's; Edison Park Inn; Forrest Family; O'Dowds; Jack Lydon; Golloglys; Helfenbeins; Kehoes; Kellers; Smyrniotis Family; Jaime Trapp; Bill Williams, DDS; Young Irish Fellowship + Kevin O'Donnell; Curragh; D4 Pub; Fado Pub; Galway Arms; Grafton Pub and Grill; Irish Times; The Kerryman; Peggy Kinnane's; Lady Gregory's; LG's Bar; McGonigal's; Mickey Finn's Brewery; John Naughton; Octavio's Cantina and Kitchen; Wilde Bar and Restaurant; Emmitt's; Arlington Lakes Golf Club; La Villa Restaurant. Golf Chairs Mike O'Malley, Jack Morrissey and B.J. Mattingly ask for support for these deserving sponsors. Prior to tee-off a BBQ was run by the Reschs, John Bauer and others. At the awards dinner, Art Fitzgerald recreated the tunes and tones of Frank Sinatra, and was helped by golf participants Jimmy Moriarty and Bill Ristau singing both country and Irish dittys.

## September picnic planned

The Division will hold a summer BBQ for the less fortunate at the Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Kitchen on June 19, prior to the Exec Committee meeting, and while there will be no meeting in July, meetings resume in August and the summer picnic is now booked for Saturday, September 7, at Bunker Hill in Niles.

## Honoring Gold Star Mothers

Division 59 President Tim Noonan was selected to be grand marshal of the Memorial Day parade in the Chicago neighborhood of Beverly. The division led the effort to restore a long forgotten WWI Gold Star Mothers memorial in time for the centennial anniversary of Armistice Day and the division's ongoing support of our fallen troops. Division 59 has a long history of military service and perpetual love of country. Photo credit: David Honor Photography.



## Division 1 helps students

St. Clair County, IL, Division 1 President Mike Tiernan presented a \$500 tuition assistance check to Althoff Catholic High School representative Susan Morford. This annual donation assists a deserving student to help them stay in Catholic School.



## A Quarter-Century Hibernian

Illinois State President Robert Simpson, a member of St. Clair County Division 1, presents long-time member Terry Delaney with his 25-year pin. The presentation was made just prior to the Division's participation in the annual Belleville St. Patrick's Day parade.

## Illinois Hibernian Convention

Illinois AOH 58th Biennial State Convention will be held on September 14, at the Hyatt Place Chicago/ O'Hare, in Rosemont, Illinois. For more information, contact Sean O'Dowd, seanodowd@aoh.org

# Oklahoma



Bobby Sands Division in Tulsa, Oklahoma, donated new clothes to Kami's Kids (children in foster situations). Pictured are David Robinson and Ron Mullen with Kami.

# Ohio

## Bro. Winford Graves ("Ford") Gasperson II graduates high school

Ford Gasperson, the youngest member of the Msgr. Donal O'Carroll Division of the Ohio AOH, was granted his high school diploma on May 25, in Charleston, South Carolina. Ford became a member of the Division on his 17th birthday last September. He joined his cousin, Connor Rogers-Wartinger, who is an 11-year member of the Division. The proud grandfather of these Hibernians is Chip Rogers, who is a 26-year member of the AOH. Rogers noted, "Irish history and culture are a part of our family history. I am honored that Ford and Connor carry forward the tradition through their connection with the AOH." Connor became a member of the Division when he was 16-years-old.

Ford, a newly minted graduate of the Palmetto Scholars Academy, is a competitive Irish dancer who attended the World Competition last year in Edinburgh, Scotland. He will spend his gap-year, before college, in County Galway, preparing for the 2020 World Competition, which will be held in Dublin. Ford noted, "My grandad is a reluctant traveler, these days. My goal is to have him come 'Home to Ireland,' and see me dance."



**Chieftain Tom Binegar, of the Division, extended his congratulations and best wishes to graduate Gasperson and noted, "The future of the AOH is rooted in the descendants of those who came before. Ford, Connor and Chip, along with all the fathers, sons and grandsons in the AOH, are the generational anchors of the organization."**

## By Brother Denis P. McGowan Hibernian earns Irish Small Business Big Impact Award

A renowned and accomplished executive chef, Hibernian Jeffrey Chrystal, was a recipient of the prestigious 2019 Irish Small Business Big Impact Award at a dinner held on May 9 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. Brother Chrystal, who hails from the Joseph T. Nalley Sr. Division 6 in Youngstown, Ohio, was among the Irish and Irish-American honorees from all over this great nation to receive the award.

Brother Chrystal established the Jeffrey Chrystal Catering business in 1994. After graduating with honors in 1983 from Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio, he broadened his scope. He traveled the world, including China, France, Italy and Ireland, to learn the finer details and nuances of those different cuisines.

"Cooking is three-dimensional. Reading a cookbook only gives you one dimension," he says. "You have to be able to see it, smell it, taste it and even hear the food cooking in the sauté pan."

Brother Chrystal has put his knowledge and experience into action at several restaurants in the Youngstown area, including Jimmy M's Deli, Moonraker, The Colonial House and the Ultimate Bar and Grill. As executive chef at Chrystal's since 1995, he's earned several accolades and continues to receive critical acclaim for its food and service.

In 1993, he was published in Gourmet Magazine and was named Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation Western Reserve Chapter. He took first place for ice carving in 1994, and earned Best Entrée at Taste of the Valley in 2003 and 2011. In 2012, he won Taste of the Valley's Best Dessert.

An outdoorsman at heart, cooking outside on a cherry wood-fired grill is his favorite. Brother Chrystal's catered for the public at the end of the newly constructed runway at the Youngstown-Warren Air Reserve Station, as well as on a mountaintop for a wedding. While there, he treated the families and their guests to delicious desserts he made from blueberries that grew wild in the area.

Brother Chrystal is proud to be a lifelong member of the Joseph T. Nalley Division 6 in Youngstown, and was the grand marshal of the 2006 Mahoning Valley Saint Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest parades between New York City and Chicago. Brother Chrystal is quoted as saying "You know you're Irish if you do not compromise your beliefs for someone else's. A strong family support system is the trademark of the Irish family."

We congratulate Brother Chrystal, and we are joined by his lovely wife, the former Nora Reardon, and their four children, Jeffrey, Seamus, Clancy and Anna, as we share with pride our Brother Hibernian being honored in recognition of his culinary accomplishments.



**Brother Chrystal and wife, Nora.**

# Pennsylvania



**Pennsylvania State President Joe Hosie was honored in May for his service. From left, National Treasurer Sean Pender, National Vice President Danny O'Connell, National Director Liam McNabb, Worthy National President Judge James McKay, Worthy President Joe Hosie, National Secretary Jere Cole, and National Organizer / Liaison Tim McSweeney.**

## Major Degrees in Philadelphia

AOH Danny Browne Division 80, Philadelphia, PA, hosted the 92nd Exemplification of the Major Degrees of the Order. This degree was held on April 7, at the Commodore John Barry Arts & Culture Center. The building, also known as the Irish Center, has been there since 1958 and promotes all things Irish.

The Isle of Erin Major Degree team dedicated this degree to their recently departed brothers, Ed Connor (Bard, Ard Righ Escort) and Carl Fox (Escort, Shamrock Speaker), both of whom were long time team members. Team members Mike Brown and Mark Ryan piped Amazing Grace in their honor.

There were 48 candidates from three states, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia, 10 counties, and 24 divisions represented at our ceremony. We also had 47 observers, all of whom came from Pennsylvania, from six counties, and 24 divisions were represented at our ceremony.

I would like to thank Jack Schneider, National Rituals Chairman, and Jim Murphy, State Rituals Chairman, of the Isle of Erin Major Degree Team for all of their help and preparations that made the day a huge success. These two men, along with the rest of the Isle of Erin Major Degree team, performed their duties with extreme professionalism and are to be commended for their service to the Order.

I highly recommend that all Hibernian Brothers receive their degrees and promote others to do the same. This was a great day for the AOH & the Irish Center. After the ceremony a reception was held with food and beverages and AOH comradery was had by all.

— Andrew (Butch) Harley, President, Danny Browne Division 80

## Memorial Mass at Olde St. Mary's

On May 26, the annual memorial Mass and grave site wreath laying in honor of Commodore John Barry took place at Olde Saint Mary's Parish and Cemetery in Olde City. Sponsor by the Commodore Barry Clubs from Philadelphia and Brooklyn as well as the AOH from Pennsylvania and New Jersey and the Friendly Son of Saint Patrick. Brunch was held at the The Plough & the Stars near by. Thank you to Msgr Paul A. DiGirolamo, J.C.D. For your hospitality.

## McGurl named Man of the Year

The Paul "Hook" O'Malley Division 4 held their "Man of the Year" dinner. The Man of the Year, Bernie McGurl, was honored for all of his contributions to the cleanup of the Lackawanna River and Lackawanna County. Where would we be today without our river being clean? We have incredible trails and beautiful scenery because of Mr. McGurl's work and effort.



**President Patrick M. O'Malley, Maria Santomauro, Man of the Year Bernard McGurl, and past Man of the Year Kevin Shaugnessy.**

# New York

## Nassau AOH elects new officers

Brothers from all over Nassau County, on Long Island, gathered at the Irish-American Center in Mineola on June 2 to conduct the Order's business, including the election and installation of new officers to the Nassau County Board. The county's newest division, Division 20, served as hosts of the convention.



New York's Nassau County AOH met in convention on June 2 at the Irish-American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens, and elected their new officers for a two-year term, 2019-21. From left, standing, now Immediate Past County President Peter Begley, Sentinel Eric Hill, Standing Committee Chairman Sean Hood, Treasurer John Nolan, Marshal Paul Dowd, State District 6 Director John Hurley and Past State President Jim Burke. From left, seated, Recording Secretary Ed McGlade, Chaplain Deacon Tom Costello, President Jack O'Brien and Financial Secretary Joe McDonald. Vice President Ken Ferguson, not pictured. Photo by National Digest Editor John O'Connell.

## Republic Day in Rochester

The Freedom For All Ireland (FFAI) committee of Monroe County New York's Colonel Patrick O'Rorke AOH Division 7 hosted a dinner event on April 27 to commemorate the 103rd anniversary of the Irish Proclamation of the Republic (Republic Day). The evening centered around a panel discussion of the impact of Brexit on Irish Unification.

The speaker panel was composed of local scholars from SUNY Brockport and St. John Fisher College, along with AOH National Treasurer, Sean Pender. The evening included traditional Irish music performed by members of the Rochester branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) and dance performance by students from the Rochester Academy of Irish Dance. Among the attendees were AOH members from across New York, as well as a delegation from AOH divisions in Ohio, including AOH National Director Dennis Parks.

Proceeds from the evening will be directed toward FFAI-approved organizations in Ireland and the Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester, NY. The well-attended event represented the core Hibernian values of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.



At Rochester's AOH Proclamation event were, Sean Pender (AOH National Treasurer), Dr. David MacGregor (SJFC), Dr. John Daly (SUNY Brockport), Dr. Angela Thompsell (SUNY Brockport), Gavin Barry (FFAI Chair, AOH Division 7 Monroe County, New York).

## Documentary book made of our memorials, monuments

### By Vic Vogel, NYS President

The New York State Board of the AOH proudly presented the publication entitled, "Irish & Irish-American Monuments, Memorials and Commemorative Plaques in New York State." "This collection is the idea and legacy of President Vic Vogel. It is the first attempt to document the tributes made to those American-Irish and Irish-Americans who left a lasting impression on New York State and indirectly on the nation as a whole", said National and New York State Historian, Mike McCormack. "Within these pages we present a photo and a description of each remembrance to alert the readers to the existence of those icons of Irish contributions in the hope that they will pursue further information on the subject or even visit them."

"When I became President of New York State, I had many goals that I felt were extremely important to achieve," added Vic. "One of those goals was to bring a greater awareness to all Hibernians of the amazing history that belongs to them. I want to thank Historian Mike McCormack for accepting the challenge to research and author this noble endeavor. This original compilation reflects the artistry of Mike's writing talent and knowledge."

We hope that this is only the first attempt at what will become a never-ending, growing document. We request that readers contribute any items they feel should be included in the next volume of this very important publication by contacting the Historian/Archivist of New York State at NYAOH.COM. Mike and Vic will recognize all contributors in print for their assistance in expanding this publication until every Irish Monument, Memorial and Commemorative Plaque in New York State is included.

## Oswego Hibernian performs at Elvis festival

New York resident and AOH Oswego brother Michael Paul Callahan was again invited to perform in the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest Festival in Lake George, NY, that took place from May 29 to June 2.

Callahan, after just three years, is one of the top ranked Elvis Tribute Artists in the Northeast, in custom Elvis costumes, many made by Elvis' actual costume designer. The Elvis years 1960s - 1974 are highlighted by Michael Paul Callahan, who has appeared for the last two years at Oswego's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and performed for the public.



Hibernians attended Memorial Day Services in Goshen Members of Joseph Duell Jr Division 1, Orange County, Monroe, New York, and Fr. Emmanuel Hourihan Division 4, attended sunrise services at five cemeteries and two monuments in Goshen New York. A prayer was said, followed by the playing of pipes, then a 21-gun salute. Taps was played, and all in attendance presented arms for our fallen heroes



After visiting the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Orange County, members paid their respects at the grave of 1st Lt. Louis E. Allen. The Junior Division of AOH Joseph Duell, Jr., Division 1, was named in memory of 1st Lt. Allen, who was killed on June 8, 2005, at Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit, Iraq.

## Deadline

Articles for the Aug-Sept. issue are due no later than September 1

# Ladies hibernian news

## President's Message...

by Carol Sheyer



Hard to believe it is time again for me to sit down to write another column. Time is flying by quickly, which means the 125th Celebration will be here before we know it. Hopefully everyone has made their reservations and traveling plans and will be joining us in Dearborn. No one wants to miss this grand gala and the Interim Board Meeting which will be taking place on Saturday, October 12th. Information about the Hooley and the 125th Celebration is on the LAOH website.

I am confident that our members throughout the Country are working on their Division's history for the LAOH 125th Commemorative Book. It would be so great to have the history of each State, County and Division in the book. The best resource about our history are our older members just ask a few questions and once they begin remembering it will be amazing what we can learn.

In the beginning of June, Professor Mark McGovern and Mark Thompson, of Relatives for Justice, began the Collusion Counterinsurgency in Northern Ireland book tour. If the tour was in your city or nearby, I hope you took the opportunity to attend one of the events and was able to hear first-hand what took place across the Mid-Ulster region of east Tyrone and south Derry from the late 1980's until 1994.

With the arrival of summer, the States will be holding their Conventions. Some States have already had their Conventions and many more will be held in the upcoming months. This is a very important time for our organization with choosing new State Officers. I want to thank all the Ladies who have decided to give of their time to serve the members of our great organization for the next two years. And of course, I want to thank the outgoing officers for their leadership over the past two years. After your Convention please remember to complete the form with the new State Officers' contact information. This form has been sent out by National Secretary Marilyn Madigan to both the State Presidents and State Secretaries around the middle of May. If you need a copy of the form, you can either contact National Secretary Madigan or me.

In closing, I would like to ask you to take time to remember those who have suffered many hardships from the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding the states have been experiencing these past couple of weeks, by saying a prayer or donate to the many groups who have been collecting items.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.

## LAOH National Treasurer

Welcome to summer! After the busiest Lent ever and an even busier Treasurer's Annual Reports time, it's nice to just sit here and write to you.

A huge note of gratitude to Kathryn Keane and her tax company for filing the 990's by the deadline of May 15 and especially for their patience! I will be forwarding those 990's to the State Treasurer for distribution to the Divisions. To those who filed their own 990's, remember you must send a copy to your State Treasurer and to me if you have not already done so. I will be sending out an email to remind everyone of this.

Thank you to those who submitted their Per Capita checks and reports on time, which enabled the timely filing of the 990's.

I was honored to march with other National Board members and so many of my Sisters in the New York St. Patrick's Day parade in honor of our 125th Anniversary. What a spectacular day to be a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians beginning with Cardinal Dolan's Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. A big thank you to our New York Sisters for the hospitality!

Although there wasn't very much time to talk to everyone in New York that day, I am looking forward to seeing all of you and having some time to chat at our Interim Board Meeting and 125th Celebration in Dearborn in October.

In the meantime, have a wonderful and safe summer!

## National Historian

by Sandi Riley Swift

Welcome to summer! As the State conventions are getting underway, please do not forget to ask the new Historians to send me their contact information.

Displays for the 125th Anniversary celebration are to be brought by someone from your Division/County or State to the celebration. Inclusions for the 125th Commemoration book will be sent to me. This book will be published after the celebration in order that we can include the event itself. We are working on the guidelines. I will send a message to all State Historians and State Presidents, as well as having it posted on the website.

It is important this year to make sure you send in your end of the year Historian report.

Additionally, I am still receiving subscriptions to the Hibernian Digest, please make sure you are sending them to the Hibernian Digest Asst. Editor, Shannon Lehn.

## California



**Gabriel Ramirez, the Irish History writing contest winner from Thousand Oaks, California. Gabriel is the second winner in his family. His sister, Emily, also won a prize for her essay in 2018. Great job.**

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## Pennsylvania



The PA State Board met at the AOH Division 1, Notre Dame Hibernian Hall, Montgomery County, on April 28th. The executive session was held in the morning, followed by lunch and the general session which included a question and answer session. Row 1: Bonnie Collins, Past PA President, Mary Ann Amesbury, VP, Rae DiSpaldo, President, Maria Gallagher, Treasurer, Theresa Costello, Observer. Row 2: Jennifer Browne, Observer. Mickey Strain, Observer, Colleen Bowers, National M&C, Past PA President, Maureen Lavelle, Past PA President, Ellen McCrane, Immediate Past PA President, Carolyn Costello, Observer. Row 3: Eileen Modica, Observer, Megan Bethel, Observer, Shawn Marie Brown, Observer, Carolyn Killion, FFAI, Sharon McGrath, Catholic Action, Bobbie Liberace, Parliamentarian, Becky Puchalski, Observer, Mary Ann Lubinsky, National Treasurer, Webmaster, Past PA President. Not shown: Dorothy Weldon, Past National President, Past PA President, Shirley Murphy, Treasurer.

## Louisiana

Members of the LAOH, Margaret Haughery Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, showcased Ireland at the 21st Annual Children's World Fair held at the Louisiana Children's Museum. The Children's World Fair gave families the opportunity to travel around the world. Families explored cultural diversity through games, arts, flavors, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, and the environments of eight countries: Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Ireland, the Philippines, and Senegal.

As visitors entered the Ireland Exhibit, the spirit of Ireland was everywhere. The LAOH, along with members of the Friends of St. Alphonsus (a group dedicated to restoring and preserving one of the Irish churches in New Orleans), presented a beautiful display of historic items on loan from Nora Lambert, Blanche Comiskey, and Constance Comiskey. The Gaelic Sports Association taught the children several Gaelic games...football, hurling, and handball. The Muggivan School of Irish Dance performed for visitors at the Children's World's Fair and taught Irish step dance, jigs, and reels. Luke Brechtelsbauer entertained with the beautiful sounds of the traditional bagpipes.

The STEM part of the Ireland Exhibit showed how "rainbows" are created. Many educational facts about Ireland were presented to children and adults. The children were also introduced to two important people of Ireland, Margaret Haughery and St. Patrick. They learned a bit of history about the "Bread Lady of New Orleans", aka Margaret Haughery, and about who St. Patrick really was.

Kate Ferg and Blanche Comiskey supplied the delicious Irish treats of brown bread, tea cookies, and soda bread for visitors to sample.

It was a huge undertaking, but with everyone's dedication and hard work, it was a huge success...nearly 900 visitors stopped by. Go raibh maith agat...thank you in Irish.

## Michigan



Members of the Elizabeth Fagan Division and LAOH State President Barb Weir supported the "Fashion for Freedom" fashion show and expo for Pearls of Great Price, an organization that helps fight human trafficking and slave labor, and promotes community awareness of these heinous acts. Elizabeth Fagan Division member Valerie Evers Bernacki serves on the board of Pearls of Great Price, which is also supported by many Catholic parishes and other churches in the southeast Michigan area.

**I-r: Mary Marx, Barb Weir, and Valerie Evers Bernacki**

## New York



LAOH members received the Degrees of our Order and afterwards everyone was treated to refreshments and a cake celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the LAOH. Westchester County LAOH, (Kathleen Casey, President) hosted the Degree Ceremony. The LAOH Celtic Degree Team (Suffolk County, NY) assisted by Bridge to Ireland Degree Team (Kings & Richmond County, NY) exemplified the Degrees. Celtic Team Guardian, Betty Kreamer was happy to see members taking their degrees; Betty said to truly understand what being a Hibernian is all about and to appreciate our 125 years one must take their Degree. Congratulations to all.



Dear Sister and Brother Hibernians:

It is with great pride that we invite you to the Testimonial Hooley to honor our LAOH National President and Ohio Sister Carol Sheyer. Carol has been a long-serving and dedicated Hibernian at both the State and National level.

Carol's Testimonial Hooley will be held on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. The celebration will provide transportation, food, and entertainment at the Hibernian Hall, 25300 Five Mile Road, Redford, Michigan 48239. The cost of the Testimonial Hooley is \$35.00 with checks made payable to the **LAOH Ohio State Board**.

Reservations are due by September 15, 2019 and can be made with Maire Manning, 1435 Olivewood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44107. For questions, email Maire at [manningrince@gmail.com](mailto:manningrince@gmail.com).

A Testimonial Journal will be published to honor President Sheyer. This Journal will provide a lasting tribute to honor her many years of dedication to our Order. We ask that you show your appreciation and support of President Sheyer by purchasing an ad in this Journal. Details and requirements for the ads are shown on the ad form. The cost of the ads run from \$10.00 to \$250.00. Checks should be made payable to the **LAOH Ohio State Board**.

Ads are due by September 1, 2019 and should be sent to Patricia Lavelle, 26559 Chapel Hill Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070. For questions, email Patricia at [LAOHOOLEY19@gmail.com](mailto:LAOHOOLEY19@gmail.com).

Please join us for a fun filled night to show your appreciation for Carol and all that she has done. We look forward to seeing you.

In our motto,

*Clara Joyce*

Ohio State President  
[ss\\_teacher\\_5m@yahoo.com](mailto:ss_teacher_5m@yahoo.com)



**TESTIMONIAL HOOLEY**

IN HONOR OF

**LAOH NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAROL SHEYER**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

The State of Ohio is privileged to honor our Ohio LAOH Sister National President Carol Sheyer by hosting a Testimonial Hooley. Festivities will take place on Friday October 11, 2019 at the Hibernian Hall, 25300 Five Mile Road, Redford MI 48239 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. The Testimonial Hooley event price is \$35.00 and includes transportation, food and entertainment. Please send your registration by September 15, 2019 with check payable to LAOH Ohio State Board to: Maire Manning 1435 Olivewood Avenue Lakewood, OH 44107 or email questions to [manningrince@gmail.com](mailto:manningrince@gmail.com).

\*The Testimonial Hooley is a separate event from the LAOH 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration\*

**Testimonial Hooley Registration Form**

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# Michigan



L-R Tom and Kathy Kish and Barb Weir, Michigan State President

The Trinity and Elizabeth Fagan Divisions joined by the AOH Patrick Ryan Division helped package over 127,000 meals for Kids Coalition Against Hunger on Saturday, May 11th. The program sends packaged meals to disaster and hunger stricken areas all over the United States and 23 countries.

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# Pennsylvania



## Memorial Mass for Irish heroes

The three Delaware County Divisions, (Dennis Kelly Division 1, Black Jack Kehoe Division 4, and Sons of Ireland Division 17), under the intrepid leadership of Brothers Dan Harrell and Jim McCans, organized a Memorial Mass for our fallen Irish heroes Sunday, May 26.

Mass was offered by Father Jim Cardosi, Parochial Vicar of St. Denis parish in Havertown, who served for 28 years in the U.S. Navy as a P-3 pilot and Wing Commander. Our Mass was celebrated at the Chapel of Four Chaplains, located in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The chapel, an historic venue, was named for four members of the clergy who gave up their life jackets to other servicemen after their ship, the USS Dorchester, was torpedoed by German U Boats in the North Atlantic during World War II.

Father Cardosi's homily spoke to his visits to Arlington National Cemetery, and visiting Section 60, which is the final resting place of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in our most recent wars, especially Iraq and Afghanistan. His homily brought home the sacrifice many young people have given to protect our country's freedoms. These brave men and women should always be remembered, as we daily remember Jesus, for the sacrifice he made so we can attain everlasting life and peace.

Coming together in our motto of "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity," all who attended this beautiful and moving Mass came away with an increased sense of appreciation toward our fallen heroes. May they Rest In Peace, and May we never forget them.

# Indiana

## Kevin Barry Division Celebrates AOH Monument

The Kevin Barry Division in Indianapolis, Indiana, took part in ceremonies to re-dedicate the AOH Monument on May 18, Armed Forces Day. About 30 AOH and LAOH members and friends participated in the memorial service for those who served. The monument, located in the northeast corner section of Holy Cross/St. Joseph's cemeteries in Indianapolis, is dedicated to an all-Irish Indiana Civil War regiment, the 35th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Adding to the occasion was the St. Patrick's Day Rogues Pipes and Drums Band.

The monument, consisting of a southern Indiana limestone block and a granite boulder unearthed from the cemetery, is a reminder of the sacrifices of the early Irish of Indiana. It was originally erected in 2000 and dedicated in 2005 ceremonies.

The 35th Indiana included the 1st Irish Regiment of Indiana, which was involved in major battles at Stone's River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Nashville.

Steve Gutzwiller coordinated the ceremony. Kevin Charles Murray, descendant of Corporal Charles Murray, his great-great grandfather and part of the infantry in the 35th, spoke of the history of the monument and regiment. Corporal Murray died from wounds at the Battle of Stones River.

Thanks to all who helped put together the ceremony, especially Fr. Doug Hunter, Kevin Charles Murray, Joan Fitzgerald Gutzwiller, Steve Gutzwiller and the St. Patrick's Day Rogues Pipes and Drums, Mark Steinmetz, Lucy Cahill, Jeff Veldhoff, Ed Cahill, Joe Cahill, Dan Shea and Jerry Cosby.

— Submitted by Jim Lynch



The AOH Monument in Indianapolis, dedicated to the 35th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, an all-Irish Indiana Civil War regiment.

# New York



## Suffolk Hibernians visit Dublin's Lord Mayor

Division 7, in Suffolk County's East Islip, took a group of 75 members and friends on a St. Patrick's Day Trip to Ireland from March 15 to 22. As a highlight of our trip, Division 7 member and former officer David Ring was able to arrange a meeting for the group with Dublin Lord Mayor Nial Ring. The Lord Mayor spent over an hour with the group and gave a history of Mansion House and allowed them to wander anywhere in the building, including his personal quarters.

Additionally, he spoke about the 1916 rising and how his grandfather and four uncles fought in it. He also spoke about Dublin's earlier Lord Mayor, Kathleen Clarke. The group informed him of Kathleen and Tom Clarke's connection to Long Island. He had not been aware of that.

The visiting Hibernian group with Dublin's Lord Mayor.

# New York honors Tom McNabb

## Tom McNabb remembered, lauded by State, National leaders

By Liam McNabb

On May 24th, the Auburn AOH Hall was filled with Brother and Sister Hibernians, friends and guests from throughout Central New York and around the Empire State, as the late Thomas D. McNabb was remembered and honored for his contributions to all levels of the Order.

Tom McNabb served the Order in numerous elected and appointed offices — most notably eight terms as Division President, New York State President, National President and National Secretary for 30 years. Tom was honored by the National Board with the title of AOH National Secretary Emeritus, the only such distinction in the history of the Order. In Auburn, Tom was known as “Mr. Hibernian,” having started many local traditions along with facilitating the purchase of the current clubroom, which celebrates its 50-year anniversary this year.

New York State AOH President Vic Vogel wanted to honor Tom with a presentation to the Auburn Division and, from this interest, the idea of the event grew from a small, private presentation to a large, public reception.

Michael McNabb, Past NYS AOH President and Past National Director, served as Master of Ceremonies, and started the event by introducing Auburn City Mayor Michael Quill. Mayor Quill, also an Auburn Hibernian, shared a few stories of serving with Tom on the Auburn City Council and his contributions to the community through his many local leadership positions. National Vice President Danny O’Connell presented a plaque from the National Board and shared his personal experiences of working with Tom, whom he thought of as a friend and mentor. Many members of the National AOH Board, including Past National President Ed Wallace, who was one of Tom’s closest friends, joined Vice President O’Connell at the event.

NYS President Vic Vogel presented a plaque recognizing Tom as a “Mentor to Many, Hibernian

Brother to All,” and remembered Tom as a “stalwart” and having a strong presence as a leader at conventions and state board meetings through the years. President Vogel was joined by State Vice President Tom Lambert, State Secretary John Manning and Immediate Past State President Tim McSweeney to also present Tom’s wife Bridget with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her support of Tom and the Order for so many years.

Auburn JFK Division 1 President Bob Oliver honored Tom, and presented the final plaque that states, “Our Home Built By Tom.” All three plaques and a photo of Tom were displayed in the pub area where photos were taken, and many toasts were given.

The reception was organized by a dedicated committee led by Colleen (McNabb) Kimak and featured a local band, “The Flyin’ Column,” delicious food and, as always, wonderful Auburn Hibernian hospitality. Auburn LAOH President Denise (McNabb) Sobus and AOH President Bob Oliver also participated on the committee and greatly contributed to the success of this effort.



New York State AOH President Vic Vogel honored the Order’s Secretary Emeritus, the late Tom McNabb, at ceremonies in Auburn on May 24.



National AOH Vice President Danny O’Connell.



Plaques presented by the Division, State and National Boards honoring Tom McNabb.



NYS Board presenting Bridget McNabb flowers.