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**Beannachtaí Ná Cásca  
oraibh"**  
**"May the blessing of Easter  
be with you"**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I hope you and your family remains well and healthy through the lingering Covid pandemic. It seems the Covid vaccine distribution is now on tract, and normalcy in our everyday lives is coming. Hopefully, everyone has been lucky to have received or now scheduled for the Covid vaccine.

The pandemic continued to affect the activities of St. Patrick's Day celebrations this year. However, I hope in some small manner, you had the opportunity to celebrate a bit. This year there were a lot of Irish zoom in media opportunities to learn more about our Irish history and traditions. Otherwise, the St. Patrick Day parades in our area and varied St. Patrick Day celebrations were cancelled until next year. Also, as Lent is ending, I hope everyone is in preparation for the Easter holiday, participated in some soul-searching church activities, and volunteered or donated to a charitable cause. I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter holiday.

This year, we did not select and recognize the AOH Hibernian of the Year Award. There were no exceptional or noteworthy contributions to the Division to exemplify this honor due to limited meetings, community activities, or Division activities. Next year, we should be able to resume this annual recognition of a member's contribution to our Division.

We continue to stage monthly zoom meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Joe McCarthy has done an exceptional job in getting these zoom meetings scheduled and communicated to the membership. We will continue to operate with this meeting format for a few more months. In the interim, we are continuing to look at options for a future meeting location, which is assessable and centralized to our membership. Also, we will need a small area of accommodations for the storage of our flags and some memorabilia.

This year, we received two (2) applications for The Daniel Flannery Scholarship 2021 Award. These applications are being reviewed by the scholarship committee and a selection of this year's recipient will be made by next meeting. These applications were due by March 17<sup>th</sup>. This award is given to a deserving student who has the best essay on **"What It Means to be an Irish Catholic in Today's Society."**

Lastly, please support our current fundraising activity - **April calendars**. You can directly call or e-mail Joseph McCarthy to purchase calendars before March 31<sup>st</sup>. The monies raised from this activity will go towards funding for our Food Baskets. Program.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Kerry Williard, President

### MEMBERSHIP

All members are reminded that membership fees for 2021 are now being accepted. Dues remain at \$25.00 per year. You can forward dues to:

Joseph G. McCarthy, Financial Secretary  
St. Brendan's Division #1,  
437 Elmer Circle  
Reading, Pa. 19605-9116

Please make all checks payable to AOH. Div. 1 Berks. For information on dues payments call Joe McCarthy at 610-927-5224. All inquiries will be held in strictest confidence.

Please, check your membership card and notify me a.s.a.p. if changes are needed in address, phone numbers (land & cell) and email addresses. In addition, all members who have served in the Military, if your card does not signify that you are a veteran, please supply me with your branch of service and dates of service and an updated card will be supplied.

Please note that due to the pandemic most meetings are held virtually using ZOOM Technology until we are able to meet in a group setting once again. All members who have a home computer, cell phone (i-Phone or android) can participate in our virtual meetings. This is an opportunity for those who cannot get to our group meetings to join us and hear first-hand the workings and plans of the division.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers are requested for following person who have requested to be listed in our prayer list. Included in the list are AOH members, family of members and members of the LAOH, Berks County: Joanne Marnell, wife of Brother Joe Marnell, Deacon John Murphy, Henry and Eleanor Trexler, Michael Riley, Henry & Rita Mullen, Kathleen Fink, Julie Miller, Mary Collins, John Mackey, Mary DeMarco, Charles Fritz, Leontine Williard, wife of President Kerry Williard, Dennis Mulligan, Doug Carlson, Carey Carlson, Teri Brennan

Carlson, Terry Morrison, Betsy Paolini, Carolyn Healey, Shay Mulligan and all members in need of prayers.

Special prayers are asked for the following deceased members and their families: Dr. Richard Flannery, Kathleen Creed, Alfred Recke, John George, Joseph P. Riley, Craig Wolfe, Clare Flannery and all the deceased members of the AOH-LAOH of Berks County.

### COMING EVENTS

04/02/21	Good Friday
04/04/21	Easter Sunday
04/14/21	General Membership meeting - ZOOM
05/09/21	Mother's Day
05/12/21	General Membership meeting
05/31/21	Memorial Day
06/09/21	General Membership meeting
06/14/21	Flag Day
06/20/21	Father's Day
07/04/21	Fourth of July - Independence Day
07/14/21	General Membership meeting
08/11/21	General Membership meeting
08/21/21	Feast of "Our Lady of Knock"
09/06/21	Labor Day
09/08/21	General Membership meeting
09/13/21	Commodore John Barry Day

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 2021



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(l-r) 2nd row: Bob McHale Trustee; Rob Katzenmoyer Sentinel; Henry Mullen, Catholic Action Chairman; Christopher Costello, Marshal; Joseph McCarthy Financial Secretary  
Missing is Thomas P. Healey our Organizer

The following officers were elected during November's ZOOM meeting and will serve during the coming year:

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 Trustee - 3 yr. James Caherly

**NEWSLETTER**

Once again, we remind our members and friends that all members should forward name, address or e-mail changes to the Financial Secretary as changes occur. It is imperative that all information listed for each member is accurate to ensure receipt of the National Hibernian Digest mailed bi-monthly. In addition, the national President regularly puts out email notices of items of interest and news updates on the national level.

Anyone who supports this newsletter and is listed as a Patron will receive hard copies of our newsletter by email or may access a copy by visiting our division website [www.berkscoaoh.com](http://www.berkscoaoh.com) We will no longer mass mail copies of our newsletter.

We direct you to the list of supporters on the last page of our newsletter. Thanks to their support our newsletter is made possible. If you would like to join our list of supporters for the first time, our rates remain the same \$12 for patron ads, and \$50 for business card ads.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The names of members who are celebrating birthdays during the next three months are listed below. We have acquired the Information from our membership applications, so if there are any corrections or errors please advise.

**APRIL**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Thomas P. Healey
- 18<sup>th</sup> James J. Lowe
- 25<sup>th</sup> Joseph McCarthy
- 26<sup>th</sup> Deacon John Murphy

**MAY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> James M. Scott
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dennis McDonough
- 12<sup>th</sup> Patrick McCauley
- 17<sup>th</sup> Shay Caherly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> John F. Gainey
- 29<sup>th</sup> Timothy P. Dore

**JUNE**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Gerard T. O'Neil
- 10<sup>th</sup> Rory J. Caherly
- 11<sup>th</sup> Robert J. Devlin
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ryan Katzenmoyer
- 19<sup>th</sup> Cormick Costello
- 21<sup>st</sup> Henry J. Mullen, JR
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Michael J. Leonard

**MOTHER'S DAY MAY 9, 2021**



**M-O-T-H-E-R**

**M** is for the million things she gave me,  
**O** means only that she's growing old,  
**T** is for the tears she shed to save me,  
**H** is for her heart of purest gold;  
**E** is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
**R** means right, and right she'll always be,  
 Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
 A word that means the world to me.  
 --Howard Johnson

**MEETING NIGHT** Just a reminder that St. Brendan's Div.#1 has changed our meeting to the second Wednesday of each month. For the past 40 years we had been meeting on the second Friday, however due to a drop in membership attending meetings we decided that perhaps changing to Wednesday would be more acceptable and increase member participation.

During the ongoing pandemic restrictions, we will continue to use ZOOM to conduct our meetings. For the past six months we were fortunate to have our first Chaplain, Fr. William Campion join us on Zoom. We encourage all members who may be interested to join us. Anyone interested can call or email me and I will add your name to the list of invitees and you will be emailed the codes to join the meeting by using the passcodes.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Are you aware that St. Brendan's Division #1 is available on several social media platforms? Listed are the addresses where we can be found:

- [www.Facebook.com/Aoh](http://www.Facebook.com/Aoh)
- St Brendan's Website - [www.berkscoaoh.com](http://www.berkscoaoh.com)
- National AOH Website - [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)

**IRISH HISTORY**

For decades the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America has petitioned United States Navy historians and many others in the United States government to honor a true Irish American naval hero of the American Revolution. The

Ancient Order of Hibernians deserves a full cannonade of credit for its effort to secure a lasting memorial to Commodore John Barry in the most appropriate of places, that being the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

A Wrought Iron arch over "The Barry Gate," a Statue and garden on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy make an eternal historical representation of a man who remained in the shadows of the history of the United States and the American Revolution.



**Commodore Barry (1745-1803)**  
**"Father of the American Navy"**

by John Barry Kelly - (part one of two)

Few Americans are well-acquainted with the gallantry and heroic exploits of Philadelphia's Irish-born naval commander, Commodore John Barry. Obscured by his contemporary, naval commander John Paul Jones, Barry remains to this day an unsung hero of the young American Republic. As most

naval historians note, Barry can be classed on a par with Jones for nautical skill and daring, but he exceeds him in the length of service (17 years) to his adopted country and his fidelity to the nurturing of a permanent American Navy. Indeed, Barry deserves the proud epithet, "Father of the American Navy," a title bestowed on him not by current generations of admirers, but by his contemporaries, who were in the best position to judge.

In the space of 58 years, this son of a poor Irish farmer rose from humble cabin boy to senior commander of the entire United States fleet. Intrepid in battle, he was humane to his men as well as adversaries and prisoners. Barry's war contributions are unparalleled: he was the first to capture a British war vessel on the high seas; he captured two British ships after being severely wounded in a ferocious sea battle; he quelled three mutinies; he fought on land at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton; he captured over 20 ships including an armed British schooner in the lower Delaware; he authored a Signal Book which established a set of signals used for effective communication between ships; and he fought the last naval battle of the American Revolution aboard the frigate Alliance in 1783.

**The Early Years:** John Barry was born in a modest thatched cottage in 1745 at Ballysampion on Our Lady's Island, which is part of Tacumshin Parish in County Wexford, Ireland. Wexford, at the southeasternmost part of Ireland, has always had a strong maritime tradition. Yet Barry's father was a poor tenant farmer who was evicted by his British landlord. The family was forced to relocate to the village of Rosslare.

An imposing man, Barry stood close to 6'4", according to Admiral Preble who examined his Federal Navy uniform from the 1790s.

At Rosslare, the youth's uncle, Nicholas Barry, was captain of a fishing skiff, and the young man determined at an early age to follow his uncle to sea. Barry started out as a ship's cabin boy, and graduated from seaman to able seaman and ultimately, a Mate's rating. Barry grew to be a tall, muscular, well-respected seaman. A salient event which occurred in Barry's youth led to a lifelong enmity of oppression and the British. At a young age Barry learned of the massacre of some 3,000 Wexfordians under an invading force led by Oliver Cromwell in 1649.

**His First Command:** Barry's first command came in 1766 aboard the schooner, Barbadoes, sailing out of Philadelphia, which Barry adopted as his home port. Barry had good reason to make Philadelphia his new home. William Penn's legacy of religious freedom allowed Roman Catholics, which Barry was, greater latitude of worship than most anywhere else in the Colonies. Further, the city was emerging as a great maritime trade center. Its growing population, which exceeded 30,000 by the start of the Revolution, hungered for imported goods brought in by ships piloted by captains such as Barry. Plying back and forth between Philadelphia and the West Indies, Barry gained his early skills of command at the helm of several merchant ships.

In the West Indies trade, Barry honed his nautical skills making at least nine round trips without a single mishap. Philadelphians came to like "Big John" Barry due to his reliability, personable nature and his success in the merchant shipping business. His next command, the Patty and Polly, was a small brigantine which he took on but a single voyage. Shortly after, Barry took command of the Industry, a 45-ton vessel which he described as a "good schooner."

By 1772, Barry's abilities as a shipmaster had come to the attention of one of Philadelphia's premier mercantile houses, Meredith and Clymer. Reese Meredith recognized Barry's ability by assigning him command of the vessel Peg, quite a plum for a young captain. About the time colonial difficulties with the mother country necessitated the convening of the First Continental Congress in 1774, Barry began a lifelong friendship and collaboration with the Revolutionary financier, Robert Morris. Barry's last pre-revolutionary sailing experience came in the service of Morris, who was a partner in Philadelphia's top merchant shipping firm, Willing, Morris and Cadwalader. Barry was assigned to their sleek 200-ton ship, Black Prince. It was aboard Black Prince on a return voyage from England that Barry made the amazing and unparalleled record of travelling 237 miles by dead reckoning in a 24-hour period — the fastest day of sailing recorded in the 18th century.

**The Private Barry:** In private life, Barry's world was twice darkened by tragic events. First was the premature death of his first wife, Mary Clary (or Cleary), whom he had married at Philadelphia's Old St. Joseph's chapel on October 31, 1767. Mary's death on February 9, 1774, at 29 years of age, grieved him all-the-more since he was at sea when her passing occurred. The second tragedy was the disappearance at sea of Barry's brother and fellow mariner Patrick Barry. Patrick's ship, the Union, a letter of marquee vessel, sailed from Bordeaux, France, in August of 1778, and was never heard from again.

Barry was consoled by his second marriage, this time to the socially popular and attractive Sarah Keen Austin, nicknamed "Sally" by her friends. Sally Austin and John Barry were married on July 7, 1777, in Old Christ Church by the Reverend William White, rector and founder of the American Episcopal Church. Sarah, an Episcopalian, eventually converted to Barry's Roman Catholic faith. The Barrys were regular parishioners at several Philadelphia Catholic churches: Old St. Joseph's, Old St. Mary's and eventually, St. Augustine's. The Barrys had no children; however, they happily raised two boys from Barry's deceased sister Eleanor's household.

Sarah's nephews from Ireland, Michael and Patrick Hayes, were brought to Philadelphia by Captain John Rosseter on his ship, the Rising Sun. Rosseter was a neighbor of the Barry family in Ireland, and the captain also wound up living on the same street as John Barry in Philadelphia. His close association with the Barrys continued even in death, as the Rosseter plot lies next to the Barry plot in Old St. Mary's churchyard.

**War:** When Barry arrived back in Philadelphia on the Black Prince he was greeted with the word that the Colonies and Great Britain were at war. At the outset of the Revolution, Barry was given the singularly important task of outfitting the first Continental Navy ships which were put to sea from Philadelphia. His assignment included: overseeing rigging, piercing gunports, strengthening bulwarks, procuring powder and canvas for the new warships and loading provisions. Upon completion of his work, Barry was rewarded with what he most desired from the Marine Committee: a Captain's commission in the Continental Navy, dated March 14, 1776, and signed by the President of Congress, John Hancock. Along with this commission went command of Barry's first warship, the brig Lexington.

In his first contest at sea, John Barry's cruiser Lexington had a successful one-hour battle with the British tender, Edward. Barry's own report to Congress of his fight conveys the atmosphere of excitement and exultation:

**In sight of the Cape of Virginia April 7, 1776 to the Marine Committee**

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that at 1:00 p.m. this day, I fell in with the sloop, Edward belonging to the Liverpool frigate. They killed two of our men and wounded two more. We shattered her in a terrible manner as you will see. I shall give you a particular account of the powder that was taken out of her, as well as my proceedings in general. I have the pleasure to acquaint you that all our people behaved with much courage. This victory had a tremendous psychological effect in boosting American morale, as it was the first capture of a British warship by a regularly commissioned American cruiser.

**"The Eyedee of Being a Treater":** Late in 1776, Barry was given command of the 32-gun Effingham, one of three frigates then under construction in Philadelphia. During the building of Effingham, Barry was approached by an acquaintance, perhaps his Tory brother-in-law William Austin or a member of the Cadwalader family that sympathized with the British and offered a bribe of 15,000 guineas in gold or 20,000 pounds British sterling, plus a commission in the Royal Navy if he would turn Effingham over to the British. Barry was promised his own ship under Royal authority, but he indignantly refused. In his own words, he "spurned the eyedee of being a treater."

Horses are the backbone of a cavalry and needed hay to live. The problem of getting enough hay for their horses proved problematic to the British throughout the war.

With the 1777 British assault on Philadelphia imminent, Barry was forced to scuttle his new command, Effingham. Having to make do commanding only small craft, Barry carried out the boldest adventure of his career. His mission included the destruction of all British hay forage in the region, capture of enemy shipping in the Lower Delaware, and fighting off whatever came his way.

### **The Sailor Becomes a Soldier**

While the Effingham was under construction, Barry volunteered his service to the Continental Army. He served with a company of Marines under the command of Philadelphia militia commander General John Cadwalader. Cadwalader was part-owner of the merchant shipping company that Barry had worked for before the war. His old employer selected Barry as his aide-de-camp thus the seaman became a soldier and participated in the Battle of Trenton and led a spirited defense during the Battle of Princeton. General Washington chose Barry as his courier in conveying wounded prisoners through British lines and carrying a dispatch under a flag of truce to General Cornwallis. (to be continued next newsletter)

### **REMEMBER FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2021**

George Washington, using colors from The British Kings Colors sanctioned the first flag representing the United States. It was called the Grand Union flag. Soon, it was decided that a new flag was needed to represent America,

and it was decided to be red, white, and blue, with stars and stripes representing the colonies. It is said that George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross (Betsy Ross's late husband's uncle) came to Ross's home and asked her to sew the new flag. Originally, George Washington had wanted 6-pointed stars on the flag, but Betsy Ross demonstrated how to cut a 5-pointed star in a single snip, and the committee was so impressed that they allowed Betsy Ross to sew our new American flag, using the 5-pointed star.

Each year on June 14, we celebrate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes, which came into being on June 14, 1777. At that time, the Second Continental Congress authorized a new flag to symbolize the new Nation, the United States of America.

Although Flag Day is not celebrated as a Federal holiday, Americans everywhere continue to honor the history and heritage it represents.

The "Stars and Stripes", the official National symbol of the United States of America was authorized by congress on Saturday of June 14, 1777 it was the fifth item of the days agenda for the Second Continental congress is session in Philadelphia. The entry in the journal of the Continental Congress 1774-1789 Vol. VIII, 1777 reads "Resolved that the flag of the thirteen United States Be Thirteen stripes alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

There is no official assignment of meaning or symbolism to the colors of the flag. However, Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress, in describing the Great Seal, related its colors to those of the flag. According to Thomson, "White signifies purity and innocence, Red, hardiness & valor, and Blue . . . vigilance, perseverance & justice."

So, the Red and White stripes of 13 represent the link to the original ground of 13 states on which the nation has been built up. And the stars, representing the union of now 50 states, have been laid on the blue canton to bind all of them with the bond of vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The Stars and Stripes first flew in a Flag Day celebration in Hartford, Connecticut in 1861, during the first summer of the Civil War. By the mid 1890's the observance of Flag Day on June 14 was a popular event. Mayors and governors began to issue proclamations in their jurisdictions to celebrate this event.

In the years to follow, public sentiment for a national Flag Day observance greatly intensified. Numerous patriotic societies and veteran's groups became identified with the Flag Day movement. Since their main objective was to

stimulate patriotism among the young, schools were the first to become involved in flag activities.

In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14. It was not until August 3, 1949 that Congress made this day a permanent observance by resolving, "That the 14th day of June of each year is hereby designated as Flag Day. President Harry Truman signed the measure into law.

### FATHER'S DAY JUNE 20, 2021

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in-order-to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact, when a "Father's Day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn, and his other five children by himself, on a rural farm in eastern Washington State. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally, in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

### What Makes a Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

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04/21

### I Am the Flag of the Of America



I am the flag of the United States of America.  
My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.  
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.  
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.  
I stand guard with power in the world.  
Look up and see me.  
I stand for peace, honor, truth, and justice.  
I stand for freedom.  
I am confident. I am arrogant. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,  
My head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.  
I bow to no one!  
I am recognized all over the world.  
I am worshipped, I am saluted.  
I am loved, I am revered.  
I am respected, And I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war  
For more than 200 years.  
I was flown at Valley Forge,  
Gettysburg, Shiloh, and Appomattox.  
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France,  
In the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome  
And the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea  
and Khe San, Saigon, Vietnam know me.  
I was there. I have led my troops,  
I was dirty, battle worn and tired,  
But my soldiers cheered me, and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn, and trampled  
On the streets of countries, I have helped set free.  
It does not hurt for I am invincible.  
I have been soiled upon,  
burned, torn, and trampled  
In the streets of my country.  
And, when those whom I have served in battle do it -  
It hurts. But I shall overcome for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth  
And stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space  
From my vantage point on the moon  
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.  
But my finest hours are yet to come.  
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages  
For my wounded comrades on the battlefield  
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,  
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the  
grave of their fallen son or daughter,  
I am proud.