



The Cunningham Chronicles

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

November 2016

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

Celebration and Honors at the National AOH Convention



Col. Cunningham Division Vice President Cole Slattery (right) with Major General Patrick Brady, Metal of Honor Winner and Recipient of the AOH National John F. Kennedy Award for National Service. More on the Nation Convention inside this edition of the Chronicles.

Inside this edition of the Cunningham Chronicles:

The Trip to Ireland Raffle Party, the Cunningham Division at the AOH National Convention, the Annual Golf Outing, Meeting Highlights, new members, Hibernians in Action, the updated calendar, and lots more news.

No Division Meeting December. See the Calendar of Events for the Upcoming Christmas Parade and Christmas Party. Come out and join the activities.

The Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle Drawing & Party

One of the biggest and most exciting events of the year for the Col. Cunningham Division is the annual Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party which culminates with the winning ticket being drawn for the Trip for Two to Ireland raffle. This year was no exception. A large and very Irish crowd of brothers, wives, girlfriends, families, and guests gathered at O'Faolain's Irish Restaurant in Sterling to celebrate this year's very successful raffle and to enjoy each other's company. There was live entertainment, food, refreshments and lots of door prizes to give away. Past President Bob Fay was the master of ceremonies for the evening, assisted by President Jay McCarty and Vice president Cole Slattery.

The highlight of the evening of course was the drawing for the winning ticket for the Trip for Two to Ireland. Division Chaplain, Father Joseph Farrell, of Our Lady of Hope Parish, drew the winning ticket which belonged to Guy and Judy Sapienza. They are active members of St. Joseph Parish, where they purchased their winning ticket, and have never been to Ireland - they definitely plan on going in 2017! They're hold a photo below with some of their Irish ancestors. Congratulations Guy and Judy, and thank you to everyone who supported the raffle ticket drive by purchasing tickets or helping to sell tickets through the year. The Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle supports all the Col. Cunningham Division charities which includes educational grants to students in our local Catholic primary schools, support for seminarians of the Diocese of Arlington, support for Project St. Patrick of the National AOH (national seminarian support), veteran programs support, Catholic Charities, and a number of other local charities.



Some Highlights from the Raffle Drawing Party





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

2017 AOH National Convention

The Col. Cunningham Division was present and active at the Bi-Annual National AOH Convention this past July in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Col. Cunningham Delegation was led by Division President Jay McCarthy and included Vice President Cole Slattery, past President Bob Fay and Brother Francis Thornton.



2017 Ballyshaner's Irish Festival in Alexandria

For the last several years the Col. Cunningham division has helped support and participated in the Ballyshaner's Irish Festival in Old Town Alexandria. This year's festival was held on August 13th, one of the hottest days of the year. It was a hot day, but it was a good crowd, and we were fortunate enough to have our tent next to the beer tent. Convenient for staying refreshed in the heat, and a great location for selling raffle tickets to those standing in line. Division Chairman was Cole Slattery, who oversaw the setup and activities for the entire day. Thanks to all those brothers and their wives who came out to raise the tent, sell tickets and suffer through the heat; President Jay McCarthy, VP Cole Slattery, Jack Devins, Tim Kinslow, Past President Bob and Linda Fay, Past President Dave Lawlor, Past President Bob Anderson, Dennis Corrigan, Mike and Terri Egan, Bob Connors, Greg Wholean, Francis Thornton, Pat Korten, and Jim Mullen.



St Patrick leads the color guard to open the festival.



*Would you buy a raffle ticket from these three characters?
V.P. Cole Slattery, Dave Lawlor, and Tim Kinslow.*

The Annual Poor Irishman's Golf Outing & Picnic

The Col. Cunningham Division's Annual Poor Irishman's Golf Outing and Picnic was held at the Sterling Golf Club on July 8th. It was another great turnout of brothers, wives, families, and guests. Whether you were one of the golfers or just came for the picnic afterwards it was a beautiful day and was a lot of fun. Event Chairman and host, Past President Bob Fay gave out awards for great golf and not so great golf. There were also a lot of door prizes given out, and you didn't have to play golf to win a door prize. The Division welcomed a special guest, former Chaplin, Father Timothy Harris, who was in town on brief break from his duties in Austria. A special mention and special congratulations go to Brother Dennis Corrigan who shot a hole-in-one (yes really- there were witnesses).



Dennis "Hole-In-One" Corrigan

Some More Photos from the Poor Irishman's Golf Outing & Picnic





Special Raffle at Each Division Meeting

Over the past several 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!

Next Division Meeting

The Cunningham Division generally meets the second Wednesday of every month and all members are encouraged to attend. The meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Belmont Greene Community Center, 43003 Chesterton St, Ashburn, VA 20147. The next meeting is Wednesday, **January 11th. No Division meeting in December.** See our website; www.aohloudoun.org for more details.



President Jay McCarthy and the Division officers presiding September meeting at Belmont Greene Community Center.



Division Brothers listen to deliberations on charity contributions.

The President's Message



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

Col. Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division
Loudoun, Virginia

2nd Quarter, 2016 Report

May continued to be an active month for our Division. Following the AOH quarterly meeting in Roanoke (5/7) which I attended, the following Sunday was observed as the "St. Brendan Celebration" with several Brothers and their families participating in a Mass at Our Lady of Hope Parish, celebrated by our new Chaplain, Fr. Farrell, followed by a fantastic brunch hosted by O'Faolain's Pub. Approximately 30 were in attendance; they had the privilege of enjoying a wonderful 3 course dinner along with some delicious single malt (of course)! The month concluded with 6, grade school tuition grants being presented to 2 "soon to be 8th graders" from St. Joseph, St. Theresa and Our Lady of Hope Catholic Schools respectively. All of the worthy recipients were chosen by their Teachers based on the child's enthusiasm, scholarship and needs. The Division's annual "1/2 Way to St. Patrick" raffle is conducted in order to fund this worthy charity – The promotion of Catholic Education.

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

June was a somewhat quiet month from an AOH perspective as families took part in end of year school activities and set off for family vacations. Some Brothers participated in the Honor Flight at Dulles (6/8) to say "thank you" to the 90 servicemen who made the trip (only 5 of them from WW11 era.....sadly this "greatest generation" is becoming smaller with each passing day. Also, several Brothers assisted the Knights and Men's Society at St. Joseph Parish with the "Cereal for Summer" Program (6/17 & 18) which provides a breakfast for needy local students who will not be in school over the summer months.

July started with a bang with the 5th Annual "Poor man's Golf Outing" at the Sterling Park golf course (7/8). A little upfront rain did not dampen (too much) the games – except for early starter Bob Connors; approximately 30 Brothers and their families enjoyed golf, bbq, prizes and fraternity that day, highlighted by the return of former Chaplain Fr./Br. Tim Harris, now serving the T.O.R in Gaming Austria. This annual event always makes for good memories – which grow into tall tales over the years! The following week

(7/11 thru 7/14), Brothers Bob Fay, VP Cole Slattery and Brother Francis Thornton joined me in attending the Bi-Annual AOH National Meeting in Atlantic City. Aside from all of the events that week, the highlight for all of us, especially for Brother Cole, a former decorated Army Medical Specialist, was to meet Maj. General Patrick Grady, the only surviving Army veteran to hold both the Medal of Honor as well as the Distinguished Service Cross. This Hibernian is credited for saving over 5,000 wounded while in Vietnam as a Copter Pilot. I was humbled to be in his presence.....Thank you for your Service Sir! The month ended (7/24 & 25) on a somber note by the passing of Brother Larry Pratt, with many Brother Hibernians and Knights in attendance with his wake and funeral in Fredericksburg. Brother Larry was a great gentleman.....Brother Pat Korten was the sole Brother Hibernian/Knight for the burial of Brother Larry. Thank you Pat!

August highlights involved the Annual Ballyshaner Festival (8/13) and an Honor Flight of primarily Korean War Vet's ((8/10). The Division (at least 13 Brothers and some of their spouses) participated at the Ballyshaner Festival selling raffle tickets while enduring 110* weather and a faulty canopy! Sorry for your injury Brother Francis. We hope that you are mending well.....The month ended with a 2 weekend raffle drive – a very successful I might add – at Our Lady of Hope Parish (8/20 & 21 as well as 8/27 & 28). Thank you Brother Tim and Bob for arranging this event on short notice – and thank you to all of the Brothers that assisted one of those 2 weekends.

Finally, September has already involved a very successful raffle drive at St. Theresa Parish (9/10 & 11). Thank you again Brother Cole and other Brothers for your help in making it a successful venture! St. Joseph raffle ticket drive will take place after all of the Masses on 9/24 & 25. All Brothers are now asked to help out after one of the Masses.

Actually last but certainly not least, the details for Our Division's 2017 Trip to Ireland have been finalized! We are expecting as many as 30 to take part in the trip, leaving 9/24/17 and returning 10/2/2017. Space is still available; please contact Brother Bob Anderson or Brother Francis Thornton for details. Better yet – COME TO THE MEETING TOMORROW AT BELMONT GREENE AT 7:30 AND HERE MORE!!!!

Membership continues to grow with the Division each month. All are encouraged to assist with recruitment.....

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

Hibernians in Action

Special Contribution to the Archdiocese of the Military Service

In recognition of Veterans Day and in gratitude for the service of all veterans, the Col. Cunningham Division presented a special contribution to Father Guest of St. Theresa Church for the Archdiocese of the Military Service. Father Richard Guest of St. Theresa Church accepted the donation on behalf of the Archdiocese of the Military Service during a special fund raising period for the Archdiocese.



Father Guest accepts the special donation from Col. Cunningham division's Vice President Cole Slattery for the Archdiocese of the Military Service

Honor Flights for Service Veterans

Brothers of the Cunningham Division continued to have the privilege and honor to serve as part of the welcoming parties for veterans of World War II and the Korean War arriving on Honor Flights at Dulles Airport. The most recent Honor Flight welcoming by the Col. Cunningham Division was on August 10th for a large group of primarily Korean War Veterans.

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.

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

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).

Col. Cunningham Division News

Congratulations to Grandpa Cole

Col. Cunningham Division Vice President Cole Slattery announced that daughter Lauren and son in law Chris had a baby girl. Annabelle Christine Harr, born 11/9/16 8:04 PM 7.6 lbs. 20.5 in. Mother and child doing well. Congratulations Cole, Lauren and Chris, and welcome to the world Annabelle. May the blessings of St. Patrick always be with you.

Good Bye to a Good Friend

A longtime friend and supporter of our Cunningham Division, Rose "Betty" Smith of St. Joseph Parish passed away abruptly this past Tuesday from pneumonia. This lovely lady was 88. As you can see from the picture from this past St. Pat's Day at O'Faolain's, Betty could easily have been a Poster Lady for the Irish/AOH! She will be missed by all who knew her. Betty's Wake will be this Tuesday at Adams-Green in Herndon from 12-3 pm with a Funeral on Wednesday at 11 at St. Joseph church. Our Division has sent flowers on behalf of Betty's Irish Friends! If you can stop by and pay your respects to the Family, I know it would be appreciated at this time.



A Special Visit to A Special Friend



President Jay and Margie McCarthy recently had the opportunity to drop in on former Division and Virginia State Chaplain, Father Timothy Harris at his current post in Gaming Austria. Father was doing well and the McCarthy's had a great time while in Austria.

Irish Wit & Wisdom

An AOH Meeting

"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met."
-William Butler Yeats

The Priest

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny, early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So... he told the Monsignor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Monsignor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away from the parish. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else would be in church.

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from Heaven and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It was a 340 yard hole in one!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"



Moon Shot

Paddy and Shamus were sitting on top of the village hill under a tree, having just closed the local pub. They were feeling no pain and were enjoying the star filled sky.

Paddy looked at the full moon and asked, "which do you suppose is further away the moon or Boston?"

Shamus replied immediately, "That's a silly question. You can see the moon right in front of ya!"

Donuts

Sean and Mick are walking down the road and Sean's got a bag of doughnuts in his hand.

Mick asks Sean if he can have a donut.

Sean says to Mick, "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both"

The Drowning

One night, Mrs. McMillen answers the door to see her husband's best friend, Paddy, standing on the doorstep.

"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband? He went with you to the beer factory"

Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs. McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of stout and drowned"

Mrs. McMillen starts crying. "Oh don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly?"

Paddy shakes his head. "Not really - he got out 3 times to pee!"

The Parking Space

An Irishman was flustered not being able to find a parking space in a large mall's parking lot.

"Lord, "he prayed, "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."

Civil Servants

Two paddies were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

Directions in Ireland

A tourist stops Paddy in Dublin and asks, "What is the quickest way to get to Cork."

Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in a car?"

The tourist says, "I'm in a car."

Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."

Death Notice

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died.

He quickly phoned his best friend Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye calling from?"

Col. Cunningham Division's 2017 Trip to Ireland

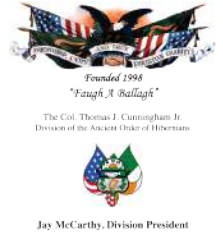
The Col. Cunningham Division is taking a trip to Ireland in September 2017. There is room for up to 30 people and right now the reservations are open to Division Brothers and their wives. After mid-January, if there are still openings, the reservations will be opened up to friends and families of Division Brothers. An exciting trip is planning and all the critical details have been finalized. Please see the flyer on the next two pages for the itinerary and more details.



AOH Cunningham Division Tour to Ireland

September 24th to October 2nd 2017

\$2599 per person sharing including airfare
\$1799 per person land only



ITINERARY

SUNDAY, SEPT 24th - UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart Dulles on United 126 nonstop to Dublin at 10:25pm

MONDAY, SEPT 25th - DUBLIN ARRIVAL & KILBEGGAN DISTILLERY

Cead Mile Failte -Welcome to Ireland. After claiming your luggage and passing through Irish customs your Caddie Tours driver/guide will escort you to your coach. We'll have a full Irish breakfast at the Coachman's Inn near the Airport. Drive to the center of the country to visit the Kilbeggan Distillery Experience, established in 1757, making it the world's oldest. See how whiskey is distilled on modern equipment in the old buildings and enjoy a sample of the finished product. Continue on to the tribal city of Galway. Galway, one of the most youthful cities of Europe, is full of craic. It boasts many street performers, bookstores, pubs, cafes and nightlife. Check into your hotel and enjoy free time for independent activities and discover some of the excellent restaurants and fun pubs.

OVERNIGHT: SALTHILL HOTEL, GALWAY (B)

TUESDAY, SEPT 26th - ARAN ISLANDS

Take a short ferry ride across Galway Bay from Rossaveal to Inis Mor, the largest of the three Aran Islands. These rocky islands are renowned for the hardy islanders who maintain traditional fishing and farming methods and where the popular intricately patterned fishermen's sweaters originated. The Irish language is still spoken widely amongst islanders today. These islands are divided up into tiny fields by stone walls but farming is difficult as the winds tend to carry away the soil. Take a minibus ride to Dun Aengus, a huge pre-historic fortress perched on sheer cliffs, which fall away to the Atlantic Ocean below. Return to Kilronan, the main town, for a casual lunch and have a look around on your own before returning to the mainland by ferry. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: SALTHILL HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)



WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27th - CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

Travel south around Galway Bay and pass through the solitary beauty of the Burren - a craggy bed of limestone dotted with tiny plants and flowers that thrive in the mild winters. We'll see megalithic tombs, ringforts, souterrains, cairns, holy wells and stone rows. On the coast view the Cliffs of Moher, which rise almost 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic surf. Drive south to take a ferry across the River Shannon Estuary and head to Killarney. Killarney was a monastic settlement from the 5th or 6th century. Explore colorful laneways and a fine cathedral and experience the ambience of busy streets in the town center. Nestled amidst deep, lake filled valleys with astounding sights such as Ladies' View and the Macgillcuddy Reeks - Ireland's largest mountain range. Check in to your hotel in the center of the town and enjoy dinner with the group in the Garden room restaurant. Discover some of the excellent fun pubs around town for Irish traditional music.

OVERNIGHT: THE MALTON, KILLARNEY (B,D)

THURSDAY, SEPT 28th - THE RING OF KERRY & TRADITIONAL IRISH NIGHT

After breakfast drive on a scenic tour around the Ring of Kerry. Visit the Skellig Experience Centre where you can experience many aspects of those offshore Skellig islands while remaining on the dry land, in a custom built, stone clad, grass roofed, prize winning building located right on the waterfront. Back in Killarney we'll head to Kate Kearney's cottage for an Irish Night featuring a lively show with dinner.

OVERNIGHT: THE MALTON, KILLARNEY (B,D)

FRIDAY, SEPT 29th - BLARNEY CASTLE ROCK OF CASHEL & KILKENNY CASTLE

Drive through the mountains into richer farming country on the way to Blarney. Climb to the ramparts of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone or, if you don't feel like a climb, take a gentle walk through the lovely park lands and colorful gardens. Shop for Irish-made goods at the Blarney Woollen Mills before traveling north. Pause for photos at the stately Rock of Cashel, a limestone outcrop with picturesque ruins and continue to Kilkenny for the overnight. Enjoy free time for independent activities and discover some of the excellent restaurants and fun pubs. Visit Kilkenny Castle. It stands dramatically on a strategic height that commands a crossing on the River Nore and dominates the 'High Town' of Kilkenny City. Over the eight centuries of its existence, many additions and alterations have been made to the fabric of the building, making Kilkenny Castle today a complex structure of various architectural styles. The original Anglo-Norman stone castle was built for William Marshal, 4th Earl of Pembroke (c.1146-1219) during the first decade of the thirteenth century. Kilkenny Castle later became the principal Irish residence of the powerful Butler family for almost 600 years.

OVERNIGHT: THE PEMBROKE, KILKENNY (B)



SATURDAY, SEPT 30th - DUBLIN CITY & THE BRAZEN HEAD

After breakfast depart for Dublin and explore the city and the sites such as Trinity College (which hosts the Books of Kells), Dublin Castle and Kilmainham Jail just a few to mention. Enjoy the afternoon in Dublin before we end the day by attending an enchanting evening of Irish folklore and storytelling while enjoying a candlelit traditional Irish dinner in The Brazen Head.

OVERNIGHT: STEPHENS GREEN HOTEL DUBLIN (B,D)

SUNDAY, OCT 1st - DUBLIN CASTLE & GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

After breakfast take a guided tour of Dublin Castle which is still used today for many official functions. Next visit the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, where you can sample a draft Guinness. The balance of the day is free for independent activities, sightseeing, shopping and much more.

OVERNIGHT: STEPHENS GREEN HOTEL DUBLIN (B)



MONDAY, OCT 2nd - RETURN TO THE US

The tour has come to its final day. Transfer to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for your United flight 127 departing at 12:25pm for Washington Dulles. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States and will clear US Immigration and Customs in Dublin and arrive in the US as a cleared flight.

More information on the tour and follow us for updates of the trip:

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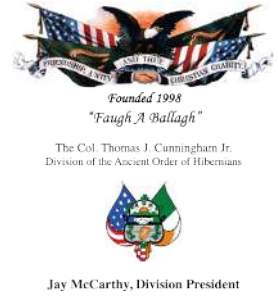




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INFORMATION

Includes:

- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional tour director
- 7 nights in hotels listed
- Full breakfast daily (B) including on day of arrival
- 4 dinners (D) including
- Traditional Irish Night in Killarney & The Brazen Head in Dublin
- Bailey's Irish Coffee upon arrival in Killarney
- Ferry crossing to Aran Islands/day tour of Inis Mor
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon

Not included:

- Trip insurance [strongly recommended], from \$189.
- Travel insurance should be paid for at the time of deposit to cover any pre-existing conditions.
- Gratuity to driver [10 Euro per person per day]

Visits and admission fees to:

Locke's Distillery Kilbeggan
Dun Aengus
Cliffs of Moher
Skellig Experience
Blarney Castle
Blarney Woollen Mills
Rock of Cashel
Kilkenny Castle
Dublin Castle & Guinness Storehouse
Deluxe carry-on backpack, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person

Check out our Facebook page and website:

www.caddietoursonline.com
www.facebook.com/caddietours
www.aohloudoun.org
www.facebook.com/aohloudoun.org/



Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of booking.

Trip insurance is recommended - \$189 per person

**Final Payment is due:
July 21, 2017**

**Please make check payable to
Caddie Tours**

PLEASE PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Night): _____

Email: _____

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date _____

Date of birth: _____

Sharing Accomodations Desired: Double: _____ Twin Bedded: _____ Single Traveler: _____

**Caddie Tours
1105 Ware St. SW
Vienna, VA 22180
Attn: Niall**



Col. Cunningham Division Calendar of Events- Dec. & Jan.

- Dec. 7 **Officer Meeting @ O'Faolain's @ 7 pm**
- Dec. 10 **Christmas Parade in Leesburg – formation @ 5 pm @ St. John the Apostle Church**
- Dec. 14 **December Meeting – 7:30 pm @ Belmont Greene**
- Dec. 16 **Division Christmas Party @ O'Faolain's – 6 to 8:30 pm.**
- Jan. 4 **Officer Meeting @ O'Faolain's @ 7 pm**
- Jan. 11 **January Meeting – 7:30 pm @ Belmont Greene – SHAMROCK DEGREE to be conducted**
- Jan. 14 **Sweats for Vets annual distribution – Martinsburg, WVA @ 10 am**
- Jan. 21 **State Quarterly Meeting being hosted by Cunningham Division @ St. Theresa School – 8:30 setup/meeting from 10 to 12 pm – lunch to follow**
- Jan. 21 **AOH Major Degree @ St. Theresa School – approximately 1 pm to 3 pm followed by refreshments**

Sept 24 – Oct 2 2017 – Division Trip to Ireland!

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.

“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”