



**Col. John Fitzgerald Division #1  
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and I will update the division at our next meeting regarding the outcomes of the state board meeting and national Zoom call (that VP Alex Wilson connected to).



### **President's Message**

Michael Hines

Brothers: The National AOH bi-annual convention in Pittsburgh is rapidly approaching (July 13-17). Our division will have a voting delegate (and perhaps a second as a County). The Virginia State Board should be letting us know soon how many total delegates we will have allotted to us to participate at the convention. I plan to attend as a voting delegate to represent the division as president. There are some very important items regarding the future of the AOH to be voted on by delegates at this convention. The division, however, needs to identify Alternates in case something was to cause me to miss attending the voting sessions. Please let myself and our Financial Secretary know if you can serve as an alternate delegate for the convention. Note that the cost of staying overnight at the convention hotel cannot be reimbursed by the division; we simply do not have the financial resources.

Our next meeting on 5 June is also our annual spring cookout. If you can, please bring a side-dish to share. We will have a brief meeting beforehand. I attended the quarterly Virginia State Board meeting in Leesburg on 7 May

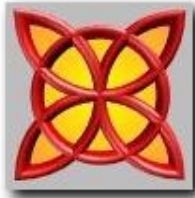
Brother Jim Rocco and I received the Major Degrees during ceremonies held after the state meeting. I encourage all brothers who have not done so, to participate in future opportunities to receive the Major Degrees. It is a worthwhile experience.

Is anyone interested in getting together for coffee and pastry/breakfast food in the morning around 8 AM some weekday morning? In addition to sipping hot or cold-brewed beverages we can share stimulating conversation and perspectives about world issues (perhaps ones that only we can solve). Let me know if you have a preferred date or commercial location in the Arlington or Falls Church areas. The Panera on Route 7 in downtown Falls Church seemed to work on Saint Patrick's Day morning. Do look for an email from me to those on the division's on-line distribution list for a short-notice pop-up invite to gather with me for coffee one morning in the coming days! See also the note at the bottom of this newsletter regarding social events that we as a group may wish to attend.



## Upcoming Division Events

**June 5th** – Division Meeting & Cookout  
1:30pm – EDW Old Home and Grounds



## Dues

Don't forget to send in your dues!  
If you have an envelope addressed to  
Chris within your newsletter, please  
either send in your \$35 dues or a note  
that the notice was sent in error.

Send checks, made out to AOH to:

Chris O'Connor  
5013 S 12<sup>th</sup> St  
Arlington, VA 22204

We wish Chris safe travels and a healthy  
stay during his trip this month to Ireland.



## Prayer Corner

Please pray for our new priests and  
deacons, and the speedy recovery of our  
past president John Hampson

Please also pray for peace in Europe and  
a smooth transition in the Stormont  
government for Northern Ireland.

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



## Upcomming Irish Concerts

June 12th  
Gaelic Storm  
The Birchmere 7:30pm

July 17th  
The High Kings  
The Birchmere 7:30pm

**Brothers: Do we want to try and  
organize an outing to either one or  
both of these events?**