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**May 2022**



**President's Message**  
**Michael Hines**

Brothers: Our next division meeting is set for **Sunday, May 1 at 1:30 PM**. I look forward to seeing all of you then. We have a **very important topic** to discuss as a Division, and as AOH members, at this meeting. I recently participated in an Order-wide Zoom conference session hosted by the National President for all division presidents. I am pledged to share with you the contents of that session only during an AOH meeting. Therefore your participation at our upcoming meeting is critical in order to learn about and understand new developments and to help guide the way ahead. There will be additional Order-wide, leader-focused on-line sessions over the next two months in advance of the national

convention to be held in Pittsburgh this coming July.

I want to highlight another recent event I participated in. On Monday evening 18 April, Division members and their families met for dinner at Ireland's Four Provinces restaurant in downtown Falls Church. Brother Don Whitley organized this social activity as an occasion to commemorate the reading of the Easter Proclamation in Ireland in 1916. A wonderful time was shared by all present, enjoying good food, clinking glasses of "ruby red", and relating entertaining stories of times past. Everyone agreed that partaking in a similar dinner experience was an event to plan for again.

Take note that the next Virginia State Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 7 May at 9 AM in Leesburg. I plan to attend. Additionally, the State

President also indicated that the Brian Boru Degree Team is offering to exemplify the Major Degrees there in Leesburg if at least 20 brothers State-wide sign-up to attend. **Check-in for the degree process is 12:30 PM** with a 1:30 PM start time. Candidates should dress in a sports coat and dress slacks, present a valid membership card, and pay a \$25 fee. If you haven't done so yet, please consider participating to receive the Major Degrees. Contact me so that I can let the State Board know beforehand the number of our intended recipients on 7 May.

Remember we have several special and standing committees that need your support and participation to help the division move forward in its activities and attain future goals.



## Dues

Don't forget to send in your dues!  
Please send in your 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  
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If you would like an emailed newsletter, please send your email address to [chris.oconnor@avendra.com](mailto:chris.oconnor@avendra.com)

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## Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for persecuted Christians around the world and for an easing of tensions in the north of Ireland. Remember to pray for the people of Ukraine as their nation struggles to resist aggression, displacement, and destruction.

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)



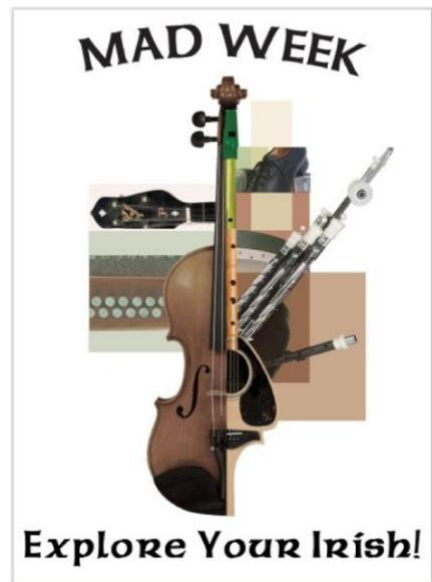
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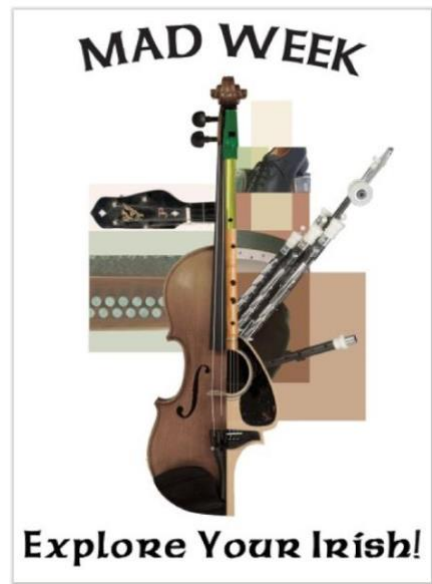
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