



GENERAL THOMAS F. MEAGHER DIVISION

Spotsylvania Division No. 1

August 2012 Highlights

The Division met as scheduled on 21 August. Twelve 12 brothers attended -- our treasurer was excused. We were please to accept one application, Bob Stevens, a St Mary of the Immaculate Conception parishioner. Financial Secretary reported five brothers (potentially six) and one approved applicant will transfer to the recently chartered Fr Mychal Judge OFM Division. This reduces our membership to 27. Three members are seriously in arrears and may be dropped from the rolls as well.

Tom Evans was designated our liaison to St Mary Parish, replacing Jeff Fitzpatrick. Tom will be orchestrating Raffle and Halfway ticket sales at St Mary and HCA on 1-2 September as well as our participation in the parish Stewardship Sunday (a recruiting opportunity) on 15-16 September. He'll need help!

John Hogan is managing the schedule for ticket sales at St Patrick Parish 8-9 September. Let him know what Masses you're available to assist!

The division approved Jeff Fitzpatrick's motion to hold an **Irish Breakfast** in conjunction with Mary's Shelter on 9 September at St Mary. This is contingent upon Mary's Shelter providing a sufficient number of volunteers to support the event. Naturally Hibernian volunteers will also be needed to assist Jeff, Tom Evans and Brendan Kelly.

Hugh O'Brien and Jim O'Donnell shared observations from the July 2012 National Convention held in upstate New York. All Tri-State attendees were disappointed that Rich Alekxy was not elected a National Director. The 2014 convention will be in St Louis and the 2016 convention is planned for Atlantic City.

Bill Phillips, Gene McKenna and Joe O'Connor shared their experiences at the Mary's Shelter Summer Soirée.

HALFWAY TO ST PATRICK DAY CELEBRATION: Plans are finalized for the *First Annual Halfway to St Patrick Day* party. We have a good line up of entertainment and hope to sell all 200 tickets at \$35 each (Hibernians get a \$5.00 discount). Advertising is important and notices have appeared/will appear in the St Patrick bulletin for two weekends; the St Mary bulletin, the Lake Currents (the LOW bi-weekly), and are displayed in clubhouses at nearby golf courses. All

brothers have been asked to print and distribute Halfway flyers within residential communities, places of business, etc. Three large professionally printed posters are available for use.

A Nomination Committee to identify candidates for 2013 division officers will be appointed at the September meeting. Division elections will be November and installation will be in December.

TRIP FOR TWO TO IRELAND RAFFLE: Drawing is 22 September and we're not close to our goal. We need to re-double efforts if our donations to area Catholic education and charities are to continue into 2013.

MEAGHER DIVISION ATTIRE:

- Green Jacket: Typically, the AOH uniform for parades and other semi-formal occasions is green sport coat, sash, white shirt with Irish theme tie, and black trousers. We may still have access to these at Men's Wearhouse (Central Park); POC is Assistant Manager, Ms. Bushra Elmalki (540.785.2449).
- AOH Sash: Tri-color AOH sashes are available from LAOH Sister Patricia Ankrom, costing \$ 40.00. Order with payment (check payable to Tracey's By Design or Patricia Ankrom) to: Patricia Ankrom, 7400 Airport Road, Quinton, VA 23141
traceysbydesign@aol.com
- Division logo long and short sleeve polo shirts, sweat shirts, and ball caps:
 - Long sleeve polo: \$22.75
 - Short sleeve polo: \$19.75
 - Sweat shirt: \$21.25
 - Ball Cap: \$14.00

PRAYER LIST: Please pray for the repose of John Mahoney's mother and for Jim O'Donnell who will be undergoing surgery early next month.

NEXT MEETING: 18 September!

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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