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AOH Launches New Website

Like all fraternal organizations, new members are the lifeblood for the continuance of the successes and traditions of the AOH.

In mid-2017 a national branding subcommittee (to include Division One's new President, Ed McLaughlin) was tasked with creating a uniform branded image and message that would help communicate that the AOH is a strong, nationwide organization of Irish, Catholic, American men.

With the biggest single focus on "What is our identity?" the task was simple: *"We are the largest Irish-Catholic American organization in the country. The AOH offers opportunities for individuals interested in Irish politics, Christian charity, Irish music, protecting life, supporting strong immigration policies, and Irish history."*

The new website, created by hundreds of volunteer man hours, is a wonderful representation of the Order. See it at https://aoh.com

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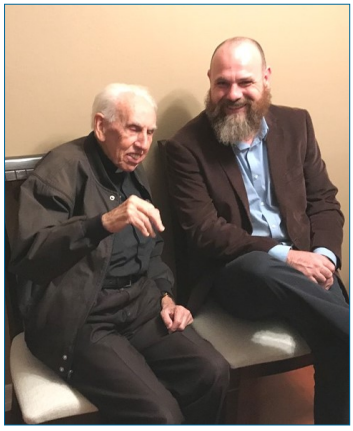
AOH Division One Christmas Party 2017

The Christmas Party had a fine turnout that included families of members, associate members, as well as special guests Fr. Eamon Mackin (a Dublin native) and Brother Peter Ryan fsp of the Brothers of St. Patrick in Australia.

As it turned out, our own Emmet MacRaghnaill went to the same high school as Fr. Mackin, with "a few years" separating the two. The evening was filled with laughs, fine drink, great food and wonderful friends.



Test Your Knowledge of Irish Slang. What do they mean?????

1) We'll have some good Craic!
2) I'll have a pint of the black stuff.
3) He was a chiseler at the time.
4) Were you earwinging again?
5) He throws shapes.
6) He lives just outside the pale.

See the answers on the next page.

AOH and President John F. Kennedy

President John F. Kennedy, a proud and dedicated member of the AOH Division 14 in Watertown, Massachusetts, addressed the Irish Parliament in June 1963:

"It is that quality of the Irish--that remarkable combination of hope, confidence and imagination--that is needed more than ever today. The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics, whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities.

We need men who can dream of things that never were, and ask why not. It matters not how small a nation is that seeks world peace and freedom, for, to paraphrase a citizen of my country, 'the humblest nation of all the world, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error.'"

A Wee Bit of Trivia: In 1956, JFK published Profiles in Courage, a book about U.S. senators who risked their careers for their personal beliefs.

Project Saint Patrick

The goal of Project St. Patrick is to fund national grants in support of the men and women who choose a religious vocation.

Since 1955, Project St. Patrick has been a joint Catholic Action program of the AOH and LAOH which has given over $300,000 to needy seminarians and religious who are studying to serve our Church. Funding for Project St. Patrick comes from direct donations from AOH & LAOH members, State Boards, County Boards and Divisions, Project St. Patrick Prayer cards as well as from the Annual Project St. Patrick Easter Appeal.

Hibernians have remained steadfast in their mission to protect and support priests from the penal days in Ireland to the present. As an Irish-American Catholic organization, we must continue to foster and support vocations both spiritually and financially.

The Fenians

Upcoming Local Appearances:

1/26/18
NAMM Show Marriot Stage
Anaheim, CA

3/17/18
St Patrick's Day Celebration
San Juan Capistrano, CA.

6/09/18 - 6/10/18
Irish Fair and Music Festival
Irvine, CA

Check Website for more dates:
www.thefenians.com

Answers to Test Your Knowledge:

1) "Craic" is a good time
2) Guinness
3) A toddler
4) Eavesdropping
5) Is a show off.
6) Anywhere outside of Dublin.

Our New Division Officers for 2018-2020

Congratulations to our new Division One officers for 2018 to 2020. We look forward to another great year of Friendship, Unity and true Christian Charity.

President	Ed McLaughlin
Vice President	Brian Gallogly
Financial Secretary	Ronn Knowles
Recording Secretary	Joe Harvey
Treasurer	Bob Brennan
Marshal	John Gallagher
Sentinel	Kevin Fitzgerald
Chaplain	Rev. William Smith
Standing Committee	Emmet MacRaghnaill

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Our New Division Chairmen for 2018-2020

We thank our new Division Chairmen in advance for the effort and good works that they will share with our Division to make our participation a rewarding experience.

Historian	Emmet MacRaghnaill
Organizer	Ed McLaughlin
Charities & Missions, Chairman	Brian Gallogly
Catholic Action, Chairman	Jim Hart
Freedom For All Ireland, Chairman	Jim Hart
Pro-Life, Chairman	Ed McLaughlin
Political Education, Chairman	Emmet MacRaghnaill
Veterans Affairs	Bob Brennan
Webmaster	Ronn Knowles
Project St. Patrick-Vocations	Ed McLaughlin
Social Media Chairman	Kevin Fitzgerald

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AOH OC Division One Member Spotlight

On any given day of the year, you can ask Division One Past President Dr. Ronn Knowles, "*how many days are there until Saint Patrick's Day?*" and you will get the answer swiftly, and in a booming voice. No one commands a room quite like Ronn on a microphone! He joined the AOH in 1971 and has been responsible for its renewed growth in membership.

If you've had the pleasure of being in Ronn's company for any period of time, you will find that he is one of the sharpest and most intuitive people you will ever meet. His dedication to the Irish and Catholic communities is unyielding, while his devotion to Veterans, various religious orders and the Patrician Brothers at the Brothers of Saint Patrick, Novitiate in Midway City is inspiring.

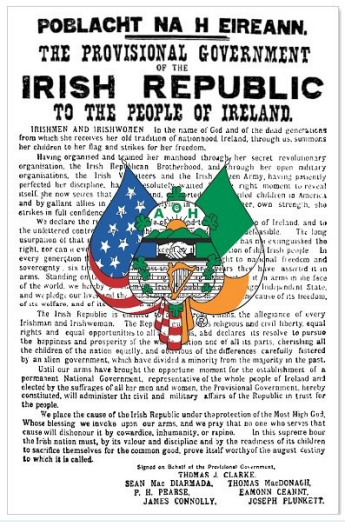
Originally from a small Irish community in Illinois, Ronn moved to Orange County after graduate school at Illinois State University. He was a Professor of Marketing and Psychology at several colleges.

Ronn is a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a Past Grand Knight, a Past Faithful Navigator and a Former District Deputy. He has also been a Chapter President and a former Public Relations Chair for the State Council. When introduced at KofC meetings, he is simply introduced as "Worthy Dr. Knowles, past Everything!"

Brother Kevin Minihan and his "Unholy Trinity"

Serving his parish and community, he has been a member of his Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Fundraising Chair for his Parish Jubilee and a member of his Parish Capital Campaign Committee.

Ronn is a former Chair of the City of Fullerton Human Relations Commission and is a current member of the Historic Resources Commission for the City of Huntington Beach. While living in Oregon Ronn was President of the Lions Club and President of the Chamber of Commerce. We have no idea where he finds the time to do so much, but we're glad he does. Thanks Ronn!



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THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

OF THE

IRISH REPUBLIC

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades in arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,

THOMAS J. CLARKE.
SEAN Mac DIARMADA. THOMAS MacDONAGH.
P. H. PEARSE. EAMONN CEANNT.
JAMES CONNOLLY. JOSEPH PLUNKETT.

Who We Are - The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians evolved out of a desperate need in the early 1600's to protect the lives of Priests who risked immediate death and dismemberment to keep the Catholic Faith alive in occupied Ireland after the reign of England's King Henry VIII and the implementation of the dreaded Penal Laws in Ireland. Various secret social societies were formed across the country to aid and comfort the people by whatever means available.

Similarly, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded on May 4, 1836 at New York's St. James Church, to protect the Clergy, and Church property from the "Know Nothings" and their followers. Vast influx of Irish Immigrants fleeing famine issues in Ireland in the late 1840's, prompted a growth of various social societies in the USA – the largest of which was, and continues to be, the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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