



**Col. John Fitzgerald Division #1
Ancient Order of Hibernians
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President's Message

Michael Hines

I hope everyone is healthy and well. It has been a cold month so far. As I write this message there is still some snow on my house's back deck.

We had a great meeting in January and I hope to see you all at our February 6th division meeting. For those of you who are not on our division's email list, I have incorporated several items for your attention from a special post-meeting email sent out earlier this month:

A Special Committee has been established to explore division sponsorship of a fixed-price entertainment/dinner fundraiser-for-charity event similar to a "Saint Bridget's Night" that the Division hosted a number of years ago. This event would be held in the autumn in order to set it apart from our Gaelic Mass in March. The dinner could be viewed as a half-way to Saint Patrick's Day type activity. If you are interested in contributing to the new Committee's purpose, please let me know as all members are eligible to assist or serve as Committee leadership.

Our annual Gaelic Mass is set for Monday evening, March 14 at Saint Thomas More Cathedral. This is our division's keystone event; everyone is being asked both to lend a hand and to promote attendance at the Mass. If you know of Catholic school teachers or similar Catholic organizational leaders who could share information about the specialness of this Mass with their students or members, please do so. Promotional actions are beneficial to ensuring significant attendance. In addition, if you know someone with a musical bent or possessing foreign language skills, please invite them to join our Gaelic Mass Choir that complements the liturgy. Contact Brother Alex Wilson, our Gaelic Mass Committee Chair, for more details.

Brother Jim Carmody indicated that he has access to Gaelic Football matches on his home TV and that division members would be welcome to watch the Kerry-Dublin match on Saturday, February 5 at 2 PM. Please contact Jim for information on how to get to his house.

Remember that we each benefit from our membership by supporting one another through fellowship, heartfelt conversation, and individual and group prayer; our actions are guided by the AOH motto "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity."



Upcoming Events

February 6th – Division Meeting
1:30pm, EDW Old Home

March 13th – DC St. Patrick's Day
Parade (unless cancelled per Covid)

March 14th – Gaelic Mass, St. Thomas
More Cathedral, 7:30pm

March 17th – Division St. Patrick's Day
Commemoration – To Be Discussed

Dues

Thanks to those who have paid already.
Those who have yet to pay please send
your \$35 (\$70 if you are late with 2021),
-- checks made payable to AOH -- to:

Chris O'Connor
5013 S 12th St
Arlington, VA 22204

If you still owe for 2020 or 2021 (and
get a hard copy newsletter), an addressed
envelope is included with this
newsletter.



Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for the division,
our leaders, and the committee to
reinvigorate the division, as well as for
our clergy and those discerning a
vocation. As always, keep praying for
the repeal of Roe vs Wade. Please also
pray for the people of Tonga as they
struggle to rebuild after the tsunami, and
for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

If you know of anything that our
members should pray for (in hope or
thanksgiving) call Brother Chris
O'Connor (703) 283-5720 or send an
email to chris.oconnor@avendra.com



Local Irish Events

March 12th -- Shamrockfest –
RFK Stadium

March 25th – The High Kings
The Birchmere

March 26th – Riverdance
The Kennedy Center