



Gen. Thomas F, Meagher Division Highlights December 2010-January 2011



Here's hoping all had a wonderful Christmas and are moving healthy, wealthy, and wisely into the second decade of the 21st Century. Lisa and I spent a wonderful Christmas visiting with her cousins in Santiago, Chile (we squandered our children's "inheritance" on a 30 day vacation in Chile, Peru and Argentina).

The officers elected (see November's Highlights) for Fraternal Year 2011 were installed with Past State President Hugh O'Brien officiating.

We had a great turnout for the Kirkland Memorial wreath laying ceremony on a cold, wet 12 December afternoon. Again this year, Pat Phillips, wife of Brother Bill Phillips, generously provided her artistic skill in creating another first class wreath for the ceremony.



Pictured are General Meagher Division brothers (l to r) Bud Logan; Dick Geary; PSP Hugh O'Brien; Recording Secretary, Gene McKenna; John Hogan; Treasurer, Shane Quinlan (with children, Seamus and Abigail); President Bill Halpin; and Financial Secretary, Jeff Fitzpatrick (with children, Luke and Nathaniel).

After the ceremony we adjourned to Brother Jeff Fitzpatrick's new pub (Lee's Retreat) at the Blue & Grey Brewery for a bite to eat and associated refreshments.

I'll be meeting with the University of Mary Washington Catholic Campus Ministry later this week hoping to inspire interest in AOH. In early February I'm scheduled to meet with George Elliott wrt to the St Patrick School grant.

I encourage you all to attend our monthly meetings; turnout is disappointing. We need help organizing the Rose of Tralee competition, the annual Trip of Two to Ireland raffle and participation in St Patrick related festivities (the Fredericksburg City Parade is 12 March) and the Blue & Grey Parade and kick-off of the raffle is TDB.

Current (and past due) dues (for 2011 dues are \$30.00) can be mailed to:

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