



## GENERAL THOMAS F. MEAGHER DIVISION

### Spotsylvania Division No. 1

### June 2012 Highlights

## Happy Independence Day 2012!

I was away for most of June. The Division convened at 7:30PM, on June 20<sup>th</sup> per schedule with Vice President Jeff Fitzpatrick presiding. Per voice mail from Jeff, I conclude there is some level of concern about planning of the Halfway to St Patrick Day party. I'll address this below.

### 2012 Scholastic Stipends

The division presented two scholastic stipends of \$1250.00 this year. Brother Roy Delaney presented the award to Genna Rich, a graduating eighth grade student at Saint Patrick Elementary School on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Genna will be attending St Michael the Archangel High School in the fall. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Division Vice President Jeff Fitzpatrick presented an identical stipend award to Garrett Hawley, a graduating eighth grader at the Holy Cross Academy with Father Rooney looking on. Garret will be attending Pope John Paul the Great High School in the fall. We wish both awardees all the very best as they continue their Catholic education.



St Patrick Elementary



Holy Cross Academy

## Charities

**Parish Work Camps:** The Division sent checks for \$750.00 to summer work camp coordinators at both St Mary and St Patrick parishes. This amount is concerned sufficient to support one student-worker.

**Mary's Shelter:** The Division sent a \$1,000.00 check to Mary's Shelter to help defray the expenses associated with their Third Annual Summer Soirée. The Soirée will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo Center on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Featured speakers include Brother Father Rooney and Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, among others.

## Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle

The \$5,000.00 in charitable expenditures made in the past few weeks are a direct result of your efforts selling `Trip for Two\_ raffle tickets last year. Please continue this super effort every year. The raffle is our only means to support Catholic education, parish work camps and pro-life institutions.

## Halfway to St Patrick Day Party

The Halfway party is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. This will be a buffet-style dinner in a venue that can comfortably accommodate 200-220 guests. The Fredericksburg area Celtic band `Aon\_ agreed to play at the event for \$750.00 (Jeff suggested he might be able to negotiate a better price— no word on that yet). I've received a quote of \$2.33 each for pint glasses (to be given to each attendee) inscribed with the AOH logo and our division name. We need to identify an Irish Dance group to perform and ideally an Irish dance instructor to engage dinner guests. We should begin advertising this month in parish bulletins, on our web site and on the `Aon\_ web site, with the Knights of Columbus, local area Irish pubs and outlets, etc.

## New Division

A new AOH Division, the Father Mychal Judge OFM Division, will be chartered soon and will be drawing members from St Francis of Assisi, St William of York, and the Quantico Chapel. Brother Bruce Denault has done outstanding work organizing the division, recruiting 31 charter members. As you know, the significant commute impeded our SWOY brothers from attending AOH meetings in Fredericksburg. Formation of the new division alleviates the commute and will enable those brothers to more fully participate in AOH membership. Our division will be transferring five brothers to the new division: Past Division Presidents Bruce Denault, Bob Sullivan and Bob Ghormley, our webmaster, Dan Donovan, and Logan Denault. We'll sorely

miss these men, but by the same token wish them well in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

### Hail and Farewell

Brother **Roy Delaney**, Secondmaster and Athletic Director at St Michael the Archangel has accepted a new position in Louisiana and will depart the Fredericksburg area soon. We all wish Roy and family all the very best in Slidell, LA.

We welcome **Father Jerry Wooten** to the Division. Father Wooten was recently reassigned to St Patrick Parish and will transfer from Father Kelly Division (Manassas) to us. He is a long-time Hibernian and previously served AOH as the Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham Division chaplain (when I presided there) and Virginia AOH state chaplain.

### Dates to Remember

- **Halfway to St Patrick Day**: celebration, Lake of the Woods, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
- **25th Anniversary**: Fraternal Year 2012 marks the 25th year of the General Meagher Division. I asked that we attempt to contact charter members and invite them to a planned dinner celebration to be held o/a November 27th.

### Prayer List

Please pray the return to good health/speedy recovery of our Brothers Bob Errickson, Bill Callahan, and Ron Cullen and our family members: Bruce Denault's sister and sister-in-law and Joe Daley's sister.

**As many of you may have read in the Free Lance Star, Brother Jerry Burke lost his Lake Anna home to an apparent lightning strike/fire during the storm on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Keep Jerry and Pat in your prayers and if possible, offer assistance.**

### General Meagher Division Attire

Typically, the AOH `uniform\_ for parades and other semi-formal occasions is the AOH sash, green sport coat, white shirt with Irish theme tie, black trousers, and ball cap. Otherwise, it's the polo or sweatshirt.

- **Green Jacket**: Men's Wearhouse (1210 Carl D. Silver Parkway in Central Park) offers Hibernians a \$390 green sports jacket for \$89.00. 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, Quinton, VA 23141. For more information, email Patricia at [traceysbydesign@aol.com](mailto:traceysbydesign@aol.com)
- **Division Logo Items:** 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

**BTW, I've received the order submitted in May and will be contacting Brothers who ordered items this week.**

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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