



GENERAL THOMAS F. MEAGHER DIVISION

SPOTSYLVANIA DIVISION NO. 1

January 2012 Highlights

Our monthly meeting convened as scheduled at 7:30PM, January 17, 2012. With prior notification, the vice president and sentinel (elect) plus six additional Brothers were officially excused and ten brothers attended.

Officers Installation: The elected officers for Fraternal Year 2012 were installed by Past State President (PSP) Hugh O'Brien.

Division Finances:

A budget for 2012 was reviewed, discussed, and approved by majority vote. Included in the budget, among other items, are allocations for three scholastic stipends and for two pro-life organizations.

The Charities Committee submitted recommendations for allocation of funds to several division causes (including the above). After discussion and an amendment needed to align scholastic stipends and charitable allocations with an updated budget forecast, the Committee's recommendations were approved by vote.

Eight brothers attended the memorial Mass for division charter member, Jim Mannion on January 16th. Jim's association with AOH and the General Meagher Division were highlighted in the eulogy presented by his son Father Patrick Mannion.

Issues Discussed:

- Our first annual **Halfway to St Patrick Day Party** currently scheduled for 15 September 2012. Bill Phillips is the first member of our Halfway to St Patrick Day party committee. We have tentatively identified a band (AON_) and identify a venue soon.
- Favorably received was an idea for brothers write a short biography to be held by succeeding the division presidents.
- The local Welch Society is hosting Lincoln's Birthday party on February 11th at Brooks Grill. Tickets are \$45/person. Hugh O'Brien has details/r.s.v.p. required NLT February 2d.

Dates to Remember:

- March for Life -- 23 Jan, for more information visit our website (fredericksburgaoh.org)
- Annual St Patrick Day Parade -- 17 March! Students from St Michael the Archangel High School will march with us
- Annual St Patrick Dinner at Holy Cross Academy (TBD)
- Major Degree Exemplification -- 14 April, Ocean City, MD

Meagher Division Attire:

- Green Jacket: Men's Wearhouse (1210 Carl D. Silver Parkway in Central Park) offers Hibernians a \$390 green sports jacket for \$89.00. Typically, the AOH uniform_ for parades and other semi-formal occasions is green sport coat, white shirt with Irish theme tie, and black trousers. Our point of contact is the Assistant Manager, Ms. Bushra Elmalki (540.785.2449).
- AOH Sash: Tri-color AOH sashes are available from LAOH Sister Patricia Ankrom. She produces 7.5ft long sashes costing \$ 40.00. Patricia guarantees satisfaction: if you're not satisfied send it back for a full refund. Mail your order and payment check (payable to Tracey's By Design or Patricia Ankrom) to: Patricia Ankrom, 7400 Airport Road, Quanton, VA 23141. For more information, email Patricia at traceysbydesign@aol.com

- Division logo long and short sleeve polo shirts, sweat shirts, and ball caps:
- Prices are:
 - 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 Jim Mannion's soul and the return to good health/speedy recovery of our Brothers Bob Errickson, Bill Callahan, and Ron Cullen and Joe Daley's sister.

Next Meeting: February 21st!

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Bill Halpin

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