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AOH is the oldest Irish-Catholic lay organization in America (formed in 1836). It is non-profit with the purpose of promoting Irish culture while fostering and perpetuating the ideals, history and traditions of the Irish people.

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Motto - Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity



Dates to Remember

- Aug. 13 AOH Meeting
Tentative
Photo - Fr. Joe Moriarty
AOH Chaplain



The Islands of Ireland

There are more than 500 islands off the coast of Ireland, which is itself an island, lying west of the island of Great Britain.

Today the population of these off-shore islands stands at about 3,000, dwindling from around 35,000 in the 1800's. This dramatic decrease began during the Irish famine and continued until the near final blow came in the 1950s and 1960's when many islands were forcefully evacuated by the Irish Government. A lack of investment in employment incentives (even in good times), harsh living conditions and continuous bad weather which meant that islanders at times were unable to travel to the mainland for several consecutive months, led to these drastic measures. Of the remaining islands that weren't evacua-

Meeting Notes

- AOH Chaplain Fr. Joe Moriarty began the meeting with a prayer.

President Tom Branson reviewed the events that took place just after our last meeting on March 5, just before our scheduled March 15, St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. John's and the Indiana Roof. Everything was ready to go and we were anticipating a great day.

Suddenly, due to the increased crowd restrictions demanded because of the rapid surge of the Covid - 19 Pandemic, all AOH events had to be cancelled.

We had to pay our luncheon and entertainment expenses without having the event. The Indiana Roof graciously allowed us to carryover our deposit from this year to the 2021 Celebration.

The print program will be distributed throughout the year and every effort will be made by the Hibernians to support our advertisers.

Tom asked for suggestions on how we might blend this year's program into next year's event. We are anticipating a grand 150th Indianapolis Hibernian Celebration of St. Patrick's Day in 2021.

The members gave Tom a round of applause for the great effort he has made under difficult conditions.

**Next Meeting - Aug 13, 2020
- 8 PM - Tentative**

Let Us Pray

Andrew Russell
Jo Archer
Jenny Flores
Bobby Griffin
Paul Clark
Dan O'Connor
Terry O'Hara
Fr. Bob Gilday
Dan McGinley
Bob Boyle
Msgr. Harold Knueven



Dennis Harrington
Caroline Scheidler
Pat Moriarty
Ken Hurley
Fr. James Wilmoth
Phyllis Barrett
Jeff Veldhof
Bill Farrell
Mark Payne
Francis Noone
Seamus DiGiusto
Msgr. Paul Koetter

In Sympathy

- **William T. Brady**, age 88 (AOH), passed away June 13. Bill is survived by his wife Mary Jane (58 years married), 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

The son of Irish immigrants, the late Frank and Ella (née Connolly) Brady of Counties Donegal and Galway, he accompanied his family to meet relatives on the Emerald Isle more than 30 times.

He attended St. Philip Neri Grade School and graduated from Cathedral H.S. in 1949. Bill served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Marian College in 1960, where he played on the varsity baseball team, served as Senior Class President, and was named Most Outstanding Senior.

He held management positions at Western Electric and Bio-Dynamics. He finished his career as a consultant on various start-ups.

Bill served on the Boards of: Care for Kids Foundation, Providence Cristo Rey H. S., Cathedral H. S., and Marian College. In 1995 the Indianapolis Athletic Club named him Irishman of the Year and the Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- Because of the pandemic situation there will not be an AOH picnic or reverse raffle this summer.

- If interested in a sash, contact Mike Tobin (327-319-8683)

- Picture page 2 - Little Skellig view from Skellig Michael.
- Picture page 1 - Garnish Island - located in Bantry Bay of West Cork, the Island is 37 acres of world-renowned gardens. Because of its sheltered situation and the warming oceanic influence of the Gulf Stream the climate is almost subtropical and is favorable to the growth of ornamental plants from many parts of the world. Winters are mild, and frosts are light and of short duration.

The Indianapolis Diocese newspaper, The Criterion, and local news outlets made note recently of the extreme charity of Fr. Chris Wadelton, our recent AOH chaplain. He donated a kidney to Rebecca Barcenas, a St. Philip Neri parishioner, who had been on dialysis for 7 years.

- John and Patty Hegarty, long time AOH members, received the Scecina H. S., Larry Neidlinger "We Care" Award, to honor their commitment to Scecina athletics.

- It was noted that our traditional ways of acquiring funds for our charitable donations have been temporarily eliminated. (Irish Fest, St. Patrick Celebration raffle, etc.) We are looking for new ways to make money.
- New member - Griffin Reid - St. Joe of Shelbyville.

Donations:

\$500 - Map of Ireland. Second vote
\$200 - Cathedral H. S. in the name of John Lorenzano

\$200 - Sisters of Providence
\$200 - Holy Family Shelter
\$200 - St. Vincent de Paul
\$200 - Scecina H. S.
\$100 - Horizon House
\$100 - Outreach Inc.

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ted, many of their populations have continued to dwindle, with a few seeing stabilization or even a slight uptick in population during and after the Celtic Tiger (The Celtic Tiger was between 1997 and 2007).

The Ten Largest Islands of Ireland by area are;

Rank	Name	County	Acres	2011 Population & rank	1841 Population
1	Achill Island	Mayo	35283	2569 2	4901
2	Inishmore	Galway	7635	845 4	2592
3	Valentia Island	Kerry	6371	665 5	2886
4	Great Island	Cork	6115	13000 1	9424
5	Gorumna	Galway	5871	1055 3	1910
6	Bere Island	Cork	4372	216 11	2108
7	Arranmore	Donegal	4335	514 7	1431
8	Clare Island	Mayo	3949	168 12	1615
9	Inch Island	Donegal	3425	448 8	978
10	Lettermore	Galway	2254	548 6	844

A few islands of note are:

Great Island - the most populous island in Ireland. Located on the island is the emigration town of Cobh, where many of our relatives left Ireland. Great Island is connected to Fota Island which then connects to the mainland by a causeway.



Inishmore Island is the largest island among the Aran Islands located about 30 miles from the mainland in Galway Bay; it is the second biggest island in Ireland. The first language of the people of Inishmore is Irish. The island is endowed with ancient sites including Dun Aengus (Lt.), which is one of the most primitive monuments in Europe. It is thought that most of its first structures date around 1100BC.

The Blasket Islands lie three miles beyond the most westerly tip of the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry. The largest of six islands, Great Blasket, was abandoned in 1953 when the last twenty-two inhabitants moved to the mainland after suffering from famine and emigration. No other island community of comparable size played such a significant role in the development of Irish literature, producing world renowned writers. The three best known are Tomás Ó Criomhthain, Peig Sayers (Rt.), and Fiche Blián. Of the three Peig Sayers (1873-1958) had perhaps the most traditional world view. Although essentially a personal account of her upbringing on the mainland, her marriage to a Blasket man, and her middle years as a wife on the Island, her autobiographical *Peig* draws frequently on traditional tales to illustrate her observations. Before she published her first book, she was recognized for her gifts as a storyteller.



The Skellig Islands are two small, steep, and rocky islands lying about 8 miles west of Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry. The larger of the two is Skellig Michael (Rt.) with two peaks rising to over 750 ft. above sea level. Together with Little Skellig they are the center of an important world bird area. Skellig Michael is also famous for an early Christian monastery which is perched 520 ft above sea level on a ledge close to the top of the lower peak. The amazingly well-preserved settlement of bee-hive huts dates to the 6th century and was abandoned as a monastery in the 12th century. It is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. The other UNESCO site in Ireland is Newgrange.

