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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.

Tuesday, June 7th

Hibernian Night Out:
The Fredericksburg Nationals versus the Lynchburg Hillcats
Start time 7:05PM
Families Invited and welcome! (50 tickets available, first come first serve)
Come join us in fellowship!

\$2 Tacos and Churros!

\$5 Parking



This is a Division *family outing*. The Division has already acquired a bloc of 50 reserved seat tickets and will give them to brothers in good standing (at no cost) on a first come first served basis. This is a green display day - polos, sweatshirts, jackets, (whatever). Tickets not distributed by May 17th will be donated to a charity to be named later. (“Good Standing” means you’ve already paid your 2022 dues

President's Corner

Brothers all - As we enter the summer season, we also enter our primary fund-raising season and your help is urgently needed. Your continued help is needed to make our Division work and our most urgent need is your help during the Shamrock Classic Golf Tournament which is set for

Monday, 09 May, at Lake of the Woods Golf Club. If you play golf and have not yet signed up to play, please contact Dave McLaughlin immediately to get on the roster. If you don't play golf, you can still help us on Monday morning to get the golfers registered and help with the coffee and donuts and lunch. If you can't make it on Monday, please consider offering up something that we can use to raffle at the event...or even sign up as a sponsor for a hole.

We are also just starting up the ticket sales for the Trip for Two to Ireland raffle. Please keep your eyes open for emails or announcements in your church bulletins for ticket sale days at your church during the summer and stop by the table to lend a hand before and after the Mass that you usually attend. It only takes a few minutes but your presence may encourage some of your friends to buy tickets if they see you there.

We have several Brother Hibernians scheduled to participate in the Shamrock Degree ceremony at the 17 May business meeting. Your presence, either in person or via the internet, will enhance their experience and if you have not yet participated in the Shamrock Degree yourself, please let me know as soon as possible so we can add you to the list.

While still a couple of months away, the AOH National Convention will be held on 14-17 Jul in Pittsburgh, PA. I plan to go as your delegate, and all of you are welcome to attend if you want. See our website for a link to the convention information and let me know if you plan to attend.

In our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Bob Fitzgerald



Division continues Charitable Works with donations to Parish Work Camps



Frank Connors with St. Matthew Parish Work Camp Volunteers



Bill Halpin with St. Partick Parish workcamp coordinator Adam Weiderman



Shawn Lenahan with St. Jude Parish workcamp coordinator Jay



Guinness Cold Brew Coffee Beer

Adapted from Irish Post, 20 April 2022, by Connell McHugh

"a delicious, smooth taste sensation."

Guinness says the Cold Brew Coffee Beer is "an ideal drink". To create the new taste, coffee steeped in cool water for extended periods of time is added to Guinness Draught. With approximately 2mg of caffeine per can Guinness Cold Brew Coffee Beer is best served ice cold.

It is now available nationwide in the USA

The coffee notes already in Guinness make the creation of **Guinness Cold Brew Coffee Beer** a natural and delicious next step in Guinness' history of innovation. Coffee is not only a natural flavor companion to Guinness but a huge part of culture around the world. First the aroma of rich coffee hits you. Next, the magical surge of espresso, chocolate and caramel.

Another pioneering innovation from Guinness include the **alcohol-free Guinness 0.0**.



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.

St. Declan's Way

A pilgrim-walking route, linking Cashel in County Tipperary and Ardmore in County Waterford, follows the trail of St. Declan. In the 5th century he founded the Monastery of Ardmore on the edge of Waterford. He left his monastery to walk to meet with Saint Patrick at Cashel, Co. Tipperary. The route he is thought to have taken is commemorated today as St. Declan's Way. Beginning in the shadow of the famous Rock of Cashel, once the seat of the Kings of Munster, the route weaves across an impressive 72 miles to Ardmore in Co. Waterford, the resting place of St. Declan. If the long, winding road through Ireland's glorious peaks proves tiring, travelers can spend the night at Mount Melleray, Ireland's oldest living monastery. Keeping in tradition with monks, this hostel welcomes tourists.

St. Declan, meaning "man of prayer" or "full of goodness". He was a prince in the royal – and pagan – house of the Déisi of Munster. Miracles manifest throughout Declan's life beginning at his birth when a ball of fire appeared on the roof of his

house and then blazed off to heaven. He is known for converting the Déisi and is among four of the Munster saints and folklore says he brought Christianity to Ireland before St. Patrick.



This article from the 4 May 2022 Notre Dame Alumni Association website was provided by Brother Joe Daley

Martyrs of the English Reformation

For 150 years during the 16th and 17th centuries, England was at war with Catholicism and the pope. Hundreds of men and women, Catholic and Protestant, were killed during this dispute. Today, the Catholic Church remembers about 300 martyrs who were killed for their faith in England and Wales between 1534 and 1681.

A brief history: Mary I, queen of England and Ireland from 1553-1558, restored Catholicism and papal authority to England. She was known as “Bloody Mary” for having some 300 Protestants burned at the stake for heresy against the Catholic faith.

Mary’s sister and successor, Elizabeth I, reversed this Catholic restoration and denied papal authority in England. In 1570, [the pope](#) excommunicated Elizabeth and called Catholics in England to rebel. Fearing invasion by a Catholic nation assisted by English Catholics, Elizabeth repressed Catholicism harshly. To be Catholic was to be a traitor and it was forbidden to attend Mass.

Catholics in England and Wales were arrested and imprisoned, and many were executed by being hanged, drawn, and quartered. Some 300 Catholic men and women are honored today in separate lists for having died for their faith. They include bishops, priests, religious, and lay men and women.

A list of the Protestant martyrs who were killed during the reinstatement of Catholicism can be found [here](#). Some relics from Catholic martyrs of the English Reformation rest in the reliquary chapel in the Basilica, and a complete list of their names can be found [here](#).

Martyrs of the English Reformation, you faced persecution and were killed for your faith—pray for us!



Upcoming Division Events 

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

- May 7:** *Virginia AOH state meeting* – 9AM VFW Post 1177, 401 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA 20176
- May 9:** *9th Annual Shamrock Charity Golf Classic* at Lake of the Woods Golf Club
- May 17:** *Shamrock Degree* ceremony at Division meeting
- June 7:** Gen. Meagher Division outing at FredNats game



Our Division Prayers

Keep our brothers, family members and friends in your prayers

- **Joe Daley:** COPD
- **Russell McLaughlin:** Dave McLaughlin's brother - frontotemporal dementia (FTD)
- **Dave Chichester:** unknown illness
- **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
- **Alice Wilkowski (stroke)** associate of PDP Shawn Lenahan

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

- **John Hogan:** Meagher Division Hibernian of the Year, died 14 Feb 2022
- **Christopher Grey:** son of Brother Jack Grey, died 15 February 2022
- **Dawn Forest:** Wife of Brother Dean Forest, suddenly on 13 January 2022. (Dean was pledged by PDP McLaughlin Dec 12, 2021)
- **Bob Phillips:** Brother of Bill Phillips who died on 30 January 2022
- **Lois M. Hanson:** mother of Edwin Hanson who died peacefully on 18 November 2021
- **Mary O'Brien Gardner:** mother of Jill Lenahan, mother-in-law of PDP Shawn Lenahan who died on 12 November 2021

Send notifications to Standing Committee Chair Bobby Murphy (smurphy823@gmail.com)

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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)

Green Jacket: Brothers procure their own green jackets. One source: 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 James 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 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, a raincoat/overcoat (and a growing waistline). Sashes are available from: **D. & E. Morrissey** (954-426-3514/ <http://www.hibernians-shamrock.com/donations.html>). The National Hibernian usually has an ad for D & E Morrissey.

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

This newsletter is an unofficial publication providing information to members of the Gen. Thomas F. Meagher Division and others who may have interest in division activities. It is published by Bill Halpin and unless shown otherwise, he is the author of the contents.