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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

Next meeting - June,
Golden Ace
Irish Fest - Sept. 25th
Picture - Dave Certo

AOH Summer Picnic & State AOH Reverse Raffle

No date has yet been set for our AOH summer picnic and State AOH Reverse Raffle. Format changes have also yet to be determined. Tom Branson and Dan McGinley, event chairs, want to have the safest event possible.

AOH Golf Tournament

- Mike Tobin announced that our AOH Golf Tournament will again be on the morning of the AOH Summer Picnic and Reverse-Raffle. Date to be determined.

Irish Fest

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Indy Irish Fest will take place this summer. It will be a one-day event on Saturday, Sept. 25th at Garfield Park from 11 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

From the Irish Fest web page:

The 25th Annual Indy Irish Fest is September 25, 2021 at Garfield Park. To better accommodate our sheared-down event, we needed a smaller, but just as accessible outdoor space. Garfield Park is an amazing park on the near-southside of Indy.

**Next Meeting in 2021
To Be Announced**



Our April AOH meeting concluded with a discussion concerning Brexit and the resurgence of the "Troubles" in Northern Ireland.

Dave Certo agreed to look into the situation and made contact with the Chicago based Consul General of

Ireland, Kevin Byrne. He agreed to address our members via zoom on Irish current events, especially regarding Northern Ireland. His presentation was made on Thursday, May 6, at 7pm.

The zoom meeting began with introductions by David Certo and President Tom Branson. Kevin Byrne's lecture lasted over an hour and covered key issues regarding the situation.

Some of the more interesting facts presented by Kevin were:

- With 35 million Irish-Americans, the United States has some substantial influence in Ireland.
- When Ireland joined the EU in 1973, it -

Let Us Pray

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



Dennis Harrington
Caroline Scheidler
Jim O'Rourke
Fr. James Wilmoth
Jeff Veldhof
Bill Farrell
Mark Payne
Francis Noone
Msgr. Paul Kotter
Theo Quillen

In Sympathy

- Father Herman G Lutz, (AOH) 88, passed away April 20. He graduated from St. Anthony Grade School and Cathedral H. S., class of 1950. Herman attended St. John's College in Collegeville, Minnesota and St. Meinrad Seminary before continuing studies at Pontifical North American College in Rome, graduating in 1958. He was ordained in 1958 in Rome and celebrated his First Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

In a priesthood that spanned nearly 63 years, he began his career in 1959 as assistant pastor at Our Lady of the Greenwood. That same year he started with the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese and continued until his retirement. In 1961, he served as the associate pastor at Assumption. He then returned to Rome to complete graduate studies in Canon Law. In 1963, he became assistant pastor at St. Susanna, Plainfield, and in 1971, he became pastor at Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville. In 1973, Fr. Lutz became co-pastor at St. Catherine in Indianapolis. In 1983, he was named a judge at the Provincial Appellate Tribunal, and in 1984, he became pastor at St. Paul, Sellersburg. In 1996, Fr. Lutz was named pastor at St. Philip Neri, and in 1999, he was named pastor, St. Mary, North Vernon.

Fr. Lutz retired in 2003. After retirement he moved to St. Paul Hermitage and helped with their daily Mass and also held Mass at the Altenheim. He celebrated his Golden Jubilee in 2008 at St. Paul Hermitage.

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Live music, Irish dancers, cultural exhibits, sheep, Irish dogs, fun food and beverage options will be part of the Fest!

Indy Irish Fest will be keeping an eye on CDC guidelines and will be sharing more details about this safe, family-friendly festival in the coming weeks. For now, please save the date for Sept 25, 2021 at Garfield Park!

- Given that most if not all international touring acts are unable to travel to the states as of yet, we are working with national, regional, local and visiting artists to devise a line-up that provides the high-level talent that you have become accustomed to seeing at the Indy Irish Fest.

More information will come as it develops.

Meeting Notes

Donations:

- \$200 - Cathedral H.S., John Lorenzano Golf Outing.
- \$100 - Debbie Barrett St. Pius Scholarship Fund

A reminder - Member dues are \$25 a year. Associate dues \$15.

Picture above - The Irish Fest is back!
Sept. 25th - Garfield Park
11AM to 11:30 PM

Northern Ireland Continued

was one of the poorest of European countries. The EU has been a tremendous economic boom to Ireland.

- Great Britain's population is 60 million; Ireland's is 5 million.
- The EU is the largest market in the world.

There is free travel to all its countries and free movement of goods and services.

- With the Good Friday Agreement 23 years ago, hard borders were removed in Ireland; there is no desire to return to this type of land border.
- The Irish feel that the election of Joe Biden as US President creates a stronger relationship between the two countries.

- The US Ambassador to Ireland needs to be appointed to help protect the Good Friday Agreement.

- Causes of the recent Troubles were discussed.
- Northern Ireland is now about 40% Catholic, 40% Protestant and 20% "other".
- Kevin discussed the conditions and procedures that would be necessary for the unification of Ireland. However, he believes that this is not the time to try to combine the two sides; it is a time to try to figure out ways for the two sides to share the Island.

Kevin made many other interesting comments during his excellent presentation. He concluded by saying he was looking forward, once things open-up, to traveling to Indianapolis to visit with the Kevin Barry Division Hibernians.

This was a lecture that was well worth seeing!

Biden

President Joe Biden is roughly five-eighths Irish. His mother's entire family tree traces to Ireland with ancestors named Arthurs, Blewitt, Boyle, Roche, Scanlon, Stanton, and Finnegan. The last one-eighth comes from his father's side, which contributed the name Hanafee.

Most of the immigrants in his family were born in the early decades of the 19th century and made the journey to America mid-century, so the Famine was undoubtedly a key factor in their departure. With a couple of exceptions, they converged almost immediately on Scranton, Pennsylvania. By the time the future President joined the family, they had been settled there for roughly 70 to 90 years.

Joe's great-grandfather, Edward Biden, was prominent in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, for which he chaired Scranton, Pennsylvania's 1897 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Steinmetz

Hibernian Mark Steinmetz is an interesting and unique individual. First, we have a Hibernian named Steinmetz! (His Irish is still on his father's side!)

Next, he has achieved a few things in life to a very high degree. As a high school football player at Cathedral High School, he was named to the All-City, All State and High School All-American teams. He was also named the top city lineman in Indianapolis in 1962, while receiving a scholarship to Purdue. He finished his football career as a two-year letterman at Butler.

Mark also was the first Cathedral wrestler to go to the State Championships, finishing second while losing by one point in overtime.

He may have finished his football career, but he didn't finish contact sports. After college he played rugby until he was 46 years old. That's no easy sport!

While teaching science at Scecina High School for 40 years, he started supervising students in summer overseas European trips. This instilled in him a love of travel. He is now one of the most traveled individuals you will have heard of. He has been to all the US National Parks, plus Italy, France, Germany, Ireland, England, Iceland, Greenland, the Caribbean Islands, Australia, New Zealand, North Africa, countries in the Baltic Sea and Norwegian Sea, Panama and others. Some of these countries he's seen a number of times.

We could go on (like Treasurer for the Indiana AAU for 20 years) but, we must stop. We need the space for other articles.

