



**GENERAL THOMAS F. MEAGHER DIVISION
Spotsylvania Division No. 1**

***Celebrating 25 years of Friendship, Unity and Christian
Charity in the greater Fredericksburg area!***

The Division met as scheduled on 16 October. We were please to accept four applications. A Shamrock Degree for 13 new brothers is planned for our November meeting.

2013 Officer Slate: Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officers, for fraternal year 2013. They are: President Bill Halpin, Vice President Bill Phillips, Recording Secretary Gene McKenna, Financial Secretary Bill Gilhooly, Treasurer Shane Quinlan, Marshall Bud Logan, Sentinel John Hogan and Standing Committee Jim O'Donnell. The slate was unanimously approved and the vote will occur in November.

25th Anniversary Celebration: Brother Jim McMorrow reported he contacted the Hospitality House in Central Park. The estimated cost is \$40.00 per person and a *minimum of 35 persons is required*. December 7th is the date selected for this event and VAAOH state officers have accepted our invitation to attend. Each division brother is being contacted to determine availability to attend that evening. At this moment we have only 11 of 33 division brothers committed to attend.

Help & Hope for Meaningful Employment: Brother Chuck Payne, in coordination with the parishes associated with the division, is leading an effort to establish a program to help parishioners seeking employment. We have named the program `Help and Hope for Meaningful Employment` consistent with our petitions at Mass each Sunday. Designed along mentor-protégé lines, the program will provide tools to job seekers that will enable them to market and sell

themselves more effectively in today's difficult job market. Letters have been sent to each parish advising that Chuck will be contacting them for detailed discussions.

Prayer List: Please pray for a full recovery of Irene McGee, wife of past division President Mike McGee (stroke), for Jim O'Donnell who is recovering from surgery, and for Ned Woisard, founder of the Col Thomas J. Cunningham Division. Ned suffered his 3rd heart attack last Friday and is in stage 3 kidney failure.

Coming Events:

20 November: Shamrock Degree and election of 2013 Officers.

7 December: 25th Anniversary Dinner -- Fraternal Year 2012 marks the 25th year of the General Meagher Division. A dinner celebration is planned.

O/A 15 December: Wreath laying ceremonies at the Fredericksburg City Dock and Kirkland Memorial

18 December: Installation of 2013 officers

General Meagher Division Attire:

- **Division Logo Items:** 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 (I have two on hand)

- **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

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In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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