



The Cunningham Chronicles

The Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr. Division
The Ancient Order of Hibernians

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News/ Views/ History/ Irrational Thought & Other Good Stuff

Kicking Off the Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle



Brothers of the Cunningham Division kicking off raffle ticket sales outside of O'Faolain's Irish Pub in Sterling on St. Patrick's Day. Left to right, Division President Jay McCarthy, Frank O'Gara, Vice President Cole Slattery, Past President Dave Lawlor, Tim Kinslow and Dennis Rotherham. More on the ticket sales inside this edition.

Inside this edition of the Cunningham Chronicles:

St. Patrick's Day celebrations and parades, remembering the 1916 Easter Rising, a new Chaplain for the Cunningham Division, new members, Hibernians in Action, the updated calendar, and lots more news.

Next Division Meeting is Wednesday, August 10th at 7:30 PM at the Belmont Green Community Center (see inside for details). No Division meeting in July.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Brothers of the Col. Cunningham Division celebrated St. Patrick's Day in many ways and at every opportunity they had. Over 20 members attended the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Our Lady of Hope on March 5th with their wives, family and friends. The Division provided the desert cakes for the event and many brothers helped out with the traditional Col Cunningham Irish Coffee Bar during the deserts. Great traditional Irish foods were provided by O'Faolain's Irish Pub, and entertainment was provided by Tim Garver and Irish Step Dancers.

The St. Patrick's Day weekend also was the kick-off to Division ticket sales for our annual Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle. Many brothers took turns selling tickets and then joined the fun times at O'Faolain's Irish Pub from St. Patrick's Day through the weekend.

On March 18th, the Fr. Mychal Judge Division held its annual St. Patrick's Day Concert "Celtic Crossings" near Woodbridge, Virginia featuring the music of Phil Coulter and Andy Cooney. Several members of the Cunningham Division and their wives attended the event in support of our fellow Division, and while there, they used the opportunity to sell raffle tickets for the Trip for Two along with the Judge Division.

St. Patrick's Day Party at Our Lady of Hope

We could have filled several editions of the Chronicles with all of the photos that were taken at all of the above events. The following photos are simply a small sampling of those taken at Our Lady of Hope and are a small representation of all the Brothers who participated and all the fun that was enjoyed. If you were there, see if you can find yourself.







St. Patrick's Day Parades

Last, but not least, St. Patrick's Day always marks the parade season for those of Irish decent. The Col. Cunningham Division participated in St. Patrick's Day parades in Old Town Alexandria and Manassas. The following photos are from the Alexandria parade.





1916 Easter Rising Remembrance

Easter of 2016 marked a special time for the Republic of Ireland, the Irish people and all peoples of Irish descent. It was the 100th celebration of the Easter Rising, the unofficial beginning of the Irish revolution that eventually culminated in the declaration of a free and independent Ireland. Cunningham Division Brothers and their wives gathered together at the Belmont Greene Community Center to commemorate the events surrounding the Easter rising with food, beverage and viewing of the movie “Michael Collins.”



Division Brothers and wives getting ready to watch the movie “Michael Collins” at Belmont Greene.

New York Commemorations of the Easter Rising

Other commemorations and remembrances were held throughout Ireland and across the United States. Brother Francis Thornton attended events in New York City and shared some photos with us.



Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral



Commemoration at Battery Park



Color guard for the Commemoration Parade in New York



New York Parade



The gathering outside the Irish Consulate in New York



Ireland's Ambassador to the U.S., Anne Anderson, addresses the New York crowd outside the Consulate



Reading the proclamation of independence in New York.



Laying a wreath in memory of those who died



Inside at the VIP party in the Irish Consulate in New York.



Virginia State AOH President Gene Bransfield and Cunningham Brother Francis Thornton celebrating at the Irish Consulate.

Remembering the Rising

A Few Special Words from Father Timothy

The following is contributed by Fr. Timothy Harris, Past Chaplain of the Col. Cunningham Division and Past Chaplain of AOH Virginia.

Brother Hibernians, I bid you well this day and wish to assure you of my continued prayers for the Cunningham Division, our fellow Hibernians across the USA, your families and loved ones, and for all Irish Men and Women around the globe. I had the opportunity to attend our June meeting this week and I felt very blessed indeed. Being in Austria this past year, I have truly felt the absence of grand Hibernian fellowship, prayer and charity. I was asked to submit an article for the Chronical once again by our wonderful editor Brother Bob Anderson, and was happy to comply. But before I get to that, I wanted to also send my warmest greetings to our new division Chaplain, Father Joseph Farrell. Welcome Father, may your time with the Division be as much of a blessing for you as you are to us.

I have had an article rattling around in my head for about six months now and this is a wonderful opportunity to put it on paper (so to speak). I was planning to compile this and send it to our assiduous national web master Brother Jeff Nisler, but as can happen with Irishmen, the spring got away from me.

I wanted to share some thoughts with you on the monumental anniversary that is taking place throughout Ireland this year, marking the 100 years since the Easter Rebellion of 1916. Although my current assignment has taken me to Austria for much of the year and away from Hibernian activities, it afforded me the opportunity to visit Ireland twice over the last year. I wish to reflect on these trips for a moment. I came back to America through Ireland, landing in Dublin on December 27, 2015. I spent a few days there and left on New Year's Eve. While in Dublin, I spent some time in Saint Mary's Pro Cathedral,



passing through the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy, going to confession and attending Mass. It set the mood for my walk to the GPO where I sat outside, drank a coffee and thought about the sacrifice of not only the women and men of the 1916 Rising, but of those who gave so much over the centuries for a free Ireland. From the 12th century, when the English King Henry II "obtained" authority to invade Ireland until Easter Monday of 1916, the English oppressed the Emerald Isle in so many ways. And the Irish struggled to be free of their oppressors for 800 years. But what is so important to remember here is that one thing was at the

heart of this struggle, especially from the 16th century on when Henry VIII came to power and began the persecutions of the Catholic Church: the Faith of Saint Patrick. Beginning at the end of the 1600s, the Penal Laws imposed by England against the Irish that followed the oppressive/ hate filled actions of Cromwell, sought to destroy the Catholic Faith from Ireland forever.

The Irish fought for freedom, a freedom for all of Ireland, not just from oppressive living standards but especially for the freedom to live their Catholic Faith. Their faith was the heart and soul of their identity that allowed them to never surrender, never give up – no matter how bleak or dark the night might be. Their faith was a candle burning through the dark night, giving hope for a new morning. And no matter what atrocity the English committed against the Irish on their own island, they could not kill the Faith of Christ that burned in each Irish heart. I thought about this especially as I prepared to leave Ireland on the eve of the New Year – 2016, when the commemorations of the 1916 fight for freedom would soon begin. And I could not help but think, with the apparent lack of lived Catholicism in Ireland these days, that what the English were not able to take through force from the Irish, we have laid down without a fight. In fact I wonder if the need arose once more for an organization like our own AOH to emerge and protect/ defend our Catholic Clergy and the practice of our Faith, would it? Thankfully most of us will not be called to die for our Faith these days, but each of us is called to live for our Faith each day.

In January, I returned to Austria. Once more I flew through Dublin but only had a one overnight stay. I decided to spend it in Swords rather than head into Dublin again. I spent time walking around this beautiful small town again thinking about those Republican lads and lasses from a hundred years ago that were part of the Rising. Volunteers from the town were involved not only in the occupation of the buildings in Dublin, including the GPO, but also in raiding RIC barracks and disrupting railroad and communication lines. I walked through the cemetery at Saint Colmcille's Parish where some of these Irish patriots were buried. I prayed for the dream that they lived for and died for – a free Ireland: free of oppression and free to live in the Light of Christ. There is still much for Erie to be delivered from as we

commemorate the Easter Rebellion of 1916. The three southern provinces of our Beloved Ireland are no longer under English oppression, but the North is still separated from us. And the faith of our sisters and brothers in Ireland is not where our ancestors would want it. They were willing to die for our Catholic faith, and because of this, we have received this precious gift of Salvation. Let us pray that during this year of remembering, we all remember there is nothing more Irish throughout the centuries than our Catholic Faith – Christ’s gift of Salvation.

God Bless and Keep You.
Fr Timothy Harris, T.O.R.

Welcome to New Division Chaplain Father Joseph W. Farrell

The Colonel Cunningham Division is happy to welcome Fr. Joseph Farrell to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and to our Division. Fr. Farrell, the Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Potomac Falls, was initiated into the Order and the Division at the April meeting and has done us the great honor of agreeing to be our Division Chaplain. Welcome to the Colonel Cunningham Division Fr. Farrell.



Fr. Joseph Farrell is welcomed to the Division by Bob Fay, Immediate Past President

Special Raffle at Each Division Meeting

Over the past 3 months and until further notice, a little something extra has been added to every general meeting of the Cunningham Division. At the end of each meeting a raffle is held; if your name is drawn from among all members, AND YOU ARE PRESENT, you receive a Good bottle of single malt, compliments of your Division. If you are not present, you are notified and invited to attend the following month's meeting in order to collect (and possibly share) with your fellow Brothers. If not claimed, the bottle "rolls over" to the next winner. This is simply an attempt to encourage all Brothers to attend a meeting occasionally.....please help make this effort successful!

The President's Message



The following is extracted from Cunningham Division President Jay McCarthy's quarterly report to the Virginia State AOH Board.

1st Quarter, 2016 Report

January, 2016 started off very busy for the Cunningham Division. Many of the Brothers participated in the wrapping (1/2/16) and then the distribution (1/16/16) of sweat outfits as part of the Knights of Columbus initiative at the Martinsburg, VA veterans hospital. Aside from a healthy donation made by both the Division as well as by the State, over 600 sweat outfits were distributed to the residents. Several members from the Division proudly took part in what has become a major annual event by the Cunningham Division.

The Division Officer Installation took place (1/13/16) with all new officers in attendance, including the State President, Eugene Bransfield, who presided over the installation. The turnout and the evening was a big success!

Attendance at the January and subsequent Monthly meetings have been very good, averaging 20+. New faces are attending every month which is very encouraging.

Several Brothers and their families took part in the cold (1/22/16) to support the March for Life in Washington, DC.

February for the most part was spent on identifying 2016 initiates and finalizing the annual budget. The major, long term project that got underway was the Sept/2017 Division Trip to Ireland. At least 30 Brothers and their spouses have indicated an interest to participate in this trip. More will be determined in the upcoming months.

"St. Patrick's Month" aka March was a very busy one for the Cunningham Division! Several Brothers with their families participated in the annual Ballyshaner's Parade (3/5/16) in Alexandria, followed by the block party hosted by our Brother Hibernian in Alexandria. That same evening, the Division provided Irish coffee and dessert for the 225 guests at the annual OLOH St. Patrick's party in Potomac Falls. The Division represented 30 of the total guests that evening.

Several Brothers and their families marched the following week (3/12/16) in the annual St. Patrick's parade in Manassas.

O'Faolain's along with Jameson Distillery, hosted a St. Patrick's 5 course dinner (3/13/16) for 50 guests, mostly Hibernians, commemorating the achievements of St. Patrick and the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. This event was so well received that another similar one is now scheduled for 5/15/16 known as St. Brendan's Celebration Dinner. This type of event has enhanced fraternalism and is a great vehicle for membership recruitment. O'Faolain's and its Manager, Francis Thornton, is a strong supporter of Hibernian initiatives for which the Division is deeply grateful for.

Several Brothers and their spouses attended the annual Gaelic Mass (3/14/16) at the Arlington Cathedral. The Division made a meaningful donation to the organizing Division.

On St. Patrick's Day (3/17/16), the Division was successful in their annual launch of the "1/2 way to St. Patrick's" raffle drive at O'Faolain's. It marked the beginning of the work to support our initiative to provide at least 6 tuition assistance grants to parochial school children moving up to 8th grade. Several Brothers and their spouses came out during the 2 day period to sell tickets and promote the Division. A very successful start of our program!

The following evening (3/18/16), several Brothers and their spouses attended the 2nd annual Irish concert hosted by the Judge Division in Triangle, VA.

As you can see, March was a very busy month for the Cunningham Division!

April will be remembered for the Installation (4/13/16) of our new Division Chaplain, Fr. Joseph W. Farrell, Parochial Vicar at OLOH Church in Potomac Falls, VA. It has been a difficult time this past year in "filling the shoes" of Fr. Timothy Harris who is now doing God's work in Vienna, Austria. Fr. Farrell brings both enthusiasm as well as a concert tenor voice to the Division. We sincerely look forward to His participation and spiritual guidance in the coming months at the Division.

Membership continues to grow with the Division each month.

I am blessed to be serving as President for the Cunningham Division!

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In Our Motto.....

Jay McCarthy

Jay McCarthy
President Col. Thomas J. Cunningham Division
VA AOH State Secretary

Meeting Highlights

There is always a lot happening at every meeting of the Colonel Cunningham Division. Below are some of our new members and meeting activities.



President Jay McCarthy welcomes new brother Ken Beltinck at the February meeting.



President Jay McCarthy with newly initiated brothers Mike Boyle and Fr. Pat Kelly at the March meeting.



Members participating in the March meeting at Belmont Greene



Past President Bob Fay and Brother Steve Toole welcome new members Fr. Joseph Farrell (left) and Len Moriarty (Steve's father-in-law, at right) at the April meeting.



Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R., past Division Chaplain and past AOH State Chaplain was a special guest at the May meeting. Fr. Harris is pictured addressing the Division Brothers with some inspiring words on the AOH, the Irish Easter Rising, and living our faith.



Cunningham Division Corporate Communion Mass and St. Brendan's Celebration

On May 15th the Cunningham Division held its quarterly communion Mass at Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls. The Mass was conducted by Father Joseph Farrell, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Hope and Cunningham Division Chaplain. Immediately following the Mass several members and their wives gathered for a special St. Brendan's Day Celebration and Brunch at O'Faolain's Irish Pub. The brunch featured a special three course meals and the opportunity to taste several specially paired Irish whiskeys.



A portion of the Division families before the beginning of Mass. Part of the large group for St. Brendan's brunch at O'Faolain's.

Hibernians in Action

Boulder Crest

Brothers from the Cunningham Division had the opportunity on April 30th to assist the John Paul II Assembly of the Knights of Columbus in bringing a dinner and Caleigh (song, music, dancing) to the residents and workers at the Boulder Crest Retreat Center in Bluemont. Boulder Crest is a retreat center for veterans recovering from serious war injuries and their families. Brother Steve Toole and his band Capital Celtic provided the music, Brother Francis Thornton and O'Faolain's provided the food, and other brothers and their wives provided assistance. Brother Tim Mella coordinated the event. Participating brothers included Jay McCarthy (and Margie), Bob Fay (and Linda), Dan Whalen (and Maureen), Dave Lawlor, Cole Slattery, Len Moriarty, and Greg Wholean (and Tina). It was a special time for all and provided a great chance for our Division to thank our wounded veterans. Given the circumstances, we were limited as to how many could attend this special event, but it is our hope to have more of these events in the upcoming months so that more members can participate.



The entrance to Boulder Crest Retreat.



The main lodge and gathering place.



Brother Steve Toole and his band Capital Celtic entertain at Boulder Crest.



Members of the Knight of Columbus serve dinner to the veterans and their families.

Honor Flights for Service Veterans

2016 brings more opportunities for brothers of the Cunningham Division to have the privilege and honor to serve as part of the welcoming party for World War II and Korean War Veteran Honor Flights arriving at Dulles Airport. The Honor Flight program brings veterans to Washington, DC as a tribute to their service and provides these heroes with a chance to visit the World War II Memorial and other sites in Washington. We have so much to thank these men and women for, and now there are fewer and fewer of them left for us to pay tribute to. If you are interested in participating in an Honor Flight welcoming party please contact Division President Jay McCarthy. On May 11th Division President Jay McCarthy and Brother Dan Whalen served as part of the welcoming committee for the arriving veterans.



President Jay McCarthy (left photo) and Brother Dan Whalen (at right in second photo) greet the arriving veterans at Dulles.

Questions about upcoming events, Cunningham Division history, AOH history, and perhaps you want see more photos of events or past issues of the Chronicles. It's all on our website: www.aohloudoun.org.

Col. Cunningham Grants for Catholic School Education

Each year the Colonel Cunningham Division awards an educational grant to one boy and one girl each at the three Catholic Parish schools served by the Division, St. Theresa, Our Lady of Hope and St. Josephs. The grants are dedicated to and named after three of our deceased and beloved Hibernian Brothers, James Burke (Founding Division President), Steven Hanley (Charter member and Past President), and Kevin Hayes (Past Chairman of countless committees including Catholic Charities and Missions). The recipients are selected by the Parish Priest and Principal at each school, and the grants to assist in continuing Catholic education are awarded each year at the end of school year assemblies. The Catholic Schools Education Grant Program is one of the major charities of the Colonel Cunningham Division.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

The James P. Burke Memorial Award at St. Theresa School: Reilly Skorupski and Philip Haugh

The Kevin Hayes Memorial Award at Our Lady of Hope School; Casey Maguire and Justin Kelly

The Steve Hanley Memorial Award at St. Joseph's School; Joaquin Del Rosario and Vinh Phan

Our Lady of Hope



Principal Mary Beth Pittman, Fr. William Saunders, Casey Maguire, 2016 recipient, and Brother Bob Carmack



Principal Mary Beth Pittman, Fr. William Saunders, Justin Kelly, 2016 recipient, and Brother Bob Carmack.

St. Joseph's School



Fr. Alberto Bueno, Joaquin Del Rosario, Division President Jay McCarthy, and Vinh Phan

Vacationing in Ireland

Brother Frank Pilk went to Ireland on vacation for a couple of weeks recently and sent back photos to make all of his Cunningham Brothers jealous. Frank claims that it only rained once in 15 days. Frank did you manage to ever leave the pub? Just kidding. Thanks for sharing the great photos.

Frank reported that while he was in Dublin there were lots of incredible events and displays were taking place commemorating the Easter Rising, 100 years ago.



Frank says these are the only two points of interest in his home village, other than the church and cemetery.



Saints Peter and Paul Church in Dublin.



The Ha'Penny Bridge, Dublin.



Galway Cathedral

If you are planning any great vacations or when you attend any gatherings or events that would of interest to your fellow Hibernian Brothers, PLEASE TAKE PHOTOS AND SEND THEM TO US. Cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com

Cunningham Division Planning a 2017 Trip to Ireland

Plans are being developed for a division trip to Ireland in 2017.

For those of you who haven't been able to attend one of the recent meetings (shame on you), here is some basic information.

- The itinerary is still being developed, but the tentative time frame will be either the first or fourth week of September 2017.
- The trip is initially being planned for division members, wives and girlfriends (please guys don't bring them both on the same trip). Other guests are a possibility, but that is yet to be determined and may depend on total participation by division members.
- A preliminary itinerary includes several days of activities and tours together as a division in the Galway area, a day and night each in Killarney and Kilkenny and then on to Dublin for the final two days and nights.
- Tentatively we would travel to and from Ireland together, but it would probably be possible to extend individual trips.

Watch your emails for updates and attend the next meeting in August.

Next Division Meeting

The Cunningham Division generally meets the second Wednesday of every month and all members are encouraged to attend. The meeting are held at 7:30 PM at the Belmont Greene Community Center, 43003 Chesterton St, Ashburn, VA 20147. See our website; www.aohloudoun.org for more details and schedules.

The Division will not be having a meeting in July. The AOH National Convention will be taking place in Atlantic City during July and a delegation from the Cunningham Division will be attending to participate in deliberations and the election of national officers.

Our next Division meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10th at the Belmont Greene Community Center. Please plan to attend.

The annual Poor Irishman's Golf Outing and Picnic will be taking place on July 8th at the Sterling Par 3 Golf Club. See the Division Calendar and the Golf Outing Announcement later in this edition of the Chronicles.

If you have not received any "1/2 way to St. Patrick" tickets as of yet, you are asked to attend the upcoming June or August meeting to obtain some tickets and to help support YOUR Division's efforts in selling raffle tickets. The proceeds go to support the 6 Tuition Assistance Grants given out each year at this time as well as to support our Veteran initiatives. Please do not stand idle.....take the initiative to assist your Brother Hibernians with this annual event!

The Colonel Cunningham Division Prayer List

We respectfully ask all Cunningham Division Brothers and all friends of the Cunningham Division to please remember the following in your prayers:

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| a. Sue Maserole | l. Siobhan Cahillane |
| b. Bill Ryan – deceased | m. Micheala Cahillane |
| c. Jerry Frissord | n. Catherine Willis |
| d. Frank Abrams | o. Linda Devins |
| e. Doug Anderson | p. Tom Bond – deceased |
| f. Bob Connors | q. Don Hays |
| g. Frank O’Gara | r. Chris and Maryann Pelzor |
| h. Brian Korten | s. Rick Parker |
| i. Mike Foley | t. Nancy Szasz |
| j. Jim Ryan | u. Nancy Green |
| k. Dennis Corrigan | v. Jim Hall |

If there is someone who you would like to add to our prayer list please forward their name, and if possible a brief description of their circumstances (serious health problem, special needs, etc.) to cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com (that’s the news email address for the Cunningham Chronicles).

Trip to Ireland Raffle and Cunningham Division Charities

The Colonel Cunningham Division has kicked off sales of its Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle again this year. The raffle is the Division’s largest fund raising event and provides for the financial support of all of our Division’s charities. Past President Dave Lawlor has again volunteered to lead the ticket sales committee. There will be more details and ticket sales events planned at upcoming meetings and in emails to individual members. Please remember all of the good that this fund raiser does and give of your time generously when asked to help with ticket sales or promotions.

Irish Wit & Wisdom



An AOH Meeting

“There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.”

-William Butler Yeats

Paddy goes for a job

Paddy goes for a job at a chemical factory, the factory manager asks "Have you worked with chemicals before?" "Yes!" Paddy replies.

The manager asks "Can you tell me what nitrate is?"

Paddy replies "I'm hoping it's going to be time and a half".

St Peter's Quiz

A petty thief, a teacher and a lawyer die in a plane crash and go up to Heaven's gates together. When they get there they are stopped by St. Peter, who says: "Sorry, it's crowded up here, you need to answer a question correctly, or else you can't get in."

He looks at the teacher, and asks her: "What was the name of the famous ocean-liner that sank after hitting an iceberg?"

"Oh, that's easy," the teacher replies, "the Titanic."

So St. Peter lets her into Heaven.

Next he turns to the petty thief.

"How many people died on that ship?" St. Peter asks.

"Oooh, that's tough, but I saw the movie, and I think it was 1,500."

St. Peter steps away and the thief walks into Heaven.

Finally, St. Peter turns to the lawyer and says: "Name them."

Foreman dislikes the Irish

Murphy, O'Shea, and Mulligan go for a job on a building site, but have been told beforehand that the foreman dislikes the Irish. Murphy suggest to the other two that they give English sounding names.

O'Shea goes in first to interview and the foreman asks him his name. O'Shea looks out the window and sees a Woolworth store. "My name is F W Woolworth", he says. "Get out!" shouts the foreman.

Mulligan goes in and gets asked the same question, he looks out window and sees a shoe shop, "My name is Tom McCann". "Get out!" shouts the foreman.

Murphy is last in and an exasperated foreman asks, "What's your name"? Murphy has a good look out of window and replies, "Ken".

"Thank goodness for that", says the foreman, "Ken who"?

"Tuckey Fried Chicken", says Murphy.

The Bus Stops Here

A bus station is where a bus stops.

A train station is where a train stops.

My desk at my office is called a workstation.....

The Voice in the Wilderness

If a man says something in the woods and there are no women there,
Is he still wrong?

The Speed of Sound

Since light travels faster than sound,

Is that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?

Does it Hurt?

Paddy says to Mick, "I'm getting circumcised tomorrow."

Mick says, "I had that done when I was a few days old."

Paddy asks, "Does it hurt?"

Mick says, "Well I couldn't walk for a year."

Words to Live By

"To me, Faith means not ever having to worry."

-John Dewey

Col. Cunningham Division Calendar of Events

Jun 8 June Meeting – 7:30 pm @ Belmont Greene

Jun 14 Honor Flight Chicago @ Dulles – 9 am

Support your local Parish's efforts for "Cereal for Summer" during June

Jul 8 Annual AOH Poor Man's Golf outing @ Sterling Park Golf Course. Tee Times between 2 and 3 pm; BBQ to begin approximately @ 5:30 pm. Open to Hibernians and their guests

There will be no Officer or Monthly meeting in July

Jul 11-14 National AOH Convention in Atlantic City – several Division Brothers will be attending in order to elect the new National Slate of Officers

Aug 3 Officer's Meeting @ O'Faolain's @ 7 pm

Aug 10 August Meeting – 7:30 pm @ Belmont Greene

Aug 13 Ballyshaner's Festival in Alexandria – this is a key event regarding the sale of raffle tickets to Ireland. All Brothers are encouraged to help out!

Recommended Irish Owned/Themed Businesses

You've asked for and here it is (well maybe you didn't exactly ask for it, but we knew that you needed this information, so here it is). The Col. Thomas J. Cunningham Division recommends the following businesses. Many of these businesses have been strong supporters of the Cunningham Division and our activities and charities. Please give them your consideration.

O'Faolain's Irish Pub & Restaurant

Dining & catering for all occasions! *"A real taste of Ireland"*

20921 Devenport Drive

Sterling, VA 20165

Ph: 703-444-9796

Web: www.ofaolains.com

Hunters Run Wine Bar

Wine, tastings & light fare in a lovely country setting ---within an *Irish Cottage!*

40325 Charles Town Pike

Hamilton, VA 20158

Ph: 703 926-4183

Web: www.huntersrunwinebar.com

ShamrockRs

Irish Step Dancers & Music for Party or Event!

Web: www.shamrockrs.com

Capital Celtic

Irish music band performing the best Irish music for weddings, private events and pubs throughout Virginia, Maryland and DC.

571-274-8718

www.capitalcetic.band

Ned Devine's Irish Bar & Restaurant

Irish & Australian Pub & Sports Bar

2465 Centreville Road

Herndon, VA 20171

Ph: 703-793-7376

Web: www.neddevines.com

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub

754 Elden St

Herndon, VA 20170

Ph: (703) 464-0522

Web: www.osullivanpub.com

AOH Jackets, Shirts, Sashes and Name Badges

As in most organizations, there is AOH specific attire. If you are new to the Division or if you have just never gotten around to getting one of our great Cunningham Division Shirts, or one of those Kelly Green Sport Coats, this information is for you.

Wearing of the Green (When and what to wear):

For 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 State and National conventions, Masses, **funerals**, AOH dinners, **parades**, and other **public events**. The jackets are also appropriate at all Division meetings and events.

For **informal events** (i.e. Raffle ticket sales, Parish events, Division outings (ball games, picnics, meetings, etc.) the Division logo polo or sweatshirts (optional ball cap) are appropriate. Many brothers have already ordered the division polo and sweat shirts.

Cunningham Division Attire:

Name Badges:

The Division name badges can be order directly from President Bob Fay at any meeting or by email. President Fay’s email is on the last page of the edition of the Chronicles.

Name badges should be worn at all Division and AOH events, and when selling raffle tickets. You don’t need to be wearing a Division polo shirt or green jacket to wear a name badge. The badge has your name and identifies you as a member of the Colonel Cunningham Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Green Jacket: Brothers procure their own green jackets and sashes. One source:

http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html. Visit the website to see what they have, be sure that you know the size you want; then call the 800 number to order. Tell them you’re with AOH and the \$5.00 small order fee can be waived. Kelly green is the color.

AOH Sash: The AOH tri-color sash represents the national flag of Ireland and should be worn over the right shoulder (green closest to jacket collar) crossing to the left hip. Tri-color AOH sashes are available from:

- LAOH Sister Patricia Ankrom. Email Patricia at traceysbydesign@aol.com
- D. & E. Morrissey (954-426-3514) <http://www.hibernians-shamrock.com/donations.html>

(The National Hibernian usually has an ad for D & E Morrissey.)

Division Polo Shirts: Polo shirts with the Cunningham Division logo can be ordered in a variety of colors and materials from Deirdre Noonan at Sew Fabulous Embroidery. The web site is www.sewfe.com. Ms. Noonan’s email address is Deirdre@sewfe.com, and her phone number is 845-821-6183. You can order a variety of other AOH apparel from this site (sweatshirts, hats, jackets, etc.). Go to the web site to see the different shirts and other AOH items that are available. They have already done a number of Cunningham Division shirts so they already have the artwork for our logo. This is the most popular thing for brothers to order.



COL. THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM DIVISION

AOH 5th Annual

Poor Irishman's Golf Outing & Picnic

Friday, July 8, 2016

Sterling Par 3 Golf Club

**50/50
Mulligans**

**333 S. Sterling Boulevard
Sterling VA 20164**

**Great Prizes
All Levels**

Tee Times: 2:00 to 3:00 PM



BBQ Picnic: 5:30 PM



Golf & Picnic: \$50 / 18 holes (par 3)w/ Cart

BBQ Picnic Only*: \$20 (Kids 10 & under free)

***Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads, Dessert, + Soft Drinks /Beer/Wine !**

Limited golf space available/Reserve now! Contact Bob Fay: capnfay@aol.com or (703) 568-9672



(Return w/ Check to "AOH" c/o R. A. Fay/ 26 Christopher Lane, Potomac Falls VA 20165)

Sign me up for the 5th Annual AOH Poor Irishman's Golf Outing & Picnic

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Division: _____ Member { } Guest{ } @ \$50/ea

Preferred Partners: _____ / _____ / _____

BBQ Picnic Only: _____ @ \$20/ea

Total Enclosed: _____ No. Golfers: _____ Picnic only: _____

“Faugh A Ballagh”

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Return of the Cunningham Chronicles

This is the new Cunningham Chronicles, named after our original Division newsletter. This newsletter is a little bit different than the original in that it is intended to be distributed by email to all the members, friends, and sponsors of the Colonel Cunningham Division. Our hope is to publish the Chronicles every quarter. We want to include news of the Division and our members. Please forward information to us if you are taking any trips to Ireland, have any stories of personal Irish history to share, news of family events (births, deaths, marriages, special anniversaries, awards, etc.). We would like think of our Division and our brothers as a big Irish Catholic family, and we would like to share our family stories and news.

If you have any member news, photos, suggestions, ideas, stories, better jokes, prayer requests, etc., please send them on to Bob Anderson at the Chronicles email address: cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com

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*Brothers, In Our Motto,
Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity*



“To be Irish is a Blessing. To be a Hibernian is an Honor”