

## Christmas Party Pictures



Picture on page two - Hibernians gather in the back of church before our Memorial Mass at St. Philip Neri.

- Two thousand and twenty-two dues' requests will be coming soon.

- Contact Joe Cahill (joekhill@gmail.com, 317-257-3716) if you're interested in an AOH sash. Eight have already been purchased. Ten have been ordered, two are available.

## State AOH Donations

- State AOH Donations – \$500 - Miracle Place
- \$500 – Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
- \$500 – Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg
- \$500 – Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery
- \$500 – Brothers of Holy Cross

## Memorial Mass Nov. 28



ANCIENT ORDER  
OF  
HIBERNIANS  
IN AMERICA

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.

## Kevin Barry Division # 3

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### Dates to Remember-

- Jan. 13 - AOH Meeting
- Jan 23 - Installation Dinner
- Picture - Chuck McGinley - 2021 Hibernian of the Year

## Officers Installation Dinner

Mark your calendar, the Installation Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, January 23. The time and location have yet to be determined.



**A candle in the window** is a Christmas tradition that has survived and thrived in Ireland for hundreds of years.

Originally, the candle was said to welcome the Holy Family and a house without a candle was seen as unwelcoming as the innkeeper who refused Joseph and Mary a room. Three candles were used to represent Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus, and the door was left unlocked to let them in should they arrive after the family was asleep.

During the Penal Law era, when practicing Catholicism was outlawed and priests went into hiding to defy the British government's order that they cease performing the sacraments, one or three lit candles in the window was an invitation to any passing priest to come and say mass with the family. If British officials questioned the candle practice, the 'welcome for the Holy Family' was a good cover story

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## Christmas Donations

- \$100 – Salvation Army
- \$100 – Wheeler Mission
- \$100 – Right to Life
- \$200 – St. Philip Neri AOH Mass
- \$200 – Sisters of Providence
- \$200 – Sisters of St. Francis
- \$200 – Our Lady of Grace Monastery
- \$200 - Little Sisters of the Poor
- \$200 – Seeds of Hope
- \$200 – Miracle Place

Next Meeting - Jan. 13th  
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  
Fr. Joe Moriarty



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

## In Sympathy

- **Michael J. Corcoran**, 83 (AOH), passed away Nov. 10, 2021. He was a graduate of Cathedral High School and Marian College. He taught business law, U.S. history and government at Scecina Memorial and Crispus Attucks high schools from the early 1960s through the mid-1970s. He coached high school football, basketball, and golf. One highlight of his time at Scecina was hosting a visit to the school by Bobby and Ethel Kennedy.

Mike was an avid follower of politics. In the first election after the creation of Unigov (1971), Mike ran for a seat on the Indianapolis City-County Council. He worked for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the central office and as a branch manager, the Center Township Assessor's Office, the Salvation Army, and the Indianapolis bus company Metro.

A lifelong Indianapolis resident who proudly traced his Irish heritage in the city back to the 1840s, Mike was a member of Holy Cross, Little Flower, St. Simon, and Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral parishes. He was a third-generation member of AOH.

- **Robert M. Lynch**, (AOH) 83, passed away Dec. 1. He graduated from Sacred Heart H. S., served in the United States Air Force and earned a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University. Bob was married to the love of his life, Dorothy Jean "Dottie" (Woerdeman), who preceded him in death in 2013. He worked for Indiana National Bank, retiring from Bank One as the Vice President of Operations.

Bob was a member of the K of C Council 3660 and the Bishop Chatard Assembly

245. He served as State Deputy, District Master and on the Indiana K of C Charities Fund Board for the Indiana State Council. He was past Grand Knight of Council 3660 and the present Financial Secretary for Council 3660. Bob was awarded the Layman of the Year in 2006 by the Bishop Chatard Assembly 245. He served in various roles on the Gibault Children's Services Board of Trustees. He also served on the Gibault Care Board and was past president of the Gibault Foundation Board. Bob was also very involved in Knights of Columbus Bowling, serving as Executive Secretary of the International Knights of Columbus Bowling Association. Additionally, he was secretary of the Sacred Heart/Holy Name Bowling League for years.

- **Thomas M. Branson**, (AOH) age 65, passed away on Sunday, December 5. He graduated from Little Flower Grade School in 1970 and Scecina High School in 1974. After a short time in college, he went to work for Conrail in 1976.

On September 15, 1979, he married Karen Ann Naughton, and they had three children: Shannon Nell, Thomas (AOH President), and Nicholas.

In 1984, he was hired by the Indianapolis Fire Department, where he would spend the next 36 years—working the Eastside for 31 of those years at Station 27 at 2918 E. 10th St. He thought it was a great job!

He was a union member since the age of 18—first with Conrail and finishing with Indianapolis Firefighters Local 416. Other memberships that he was proud to be

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involved with: AOH (A number of his relatives are AOH members.), Firefighters Emerald Society, Firefighters Retirees Club, and Monday Morning Golf at Pleasant Run GC.

He was also very proud of his Irish heritage, being the grandson of Thomas and Margaret O'Gara of County Donegal, Ireland.

### *candle continued*

gration left so many families missing a loved one at Christmas, the candle came to be seen more and more as a sign of welcome to those visiting home. It can also represent the love for a family member who cannot be home at Christmas.

It is now common to see the front windows of Irish homes lavishly decorated with several electrical candles and lights at Christmas time.

One other point to note is that by tradition the candle should be first lit by the youngest member of the family, and only extinguished by a girl named 'Mary'. Fortunately, in Ireland, particularly hundreds of years ago, a girl named Mary was never far away.

Today, the president's residence, Aras an Uachtarain, puts a candle in the window to express welcome to returning emigrants. It is also seen more broadly as a welcome to any traveler who needs a place to rest for the night, although today it isn't meant to be taken literally!

## Four AOH Scholarships Available

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

Denis Moriarty AOH Scholarship  
Katie White AOH Scholarship

Jim McCaughna AOH Scholarship  
Hibernian Kehoe Scholarship

Purpose: Help worthy students obtain a College Education. Amount: \$1,500.00 for each scholarship.

Eligibility: High school seniors entering college.

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

Applications for 2022 will be made available on our AOH website, [www.aohindy.com](http://www.aohindy.com).

The recipients will be notified prior to the Hibernians' St. Patrick's Day Celebration, and the award will be presented at the celebration on March 13, 2022. The recipient must be present at the Celebration.

Application due date and destination will be on our web page soon and in the next newsletter. [www.aohindy.com](http://www.aohindy.com)

## Memorial Mass

On Sunday, Nov. 28th, which was a crisp, sunny, Sunday morning, we had our AOH Memorial Mass to honor those members who passed away during the past year. It was held at St. Philip Neri Church at 9:30. Father Jeff Dufresne, pastor, said a beautiful traditional Mass, accompanied by the outstanding St. Philip Neri choir. The Mass was attended by parishioners and a good group of Hibernians.

## Meeting Notes

- Fr. Joe Moriarty, AOH Chaplain, is doing well after his double hip operation. He is recovering at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary.

- Once again, a request was made for donations of winter coats to Horizon House for those in need. Jonathan Tobin would see that gifts get to the correct destination.

- AOH member, Tobin Senefeld, was nominated for and elected division officer as Standing Committee Chair. Congratulations and welcome, Tobin!

- Chuck McGinley was named 2021 Hibernian of the Year for his many years of service to AOH. There's no one more deserving!

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- Additional information on page four.