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Motto - Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity



Dates to Remember-

Feb. 1 - President's Award Due
Feb. 7 - Scholarship info. Due
Feb. 10 - AOH Meeting
March 13 - AOH Celebration
Picture - Dan McNelis

Clonmacnoise, one of Ireland's great ancient monastic sites, is situated in County Offaly on the River Shannon south of Athlone; it was founded in 544 by Saint Ciarán. The strategic location of the monastery in central Ireland helped it become a major center of religion, learning, craftsmanship and trade. Clonmacnoise's period of greatest growth came between the 8th and 12th centuries. By the 9th century it was one of the most famous places in Ireland, visited by scholars from all over Europe. From the ninth until the eleventh century, it was allied with the kings of Meath. Many of the high kings of Tara and of Connacht were buried there.



Its wealth and position on the river made it an easy target for plunder, being robbed and burned multiple times over the centuries. It was attacked most often by the Irish (at least 27 times), the Vikings (at least 7 times) and the Normans (at least 6 times). Even so, the site flourished all the way until 1552 when

AOH President's Award

E-mail and oral nominations will be accepted until February 1 from any Kevin Barry Division member.

Nominees must be Catholic and of Irish heritage.

Please submit nominations with a brief summary supporting your nominee to daniel.mcnelis1@gmail.com

The presentation of the President's Award will be made March 13 during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Indiana Roof.

Due - Feb. 1

**Hibernian of the Year
Chuck McGinley**

Our AOH Treasurer will be honored at our next meeting, Feb. 10th at St. Philip Neri.

The installation ceremony for 2022 officers will also take place at that meeting.

Sashes

Joe Cahill (joekhill@gmail.com, 317-257-3716) has two sashes available.

**Next Meeting - Feb 10th
St. Philip Neri - 8 PM**

Let Us Pray

Andrew Russell
Jo Archer
Bobby Griffin
Paul Clark
Dan O'Connor
Terry O'Hara
Fr. Bob Gilday
Bob Boyle
Ken Hurley
Jerry Kennedy



Dennis Harrington
Jenny Flores
Fr. James Wilmoth
Ellen Fuqua
Bill Farrell
Mark Payne
Francis Noone
Msgr. Paul Kotter
Theo Quillen
Mike Tobin

In Sympathy

- **Kenneth V. McGinity** (AOH) 89, passed away Dec. 18. He was born in Baldwin, Long Island, New York, in 1932. Ken was a graduate of Holy Cross College and the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. He served in the Navy as a Lieutenant and Gunnery Officer. In 1955, he joined the Western Electric Company, where he worked for 27 years. In 1957, he married Catherine (Kitty) Kelly in Chicago, IL. They have six children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Ken was a lifelong sailor and proud member of the Indianapolis Sailing Club. He had been a member of the Indianapolis Literary Club since 1996, and the K of C Council #12387. Ken was very active in parish life at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. He spearheaded setting up the archives there.

- **Martin J. (Joe) Dagan** (AOH) 90, passed away on Dec. 28. He was a graduate of St. Anthony Grade School and Washington High School. He proudly served as a Sargent in the United States Army and in his early teens he worked at Real Silk making parachutes for WWII. He had a 33-year career at Stark and Wetzel where he rose to upper management, followed by a 14-year career as a Special Deputy with the Marion County Sheriff department.

Joe was an active member of Little Flower Parish, the American Legion (40 and 8 and later Wayne Post #64), and AOH (Joe rarely missed an AOH event). He was proud of his Irish heritage, having the good fortune to visit his mother's birth -

place in County Galway Ireland twice with his beloved wife Mary Frances and other-family members and friends. In 2015 he was presented with the Charlie O'Gara Irishman of the Year award. He always looked forward to participating in the annual Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Joe was the father of LAOH past-president, Patty Hegarty, father-in-law to KBD # 3 past-president John Hegarty, and grandfather to members Joseph and Eamon Hegarty. Joe was much loved and will be greatly missed!

Meeting Notes

- Include your message or ad in the March 13th St. Patrick's Celebration printed magazine, contact Tom McNulty at aohindyprogram@gmail.com or 248-760-1288.

- Have your Irish story printed in the March 13th St. Patrick's Celebration Printed Magazine; contact Pat McNulty at plmcnulty@hotmail.com or 812-653-7533. Due Feb. 1st.

- Due to the increase of covid cases, our Officer Installation Dinner has been canceled. Installation will take place at our Feb 10th meeting.

- Tom Branson accepted the presidency of our division for a 3rd year on an interim basis. Dan McNelis has accepted the position. Dan was nominated and voted in as President of Kevin Barry Division AOH.

- All scholarship information and applications are on our AOH website - www.aohindy.com

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Clonmacnoise continued - an English garrison from Athlone finally sacked it and reduced it to a ruin.

As a monastic ruin, Clonmacnoise offers about everything you'd want to see. The site includes the remains of a monastery wall around the grounds, a cathedral, seven churches, two round towers (Page 1), three high crosses and a large collection of Early Christian grave slabs. The Irish government's Office of Public Works manages the preserved ruin. An Interpretive Centre is open to the public, the graveyard is in use and religious services take place in a modern chapel.

High Crosses stood in many of the prominent Irish monasteries. They worked like the medieval great stained-glass windows, illustrating key scenes from the bible to help the congregation learn the stories and teachings they convey.

The glory of Clonmacnoise is its three high crosses (left) dating from the 900s. It is perhaps the finest location of Irish high crosses in the world.

- The St. Patrick's Celebration Printed Program has had a change in personnel. Tom McNulty will handle contracts and ads; Pat McNulty will work with articles and Pat Miles will work with the graphic artist. All articles are due by the end of the month.
- 50/50 winner Dan McNelis - \$20



Mark your calendar for the AOH March 13th St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Indiana Roof.

Map of Ireland

Your family name in the St. Patrick's Day Celebration's Printed Program, Map of Ireland. Proceeds go to St. Meinrad Seminary. Individual or family - \$10.00, Memorial - \$5.00. Due date and information in the mail soon.

St. Patrick's Celebration Hibernian Raffle

1st. prize - 2 tickets to Ireland* or \$1500
Additional prizes - announced soon.
Look for your tickets in the mail.
\$10 per ticket

*Two tickets to Ireland not to exceed \$1600.
Brian Gallagher will be working with the raffle.

New Members

John David Moriarty - Holy Spirit Geist
Associate member - Jim Young

Beast Feast

at St Susanna Catholic Church in support of Seeds of Hope, Feb 19 at 6:30pm. Turtle soup, goose kebabs and venison chili. Tamer foods are available. \$12 adults, \$5 Children 12 and under. To support women recovering from chemical addiction.

Four AOH Scholarships

All members of our AOH community are invited to encourage their children, grandchildren, family members and friends to apply for one of four \$1,500 scholarships.

Denis Moriarty AOH Scholarship
Katie White AOH Scholarship

Jim McCaughna AOH Scholarship
Hibernian Kehoe Scholarship

Purpose: Help worthy students obtain a College Education.

Eligibility: High school seniors entering college.

Criteria: Financial need, scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, Irish heritage and involvement in church, community and Irish culture.

Applications are available at www.aohindy.com. The application and essay must be submitted online by February 7, 2022. Recipients will be notified of their award prior to February 16 and will be required to:

- submit a 60-second "thank you" video before March 1, 2022.
- attend the 2022 St. Patrick's Celebration on March 13, 2022 as a guest of honor.