

Col. John Fitzgerald Division #1 Ancient Order of Hibernians 5115 Little Falls Rd. Arlington, Va.

## Report to the State President for the 2021 Annual AOH Virginia Conference – August 20, 21, 22, 2021, Glen Allen, Virginia

Division 1 members present:

- Mr. John M. Hampson President Division 1, Arlington, Virginia
- Mr. James Carmody Past Division President, Chairman of Standing Committee, Gaelic Mass Committee Member
- Mr. Alex Wilson Gaelic Mass Committee Chairman

The Col. John Fitzgerald AOH Division #1 continues to support St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Arlington, Va. by delivering food on a weekly basis to Arlington and Falls Church parish residents adversely affected (medically and financially) by the COVID 19 virus. The good news is the numbers of those in need has dwindled significantly since reductions of covid victims and an increase of the availability of the Covid 19 vaccines to the local communities.

Collection of food for St. Charles Parish is still a Division function and we made our last donation from proceeds collected at the June Division BBQ.

We have two new members that were swore in during this quarter.

We recently received word that Rev. M. Valentine Keveny, from St. Mary's Catholic Church has agreed to fill Division 1's vacancy for Division Chaplain. We are ecstatic for this great news as the position has been vacant for many years. Fr. Keveny has been the celebrant of Division 1's Gaelic Mass for the past several years. A swearing in ceremony date is still TBD.

We had a great turnout at the June BBQ at KoC for our annual Summer gathering.

Our new webmaster Graham Williams started a few weeks ago. He is a Vienna, Va. Police officer and has volunteered to develop, manage, and improve our website. Graham has made some early positive changes to our website already. Thank you Pat Shea for setting up our new webmaster for Division 1.

To increase unity among our Division, we decided to sell AOH clothing to members and family. We made a little money and plan on adding a sales section to our website. Cont.

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Division 1 is being called to support the military funeral of Fr. Kevin Devine at Arlington National Cemetery this coming Monday, 23 August at 3:00 pm. Brendan Cooney from Alexandria will discuss in detail today.

End of Report for Division 1.