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Pray to Mary Immaculate Patroness of the United States for the strength of mind and heart to defend our religious freedoms, for national moral guidance, and that our country will always be “one nation under God”. This is critically important in this time of contrary moral agendas and the threats from patently evil elements.



President's Corner:

My Brothers,

We have just concluded our two major annual fundraising events:

The sale of Trip for Two to Ireland raffle tickets. All of us should thank and congratulate Past President Shawn Lenahan for successfully leading the project again this year. The parish liaisons who organized and manned ticket sales after masses were very important to this success. But most importantly, was that so many of you brothers bought raffle tickets for your family and/or sold them to your friends, neighbors and acquaintances.

The Shamrock Charity Golf Classic. We thank and congratulate the Golf Committee, brothers Burke, O'Donnell and Sauter, for successfully leading this important project. I want to thank Edwin Hanson who voluntarily came out to run the very important player registration process the morning of the outing. I thank all of you who played with us that day, donated raffle items or convinced your friends and acquaintances to be donors and sponsors.

If these two efforts hadn't succeeded, we wouldn't be able to meet this year's Christian Charity goals. These are division-wide efforts and *every* brother has a mandate to actively support our fundraising projects.

I ask you to think and pray about being part of the next slate of our division leaders. We still have some critical vacancies. There are varying levels of commitment but all positions are important. The Nominating Committee wants to hear from you. Please contact Shawn Lenahan to find out how you can actively support *your* Hibernian division.

Slainte, and In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Dave



A Busy Month

The *8th Annual Shamrock Charity Golf Classic* golf tournament returned to Lake of the Woods Golf Course on September 13th after six years at Meadows Farm. Fifty-three golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and camaraderie. Our Golf Committee (Brothers Mclaughlin, O'Donnell, Sauter and Burke) did a masterful job organizing the event and arranging for a spectacular prime rib luncheon. The

added benefit of the roving beverage cart assured everyone's enjoyment while playing.



1st Place



2d Place

A team of Mike McCraw, Terry Sindt, and Rick McInnis were on the winning team while the foursome of Ryan Thompson (not pictured), Dr. Stan Dameron, Rob Burke and PT Thompson were one stroke behind at 51. Bob Hoh won honors for being closest to the pin on #17 in his age group! Well done and thank you all players and hole sponsors and donors.

More pix:



Shawn Lenahan lining up 4th putt



Father Ziegler: "This is how it's really done"



Brothers Connors. Dowd, w/Gordy Folsie, and Deacon Perusi



The 2021 T4T Drawing

They say lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place. That might be true, but ... on September 18th as the clock struck four, a ten year old girl reached into the container holding 1200 raffle tickets and pulled out the single winning ticket. It was ticket number 0976 and the name was "Mark Black". That's the first time in my 21 years of experience in *Trip for Two to Ireland* raffles that the same family won twice – and incredibly in back-to-back at that!



Division Hibernians of the Year 2019 and 2020:

President McLaughlin announced the Hibernian of the Year for 2019 is Jack Grey for his outstanding contributions to all division activities.

This was followed by announcing the Hibernian of the Year for 2020 is Shawn Lenahan for his hard work on the Heritage Committee and managing the T4T raffle.

Both brothers were presented appropriate plaques and an inscribed travel mug.



The Hibernian Rifles



Flag of the Hibernian rifles, the Military wing of the A.O.H. (Irish-American Alliance) who had broken away from the A.O.H. (Board of Éireann) in 1907. The I.A.A was most successful in America where it's more Republican leanings gave it strong links with Clan Na Gael and the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB).

The AOH in Ireland supported the Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP) and Home Rule (limited self-government under the Crown). The AOH in America grew as a more nationalist society. Administrative and conceptual differences emerged and in 1886 and the Order split between the AOH Board of Erin (BOE) and the AOH in America. A number of more militant divisions in Ireland affiliated with the

American AOH calling themselves the AOH American Alliance (AA). While the BOE supported Redmond's IPP, the AA and the AOH in America remained allied with Clan Na Gael and the IRB. The split was clearly between physical force and constitutional nationalism under the Crown.

J.J. Scollan, founder of the Hibernian Rifles in Ireland, was aware of a

planned 1916 rising but was not told when or where. When the GPO was taken Scollan took twenty to thirty riflemen to the fight. During the fighting, the Riflemen occupied the roof of the Exchange Hotel and inflicted an estimated twenty casualties before being ordered to the GPO. They made their way to the GPO to meet with James Conolly but many were separated from the main body and captured. On Thursday morning Connolly instructed Scollan

to report on conditions at Broadstone station, but while en route he was captured by British soldiers. The Hibernian Riflemen surrendered with the GPO garrison the next day.

Though not mentioned by name, the Hibernian Rifles were listed as members of the “Dublin Division of the Army of the Republic” in the Irish War News.



The Celt would forfeit his title to the respect of the civilized world, did he not fight with all his heart and all his soul and all his cunning against the empire which has despoiled him and murdered his kin, now with arms, now with artificial famine. There can be no peace between the two people until either Ireland is a desert or is free. There can be neither truce nor compromise.

Miss Ireland 2021: Pamela Uba

Pamela who was crowned Miss Galway in 2020, moved to Ireland from South Africa when she was seven-years-old. She lived with her asylum seeking parents in direct provisions for nearly ten years before graduating with a master's degree in clinical chemistry from Trinity



¹ The direct provision system was established to house asylum seekers entering the Ireland in search of international protection. It was initially described as an “interim” system which would provide accommodations while people awaited an outcome on their application.



Under the heading of “Buy Irish” here is some important, useful information as winter sneaks up on us:

1. Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey (Best Overall): [Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey](#) is a triple-distilled whiskey that has been patiently aged in a mix of ex-sherry and bourbon casks. This process gives the whiskey its distinctive smoothness, which has led to its popularity across the globe. After Jameson, Tullamore Dew is the second most popular Irish whiskey brands in the world. Sip this spirit neat and you’ll taste appealing notes of citrus and spice which are a result of the malt and pot-still whiskey used in the blend. While delightful straight or on the rocks, for something a little fresher yet equally delicious, give a Tully & Tonic a try. Throw a splash of whiskey in with some cubed ice, a cut of orange and fill the cup with tonic water.

2. Bushmills Irish Whiskey (Best Budget): If you’re looking for Irish whiskey brands with an appealingly rich, warming taste, [Bushmills Irish Whiskey](#) could be the right choice for you. You’ll find elements of fresh fruit and vanilla that appeal to your taste buds along with a finishing hint of sweet honey. While the whiskey does find itself falling into the budget-friendly category, it’s not an indication of the whiskey’s quality, which is evident in the fact it’s best enjoyed neat or on the rocks.

3. Jameson Irish Whiskey (Most Popular): When it comes to picking out a whiskey for social occasions, it’s hard to steer away from the classics. And there are few more popular options than [Jameson Irish Whiskey](#). The crisp, sippable appeal has truly withstood the test of time as

customers continue to return time and again to this classic Irish whiskey. The recipe includes hints of vanilla, cream and freshly cut grass. Each production is aged for a minimum of four years, resulting in the smooth product. You won't be sorry if you add a bottle of Jameson to your spirit shelf. Aside from drinking this whiskey neat, it's also enjoyable when mixed with club soda, ginger ale or more complex cocktails.

4. Proper No. Twelve Irish Whiskey (Best Celebrity Brand): Alright, alright, maybe not everyone is a fan of Conor McGregor, but this guy makes one hell of an Irish whiskey. Proper No. Twelve (named after the area of Dublin McGregor is from) is an extra-smooth Irish whiskey that is bourbon-barrel-aged for four whole years. It's perfect on ice, in a cocktail or as a shot. It doesn't feel painful in the slightest going down and is palatable for most whiskey lovers.

5. West Cork Original Irish Whiskey (Best Independent Distillery): The [West Cork Original Irish Whiskey](#) is a versatile whiskey option which works well for mixing but tastes great neat, too. This blended whiskey is aged in ex-bourbon casks to create a complex flavor that will keep you coming back for more. Taste-wise, you can expect to enjoy notes of buffalo grass, light caramel and poached pear with a finish that includes appealing notes of pepper and orchard fruit.

6. Powers Gold Label (Best for Cocktails): If your *raison d'être* is to find a whiskey best suited to mixing in cocktails, look no further than the [Powers Gold Label](#). At 43.2% ABV, it packs a punch which is accompanied by a strong taste. Further hints of cinnamon, honey, caramel and vanilla add to the bold flavor profile. Additionally, you can look forward to mild hints of spice throughout and a long and creamy finish in this historic blended whiskey.

7. Glendalough Double Barrel Irish Whiskey (Best Double Barrel): By starting the aging process in American bourbon barrels and finishing the process in Spanish Oloroso Sherry casks, the [Glendalough Double Barrel Irish Whiskey](#) offers a complex flavor rarely seen in other Irish whiskeys. In addition to this memorable flavor, your nose will pick up notes of vanilla, white chocolate and buttery fudge, while your palate enjoys caramel and butter with underlying blackberry and marmalade flavors. Thanks to the smoothness of this Glendalough product, this whiskey is best enjoyed neat, on the rocks or with a hint of water to balance out the strong flavor profile.

8. Teeling Irish Whiskey Small Batch (Best Small Batch): The [Teeling Irish Whiskey Small Batch](#) is this modern Dublin distillery's flagship product. The taste, complexity and consistency are aimed at demonstrating what the brand does best. The small batch process allows for hand selection of casks to ensure the resulting flavors are exactly as they should be. The blend is finished in ex-rum barrels to add a unique flavor, and as it's bottled at 46% ABV, there's plenty of character to be enjoyed, too. Best enjoyed as it is, expect sweetness, spice and hints of wood in every sip of Teeling Irish Whiskey.

9. Writers Tears Copper Pot Irish Whiskey (Easiest Drinking): [Writers Tears Copper Pot Irish Whiskey](#) is an easy-drinking blend of pot still and single malt, which is relatively uncommon in the category. The award-winning spirit sports a bright amber color, complete with

a range of appealing aromas, a round body and a rich flavor. All of these elements combined makes it a great go-to choice or easy drinker for any newcomer to the world of whiskey. Taste-wise, this spirit features hints of green apple, caramel, ginger and vanilla all culminating in a fruity finish. Enjoy it neat, mixed or as part of a flavor-filled cocktail.

10. Slane Irish Whiskey (Best Triple Casked): This all-black bottle might look a little menacing but don't be too scared, [Slane](#) is delicious. The whiskey undergoes a triple-cask method which means that three different cask types are used to age the components of the blend. The use of virgin oak, Tennessee whiskey barrels, and Oloroso Sherry casks means that the flavor at the end becomes very sleek and rich. We love sipping this stuff solo but feel free to throw a little bit of ice into your glass.

Source: [Spy](#)

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*Don't forget the chaser!*

### *Five Irish stouts to try*

**GUINNESS IS** the world's most popular Irish stout. However, it's only the tip of the iceberg when it comes Irish stout that boasts a heritage and history that dates back centuries. Guinness is just one of the many options available to those seeking an authentic pint of stout. So while the temptation might be to stick to a cold, refreshing, pint of Guinness, it's never too late to get a little adventurous with your drink of choice. Here are five alternatives well worth a try.

**5. Black Rock Irish Stout - 4.3%:** Something of a newcomer, this stout from the Dungarvan Brewing Company is fast becoming one of Ireland's best kept secrets. A traditional dry Irish stout, Black Rock combines roasted barley with notes of vanilla and aniseed. Brownish-black in color, it's a distinctly light and textured pint, notable for its subtle hoppiness and malty aftertaste. Served in bottles, it's the perfect accompaniment to a hearty meal. One word of warning: every bottle contains yeast sediment, so pour carefully.

**4. O'Hara's Irish Stout - 4.3% ABV:** A hark back to the classic Irish stouts of yesteryear, O'Hara's Irish Stout has been the flagship tippie of the O'Hara brand ever since it debuted back in 1999. Known for its quality and authenticity, O'Hara's Irish Stout boasts a robust roast flavor complemented by a full-bodied and smooth feel. It's a gloriously creamy Irish stout, it blends coffee aromas with light liquorish notes thanks to its combination of traditional stout hops and roast barley.

**3. Porterhouse Oyster Stout - 5.2%:** Significantly sharper than the average pint of Guinness, the Porterhouse Oyster Stout is nutty, bitter and ultra-dry with an aroma of sweet, caramel notes. It may lack the velvety creaminess of some of its contemporaries but what it lacks there it more than makes up for in adding a little fizz to proceedings. There's also a hint of salty brine to this

particular stout - oysters are shucked into the brewing tanks - which only adds to its uniqueness. Additionally, with hints of everything from licorice to seaweed, this stout is also distinctive for finishing with a medium bitterness and some notes of chocolate and coffee.

**2. Murphy's Irish Stout - 4.0% ABV:** Dark in color and medium-bodied, Murphy's is an internationally recognized Irish stout with a brewing history that goes back to 1856. Brewed in the legendary surroundings of Lady's Well Brewery in Cork, Murphy's is an Irish dry stout, combining a silky-smooth finish with toffee and coffee undertones. There's almost no bitterness, just a suitably creamy finish. Regarded by many in Cork as the superior stout when put up against Guinness.

**1. Beamish Irish Stout - 4.1%:** A classic Irish stout that dates back to 1792, like Murphy's Beamish is brewed in Cork, where it's known, jokingly, as the "hipster's stout". Boasted roasted and heavy malt aromas, Beamish is distinctively black, with a distinctive tan head. The taste is equally enticing, blending malt, chocolate and coffee with a roast finish. Maintains a fine off-white thick head to the very last drop. Best of all, Beamish is a truly Irish treat making it the Emerald Isle's best kept secret. A rich and creamy taste to savor.

Source: *Irish Post*, by Jack Beresford, Sep 21, 2021



*Upcoming Division Events* 

**Government restrictions might be revisited – stay tuned!**

*Bingo! Every Thursday and Saturday evening 6:30PM at St Michael the Archangel High School, 6301 Campus Drive, Fredericksburg. Bring the family!*

**October 16-17: Saint Mary Parish Life Weekend** after all Masses. The division will participate/ set up a booth/table and we'll need Hibernian volunteers to help after every Mass

**October 19<sup>th</sup>: Division meeting** -- Nominees for the 2022-23 term to be announced



*Our Division Prayers*



***Jack Grey chairs the Division Committee of the Sick: Prayer requests should be sent to Jack not later than the Wednesday prior to the business meeting ([RHGrey@yahoo.com](mailto:RHGrey@yahoo.com)//540-373-4496).***

***Keep in your prayers our brothers, family members and friends:***

- **John Hogan:** pulmonary fibrosis; treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma chemotherapy completed
- **Peter Carroll:** completed **most** chemotherapy; cysts no longer visible
- **Jack Grey:** diagnosed with a serious, but unspecified blood disorder and an allergy to copper
- **Joe Daley:** COPD
- **Lois Hanson:** FS Edwin Hanson's 91 year old mother - terminal cancer.
- **Jack Grey, Jr.:** Jack Grey's son – cancer
- **Russell McLaughlin:** Dave McLaughlin's brother - frontotemporal dementia (FTD)
- **Loretta Larzelere:** Bob Fitzgerald's sister-in-law suffering from seizures and Alzheimer's
- **John O'Brien:** Hugh O'Brien's brother-- recovering from stroke.
- **Jerry O'Brien:** Paul O'Brien's brother – cancer
- **Ruth Pettinger:** Shawn Lenahan's aunt (Vietnam Vet) inoperable brain tumor.
- **Donna Maffeo:** Joe Monaghan's sister-in-law and his father Joseph Sr. care giver for his mother and uncle (dementia/Alzheimer)
- **Brian Kiernan:** VAAOH President, lymphedemic edema
- **Nolan Banks:** Former FS Jeff Banks' son (chemo-compromised immune system) ***Pray for the intercession of Venerable Father Augustine Tolton:***  
<http://www.toltoncanonization.org/prayer/canonizationprayer.html>)

- **Mary Lou and Keith Bowers:** St Jude parishioners/friends of Deacon Aaron

*Pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased Hibernian Brothers and family members*

- **Angelo Jr Zaccagnino:** father of Deacon Zaccagnino who died on 19 August 2021
- **Chris Link:** recently deceased brother of PDP Andy Link
- **Dick Link:** recently deceased father of PDP Andy Link



## **General Meagher Division Attire**

*Every brother should have these articles of clothing:*

**Semi-formal/formal occasions:** The AOH “uniform” is green sport coat, tri-color sash, white shirt, Irish theme tie, black trousers and optional ball cap. These occasions include AOH Masses, funerals, dinners, parades, State and National conventions, and other public events.

**Informal events** (i.e. Division outings (ball games, picnics, meetings, etc.) the division logo polo or sweatshirts (optional ball cap) are appropriate.

**Division Logo Items:** Point of Contact for Division logo polo shirts, sweatshirts and ball caps is Shawn Lenahan ([s\\_lenahan@verizon.net](mailto:s_lenahan@verizon.net))

**Green Jacket:** Brothers procure their own green jackets. One source: [http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens\\_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html](http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html). Visit the website; call the 800 number; tell them you’re with AOH and the \$5.00 small order fee can be waived. Kelly green is the color.

A second source recommended by Major Dooley Division:

<https://www.uniformsinstock.com/collections/blazers/products/executive-apparel-winston-mens-kelly-green-blazer>



***AOH Sash:*** Brothers procure their own sashes. The AOH tri-color sash represents the national colors of Ireland and should be worn over the right shoulder (green closest to neck/collar) crossing to the left hip. Measure from right shoulder to left hip in inches; keep in mind the sash will normally be worn over a jacket, possibly a raincoat/overcoat (and maybe a growing waistline).

Sashes are available from:

LAOH Sister Patricia Ankrom produces a 7.5-foot sash; Send a personal check for \$60. Turnaround time is about 10 days. The sash will be sent to you via Fed Ex or UPS -- signature required. Her address: Patricia Ankrom, 7400 Airport Dr., Quinton, Va. 23141-2400. Email [traceysbydesign@aol.com](mailto:traceysbydesign@aol.com)

Gettysburg Flag offers tri-color sashes and “special prices” for larger orders. <https://www.gettysburgflag.com/custom/irish-parade-sash>

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