



# The Cunningham Chronicles

The Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr. Division

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

September 2015

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

## The New AOH Virginia Officers Are Elected And All Virginia Hibernians Are Called Upon To Pray The Rosary On October 7th

Please read the message and Resolution from our AOH State Vice President inside this issue, and carefully consider joining the effort with our Brother Hibernians across the State of Virginia to: ***“...Pray the Rosary on October 7, that Our Lady of Victory will deliver us from these evils.”***



The new AOH Virginia Officers (left to right): Mike Delaney National AOH Director (DC, VA, WV KY), Immediate Past President Bruce Denault, Vice President William (Bill) Halpin, President Eugene (Gene) Bransfield, Secretary Jay McCarthy, and Treasurer Brian Kiernan

## Cunningham Division Golf Outing

On July 10<sup>th</sup> the sun was shining, the sky was blue, the temperature was warm, and the golf balls were flying. We won't discuss that golf clubs were flying too or any scores, but it was a great day for golf and a picnic. This year's Poor Man's Golf Outing and Picnic at the Sterling Golf and Swim Club was the fourth annual event for the Cunningham Division. The event was more than a golf outing however. Attendees played golf and relaxed at the club house with a cold drink and dinner. Plenty of others who didn't golf turned out for the drink, dinner and fun. There were prizes for almost everyone and it was a great afternoon of fun for families and friends of the Division. The turnout was one of the largest attendances yet, a sure sign of the growing popularity of this great family event.

Along with an afternoon of great (and maybe not so great) golf, there were hot dogs and barbeque for the entire family, prizes for everyone, stories to share and great friends to spend a beautiful evening with.

The following are a series of photos from the event. If you were there, see if you can find yourself. If you weren't there, you should start making plans to attend next year.







## 2015 Ballyshaner's Irish Festival

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, was the annual Ballyshaner's Irish Festival in Old Town Alexandria at the waterfront. Proceeds raised from the festival help the Ballyshaners in their sponsorship of the annual Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of America's great St Patrick's Day celebrations. The weather was prefect and attendance may have broken all previous records. There were parades, bands, continuous entertainment, great Irish food, and Irish vendors and public interest booths.

The Colonel Cunningham Division was well represented at the festival and used the event to promote Irish culture and sell Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle Tickets. The Colonel Cunningham Division tent and ticket sales team were organized by brother Cole Slattery. Cole was assisted during the day by Dan Whalen, Jay McCarthy, Tim Kinslow, Jack Devins, Bob Anderson, Bob Connors, and Bob Carmack.

The following are photos of the Colonel Cunningham tent and the other events at the festival.





*Dan Whalen selling tickets while Bob Connors and Bob Carmack meet with festival attendees.*



*Cole Slattery, Dan Whalen and Bob Carmack manning The Colonel Cunningham booth.*



*Yes, St. Patrick was there as well. Here he is sharing A joke with Jay McCarthy and Bob Connors*



*Part of the many tents at the Alexandria Irish Festival.*



*The Alexandria Pipe and Drums Corp leads the Parade to open the festival.*



*Opening ceremonies.*





*Part of the large crowd enjoying the entertainment.*



*"Shamrocks R Us" dancing for the festival attendees.*

## **AOH Virginia Biennial Convention Highlights**

The 20th Virginia State AOH/LAOH Biennial Convention was held in Alexandria August 14-16, 2015. The convention kicked off Friday evening with an "icebreaker" attended by delegates and wives, and featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, Irish dance performances and the opportunity to begin new/renew old friendships. Saturday morning delegates participated in the business meeting and the election of new officers. State Officers elected for the 2015-17 term are: President Gene Bransfield, Vice President Bill Halpin, Secretary Jay McCarthy of the Cunningham Division, and Treasurer Brian Kiernan. Photos/biographies of the new officers are on the state website [www.aohvirginia.org](http://www.aohvirginia.org).

Subsequent to Saturday's business meeting many brothers and spouses enjoyed lunch at historic Gatsby's Tavern, which hosted to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin and other founding fathers. Mass at St Mary's, the first Roman Catholic Church in Virginia, followed the luncheon. After the Mass, State Officers were installed in an inspiring ceremony at St Mary's led by National Director Mike Delaney. Saturday evening was capped off with the convention banquet which featured excellent food, entertainment, a thank you speech by past State President Bruce Denault, and new State President Gene Bransfield's first address on his goals and vision for the next two years.

On Sunday morning the Brian Boru Degree Team exemplified the Order's Major Degrees on 17 Virginia Hibernians, including five Cunningham Division brothers.



*Delegates of the Virginia AOH and LAOH*



*Virginia State Board conducting the business meeting*



More Convention Photos:



*The Cunningham delegation (l to r): Bob Anderson, Jack Devins, Jay McCarthy, Cole Slattery, and Bob Carmack*



*Jack Devins enjoying lunch at Gatsby Tavern with AOH delegates*



*AOH delegates and wives gather at Old St Mary's for Mass and the Initiation of Officers*



*Newly elected officers present themselves for Initiation*



*New officers form the cross to take their oaths*



*Brother Hibernians form a circle around their officers*



*Delegates, wives and friends enjoy a reception before the celebration banquet.*



*The new AOH Virginia officers; President Gene Bransfield, Vice President Bill Halpin, Secretary Jay McCarthy, and Treasurer Brian Kiernan*



*Colonel Cunningham Division brothers who received Their Major Degrees at the convention on Sunday (l to r); David Wilson, Jim Mullen, Phil Walsh, and Tim Melia, along with brother Jay McCarthy who witnessed their ceremony.*



*All of the Major Degree recipients from across Virginia*

## **“Living the Faith of Our Fathers”**

### **The AOH Virginia Theme for the Next Two Years**

*The following resolution was recently pasted at the September AOH Virginia State Board Meeting.*

The motion:

“VA AOH State President Gene Bransfield has chosen ***Living the Faith of Our Fathers*** as our theme for next two years.

Our nation is facing internal and external threats demanding Hibernians publically live our faith. Internal threats include “progressive” politicians who suggest that murder is a “woman’s health” issue; that our religious beliefs and freedoms must be forfeited if we are to be in step with “modern” America. As recently as August 27, 2015, a Democrat candidate for POTUS equated pro-life advocates (by definition



all Catholics) with “terrorist groups” adding (we) “refuse to live in the modern world” (and we) “espouse out-of-date and out-of-touch policies...for 21st century America.” (Washington Post, Aug 28, page A-3).

External threats include Islamic Jihadists who are waging war to destroy Western Civilization. That hasn’t changed in 444 years. In 1571 Christian forces were facing an overwhelming Sunni caliphate army. Pope Pius called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory over what he referred to as the “eternal enemy of the Christian”. Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary and the Pope led a Rosary procession in Rome praying for Christianity’s victory. The jihadists were defeated at the Battle of Lepanto and the Pope declared **October 7<sup>th</sup>** to be the **Feast of Our Lady of Victory**.

Praying the Rosary is critically important as we try to defeat threats from these patently evil elements. Prayers were answered in 1571 and can be answered again in 2015.

I (Bill Halpin) move that each division, as a unit or individually, resolve to ***Pray the Rosary on October 7, that Our Lady of Victory will deliver us from these evils.***

The motion was seconded (there were several voices) and passed.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Bill Halpin, Vice President, Virginia State Board  
Ancient Order of Hibernians

## Hibernians in Action

### Honor Flights for World War II Veterans

Several times during recent months brothers of the Cunningham Division have had the privilege and honor to serve as part of the welcoming party and as greeters for World War II Honor Flights arriving at Dulles Airport. The Honor Flight program brings veterans of WWII 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 might be interested in participating in an Honor Flight welcoming party please contact Division Vice President Jay McCarthy.



VP Jay McCarthy welcomes one of the WWII vets to Dulles Airport and Washington, DC on July 29<sup>th</sup>.



Brother Jim Mullen greets more vetererns as they arrive off of their flight.



## Raffle Ticket Sales Are Underway

The Colonel Cunningham Division Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle has been underway since St. Patrick's Day. Brothers have formed teams and sold tickets at O'Faolain's in Sterling and Ned Devine's in Herndon, which culminated in one of the best kick-offs in anyone's memory for total ticket sales and total fun while doing it. Record sales continued at the Ballyshaner's Irish Festival, and are now underway at all of the Parishes served by the Division. See the Division Calendar later in this issue for the dates of sales at each Parish and if you can help out contact Past President Dave Lawlor.

The winning ticket will be drawn at our annual celebration" at O'Faolain's in Sterling on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer later in this issue of the Chronicles for more details. If you haven't returned your tickets yet, or if you have proceeds from ticket sales, please bring them to O'Faolain's on the 15<sup>th</sup>. And, even if you don't have any tickets left but want to have a great time with your fellow Hibernians and their families, come to O'Faolain's on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## The President's Report



**Bob Fay, President of the Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division of the AOH**

*The following is excerpted from the Col. Cunningham Division President Bob Fay's Report to the Virginia State AOH Board at its Quarterly meeting in September 2015.*

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Worthy AOH State President, State Officers and Representatives  
Worthy AOH Division Presidents, Officers and Representatives  
Brothers

Subject: September 2015 Quarterly Report: Report of Summer Activity  
Col. Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division, Loudoun 1, Virginia (44LO01)

The Cunningham Division has remained active through the summer months of 2015.

Regular meetings of the Division are held on the second Wednesday of each month, except July, at the Belmont Greene Community Center, 43003 Chesterton St., Ashburn, VA 20147, and member attendance has been outstanding.

New membership recruitment has slowed over the summer months, but we continue to encourage all members in good standing to bring a friend, neighbor, or relative eligible for membership to at least one meeting with an application in hand. We have several possible applicants in the pipeline that we hope to recruit before the end of the year.

The Division held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Poor Irishman's Golf Outing & Picnic" on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sterling Par 3 golf course. Attendance was quite good ---even if the quality of play was not.

A good time was had by all. Several Brothers, family, and friends enjoyed a BBQ picnic, refreshments, and went home with some great door prizes donated by many of our local patrons.

August was a busy month indeed for the Division as we participated in the annual Ballyshaners festival and several members manned the Division tent offering our annual "Trip for Two to Ireland" raffle tickets for sale. Sales were robust and everyone enjoyed the great music and Irish entertainment. Special thanks to Brothers Cole Slattery, Jay McCarthy, and Bob Carmack for holding down the Fort and to Brother J.J. Kelly, our Brothers in the Cady Division, and the Ballyshaners Committee for their hospitality.

The Cunningham Division was well represented at the AOH State Convention in August with four Brothers attending as delegates, in addition to our Division V.P., Jay McCarthy, in attendance as State Treasurer. Congratulations to Brother Jay on his election as the new State Secretary and to our new State President Eugene Bransfield and all of our elected State Officers. My special thanks to our Past President Bob Anderson, for covering for yours truly who was out of the country, and to our delegates Cole Slattery, Bob Carmack, and Jack Devins.

The Cunningham Division also congratulates all of our Brothers who took their Major Degree on August 16<sup>th</sup>, including our own, Dave Wilson, Tim Melia, Jim Mullen, and Phil Walsh.

Well Done Brothers!

September appears to be off to a great start as well. More than a quarter of the Division membership was in attendance for our September membership meeting as we prepared to kick-off our autumn raffle ticket sales campaign.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day, many of our Division members gathered at O'Faolain's Restaurant and Pub in Sterling in support of a fundraising event to help one their injured employees who needed a costly operation to repair a shattered ankle. Division Brothers helped sell raffle tickets and aided in raising more than \$8000 for the cause.

More than twenty-five of our members, family and friends, were in attendance, in green, at the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's in Herndon on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and then supported our raffle sales on the church grounds. Several members and family members gathered after Mass for a wonderful Sunday brunch at O'Sullivan's Restaurant & Pub in Herndon. Once again, a great time was had by all!

The Division continues to search for a new Chaplain and we are hopeful that we may have some good news before the Christmas season.

Overall, our "Trip to Ireland" fundraising efforts for the year have been quite successful and we are hoping for a record year that will allow us to increase our charity budget in 2016.



The Division thanks our Brothers at the Fr. Judge, Monsignor Bradigan, and Father Lynch Divisions, and the Virginia Ladies AOH for assisting in our raffle ticket sales on a 50/50 franchise basis. We certainly believe the arrangement was mutually beneficial and we look forward to similar cooperative efforts in the future.

All of our Brothers and friends are invited to join us on October 15<sup>th</sup> at O'Faolain's Pub in Sterling for our annual Autumn Raffle Party as we draw the winning ticket for our "Trip for Two to Ireland" raffle. There will be Irish music, door prizes, food, and frosty refreshments a plenty!

The next issue of our "*Cunningham Chronicles*" newsletter is expected soon. Please visit our Division website at: [www.aohloudoun.org](http://www.aohloudoun.org) ---to check it out!

In our Motto,

*Bob Fay*

Bob Fay

President

Col. Thomas J. Cunningham Division, AOH 44LO01

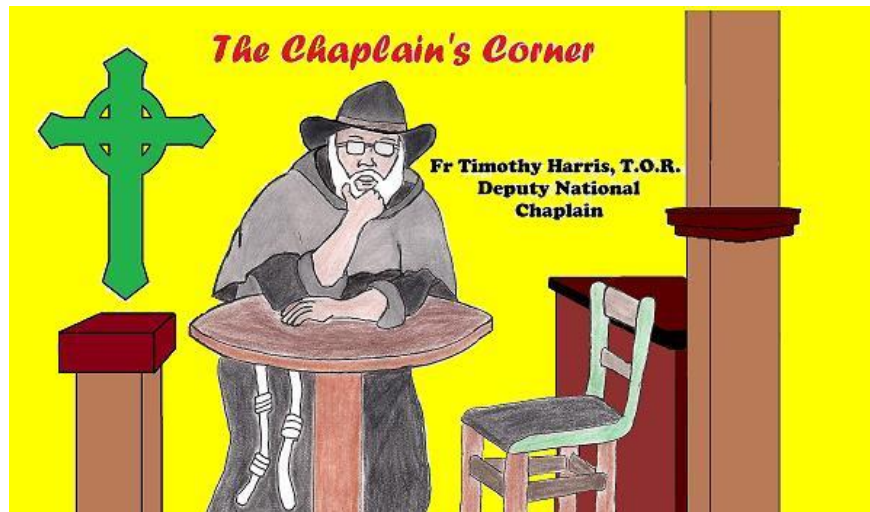
## Father Timothy Update

It's official, former Cunningham Division Chaplain, former Virginia State AOH Chaplain, and former Deputy National AOH Chaplain, Father Timothy Harris T.O.R. has been reassigned once again. Father Timothy has been transferred from his posting at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio to a new assignment at the Franciscan University of Steubenville Austria Retreat Center in the picturesque village of Gaming, nestled in the foothills of the Austrian Alps. The Austria Center is housed in a fourteenth-century Carthusian monastery that has been restored to its original Baroque splendor with modern conveniences. (What a tough assignment.) We must all remember to pray for Father Timothy.

Before he headed off to his new assignment in Austria, Father Timothy did stop by President Bob Fay's home for a little refreshment, a few words of divine guidance for some of his Cunningham Division brothers, and to say farewell for now to some of his friends.



## A Few Words From Our Former Chaplain



*The following excerpt is taken from Father Timothy Harris's column Catholic Action published by the Virginia State AOH website, Father Timothy is the former Cunningham Division and Virginia State AOH Chaplain, and former Deputy National AOH Chaplain. The article was written just prior to Father Timothy's reassignment to Austria (see the article above).*

### **A Hibernian Priest's View of Catholic Freedom – Fr Timothy Harris, T.O.R.**

As I am winding down my time as Deputy National Chaplain, I am reflecting a little about the great gift of salvation that Christ won for us through His cross and resurrection. I have been thinking and praying about how Jesus sacrificed all for us, and that He sacrificed it for the Church as well. The word for church that we find in the original Greek of the New Testament is the word ἐκκλησία (ecclesia). This word does not mean the four walls and the roof of the building in which we worship. Ecclesia literally means the assembly, the congregants. It truly means the people of God.

I bring this up because it is important for us to realize that our salvation from Christ is not a singular thing. We are called to salvation through the body of Christ, His Holy Church. Through Baptism, which is one of the beautiful sacraments of initiation, we become a member of the body of Christ, grafted into the life of the Church. And as Christians, we are commissioned to evangelize the world by sharing the Good News of Christ. That is the mission of all Christians. We are all called to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

Now it is important to understand something about me. I am not a political person. It may be strange to hear this from an Irishman, but it really is not who I am. I have never been registered to a political party in my life. Before I entered the Franciscans, I lost out on many opportunities because of my aversion to politics in the work place. I simply have no stomach for it. But when I hear a politician who claims to be a Christian, make a derogatory comment about Christians in general, especially at an official breakfast for Christians, I feel the need to speak up, to witness to our faith as a baptized Christian. The president and his administration, has gone to extreme lengths to make sure that no official comment is made that connects terrorist actions with Islam. Despite the fact that Muslims from around the world, including leaders like the president of Egypt, have no problem naming members of ISIS as Islamist extremists and terrorists. Yet at the Easter prayer breakfast at the White House on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the president stated in the middle of his remarks the following: "And I have to say that sometimes when I listen to less than loving expressions by Christians, I get concerned." ([www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office), Accessed 5/2/15)



Apparently this administration has no problem naming Christians as unloving, as the president has alluded to many times in his multiple references to their malevolence during the crusades and the Inquisition from hundreds of years ago, yet will not recognize the reality of the Islamist terrorists killing many, especially Christians, with great arrogance and hatred. I bring this up because it is long past time for Hibernians to remember the history of our Order, which in its early forms in Ireland defended the faith by protecting priests and the Mass against unjust oppression. Christians today are being persecuted and killed throughout the world and are being persecuted in subtle, and not so subtle, ways right here in the United States of America. Let us never forget the words attributed to the Irish statesman and member of the English Parliament Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing." As Hibernians, we all need to fulfill our baptismal mission to share and defend the Gospel in Love, in word and deed.

My Hibernian brothers, as I offered the intention for Mass this Sunday at Franciscan University of Steubenville for our beloved United States of America, I reminded the congregation of the need to continue to stand for what is true and right, and what is guaranteed by the very first part of our first amendment of the Constitution.

We are the land of freedom founded on the most precious freedom, the freedom to exercise our religious faith. This is not only a freedom from oppression, that is an oppression from being able to practice our faith, but it is a freedom for excellence, to live in the dignity of being sons and daughters of the Father Most High.

I reminded them that, at a time when our current government leaders (including the judiciary) are moving towards limiting our ability to live out our religious faith, we must witness to what we believe, for eternal vigilance is the price of true freedom. As Hibernians, I pray that each of us will continue to have the courage to witness to our Irish Catholic Faith in our homes, work places, cities and nation. I pray that we will continue to grow in the dignity of excellence that God implanted in each of us when He created us in His Divine Image. And I pray that we will all stand true to our calling to be disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, proclaiming the truth of the Gospel in Words and Deeds, manifesting true love for all. And by our commitment, we will help to lead our nation once again to be one nation, under God.

Father Timothy Harris, T.O.R.

## **Cunningham Division Member News**

### **A Birth Announcement**

Brother Trevor Anderson and his wife Megan are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Michele Anderson, who was born on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Megan and Trevor.

### **Reminder- The New Cunningham Division Website is Up & Running**

Thanks to Brother Bob Connors, our new Division website is fully functional and is up to date with all its content. The site features Division news, calendar of events, AOH and Division history, information for potential members, links to several great Irish and AOH sites, and last but not least archives of the Cunningham Chronicles. If you haven't seen the website yet, check it out; [www.aohloudoun.org](http://www.aohloudoun.org). Let Brother Bob Connors know if you have any comments, questions, or ideas for information to be added.

**Planning Ahead for a Potential Cunningham Division Trip to Ireland**

Cunningham Division officers are exploring the possibility of organizing a trip to Ireland in 2017 for Division members and families. The trip would tentatively occur sometime in the May through June time frame of 2017, and would be organized to provide some group tours and activities while also allowing time for personnel adventures and pilgrimages. For now the officers are investigating interest among the membership for such a trip. More details would be developed and announced if there is enough interest. If you would be interested in talking such a trip please contact President Bob Fay or Vice President Jay McCarthy.

**Next Division Meeting**

The next Colonel Cunningham Division meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The meeting location is the Belmont Greene Community Center. 43003 Chesterton St., Ashburn VA 20147. All AOH Brothers are encouraged to attend our next meeting---and bring a friend. New members will be sworn in at this meeting. Remember to bring back any raffle tickets you have to this meeting.

**The Cunningham Division Prayer List**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Noah Wilson	Kay Melia
Catherine Grethel	Gertrude Hippchen
Edward Kennedy	Fr Mike Morris
Michael Goodwin	Goodwin and Weber families
Jimmy McCluster	Bill Walsh
Bill and Shiobhan Cahillane	Michael Matthews
Samantha Wanagel	Marvin Carmack
Ester Connors	Brother Dave Wilson
Joe Kober + (ROS)	Betty Kober
Bill and Meray Delaney	Max Hall
Jennifer Schadowsky	Frank Kessell
Susan Meserole	Mike Keegan
Garber Family	Gene Bransfield
Bill Halpin	Tara Wilson & Baby
Sheila Duval	Mal Goslee
Heather Bye	Frank Costanza
Pat Korten	Neil Arena
Will Gilford	Pat Colleran
Sister Beth Hays	Daughter of Sylvia Coffey



## **Cunningham Division Charities**

***“Love is shown more in deeds than in words.”***

When selling raffle tickets or conducting other fund raiser activities, we are often asked, “What is the money for?”, or “What are we contributing to?”

The following charities, organizations, and activities are supported by volunteers and financial assistance from the Col. Cunningham Division of the AOH in Northern Virginia:

### **Parish School Educational Grants for Deserving Students at:**

**Our Lady of Hope School, Potomac Falls**

**St. Theresa’s School, Ashburn**

**St. Joseph’s School, Herndon**

### **Parish Summer Work Camp Programs for Teens at:**

**Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls**

**St. Theresa, Ashburn**

**St. Joseph, Herndon**

**St. John the Apostle, Leesburg**

**St. Francis de Sales, Purcellville**

**Project St. Patrick Seminarian Support and Grants**

**Diocesan Vocation Support, Diocese of Arlington**

**Boys State & Girls State Leadership Programs in Virginia**

**Sweats for Vets Program w/Knights of Columbus & American Legion**

**Birthright and March for Life Programs**

**Hibernian Hunger Project & Loudoun Interfaith Relief Support**

**Society of African Missions (SMA)**

**National Hibernian Charities**

**Catholic Charities and Parish Special Needs**

## Irish Wit & Wisdom



### Crash Comparison

A lorry carrying copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed with a tour bus on the motorway near Dublin on Saturday shedding its load across the carriageway.

The next day the Dublin press reported that onlookers were said to be stunned, bewildered, dumbfounded, astonished, shocked, flabbergasted, startled, speechless, and amazed.

### Remember this list when someone asks "Are you Irish?"

You know you're Irish if...

- ~ The person that you insult most is probably your best friend
- ~ During your youth much of your food was boiled
- ~ You're strangely poetic after a few beers
- ~ You don't know the words but that doesn't stop you from singing
- ~ You are very good at playing a lot of very bad golf
- ~ You have no idea how to make a long story short
- ~ You are genetically incapable of keeping a secret
- ~ Tea is the solution to every problem
- ~ And holy water is the solution to every injury
- ~ Whenever there was a problem or a crisis your "Nana" called upon the entire Holy Family for help
- ~ It's perfectly acceptable to call your mother 'Mammy' even though you are a fully grown adult
- ~ Drinking 'tae' is everyone's favorite past time
- ~ You're scared of the wooden spoon

To be truly Irish? Question whether you squeezed the teabag or not.

### Murphy's Bundles of Joy

Mike Murphy and his pregnant wife live on a farm in the distant rural regions of the lovely West country. No running water, no electricity, etc. One night, Mikes' wife is begins to deliver the baby. The local doctor is there in attendance. "What d'ya want me to do, Doctor?" "Hold the lantern, Mikey. Here it comes!" the doctor delivers the child and holds it up for the proud father to see.



"Mike, you're the proud father of a fine strapping boy." "Saints be praised, I..." Before Mike can finish the Doctor interrupts, "Wait a minute. Hold the lantern, Mikey." Soon the doctor delivers the next child. "You've a full set now, Mikey. A beautiful baby daughter."

"Thanks be to..."

Again the Doctor cuts in, "Hold the lantern, Mikey, Hold the lantern!" Soon the Doctor delivers a third child. The doctor holds up the baby for Mike's inspection.

"Doctor," asks Mike, "Do you think it's the light that's attracting them?"

### **It's All in the Name**

A pregnant Irish woman from Dublin gets in a car accident and falls into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly 6 months, when she wakes up she sees that she is no longer pregnant and frantically asks the doctor about her baby.



The doctor replies, 'Ma'am you had twins! a boy and a girl. Your brother from Cork came in and named them.'

The woman thinks to herself, 'Oh No, not my brother... he's an idiot!' She asks the doctor, 'Well, what's the girl's name?' Denise.'

'Wow, that's not a bad name, I like it! What's the boy's name?'

'Denephew.'

### **The Reunion**

An Irishman, Kevin, and an American, Clint, are sitting in the bar at Cork Airport supping Guinness.

'I've come to meet my brother,' says Kevin. 'He's due to fly in from Chicago in an hour's time. It's his first trip home in 40 years.'

'Will you be able to recognize him?' asks Clint.

'I'm sure I won't,' responds Kevin, 'after all, he's been away for a long time.'

'I wonder if he'll recognize you?' questions Clint.

'Of course he will,' replies Kevin. 'Sure, an' I haven't been away at all.'

### **The Olives**

McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, he started to leave.

"S'cuse me," said a customer, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done. "What was all that about?"

"Nothing," he replied, "my wife just sent me out for a jar of olives."

**AND IN HONOR OF ALL THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES, WE COULDN'T RESIST THIS GEM:**

Reilly is walking through a graveyard when he comes across a headstone with the inscription "Here lies a politician and an honest man."

'Faith now,' exclaims Reilly, 'I wonder how they got the two of them in one grave.'

**COL. CUNNINGHAM DIVISION CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**For the Remainder of 2015**

Oct 11	Parish Ticket Sales Campaign- St. Theresa's
Oct 14	October Meeting --Prep for Raffle drawing/ party
Oct 15(Th)	Raffle Drawing// Party @ O'Faolain's
Nov 04	Officers Meeting
Nov 11	November Meeting--Nominate Officers
Nov 22(Su)	<u>AOH Mass @ OLOH</u> --Pancake Breakfast// Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 09	December Meeting--Election of Officers
Dec 17	AOH Christmas Party @ O'Faolain's



## 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 of the AOH recommends the following:

### **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](http://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](http://www.huntersrunwinebar.com)

### **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](http://www.neddevines.com)

### **O'Sullivan's Irish Pub**

754 Elden St

Herndon, VA 20170

Ph: (703) 464-0522

Web: [www.osullivanspub.com](http://www.osullivanspub.com)

### **ShamrockRs**

*Irish Step Dancers & Music for Party or Event!*

Web: [www.shamrockrs.com](http://www.shamrockrs.com)

All of the above businesses and enterprises have been supportive of the Colonel Cunningham Division, please support them.



Join the *Ancient Order of Hibernians* for the  
**2015 Trip to Ireland Raffle Drawing**



**When: Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7:00-10:00 PM**

**Where: O'Faolain's Irish Pub in Sterling**



(Just off Rt 7, across from Dulles Mall and near the Regal Cinema)

**Provided: Appetizers, Live Music & a Great Time**

**The Winning Ticket Drawing will be Around 9:00 PM**

**Sober Ride Bus (Road Yachts) will be available**



If you are Irish and Catholic and would like to join the Loudoun County AOH, you can contact us at <http://www.aohloudoun.com/contact/aohcontact.php> or....  
Call Bob Fay at 1-703- 568-9672 for more information.

## 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](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](mailto: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](http://www.sewfe.com). Ms. Noonan’s email address is [Deirdre@sewfe.com](mailto: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. Because this is the most popular thing for brothers to order we have included the order form and additional information on the following pages (total of four pages).



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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 suggestions, ideas, stories, better jokes, prayer requests, etc., please send them on to Mike Hippchen ([boropiper@comcast.net](mailto:boropiper@comcast.net)) or Bob Anderson ( [rctta@verizon.net](mailto:rctta@verizon.net) ).*

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



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