



**Col. John Fitzgerald Division #1
Ancient Order of Hibernians
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September 2022



President's Message

Michael Hines

Brothers: Our next division meeting is set for **Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM**. We will meet the second Sunday of this month due to the Labor Day holiday. I look forward to seeing all of you then. We have an important item on our agenda. The Virginia State Board President has asked if our division could host a State Board meeting in October. We need to discuss our capability as a division to respond to and support that request.

In July I attended the AOH National Convention in Pittsburgh and represented our division as a voting delegate. The controversial proposal to change membership criteria was voted down by the delegates. Virginia had all of its 30 voting delegates in attendance at the convention. I will have more feedback from the national convention to share with you at our meeting on 11 September. One observation that I wish to share with you now is that the strength and viability of the AOH in the future depends on active divisions across the Order creating a welcoming environment to attract and retain new and younger members.

I want to thank Brother Jim Carmody who over the spring and summer opened his home on weekends to members of the local Irish American community and fellow AOH members to watch on TV from Ireland GAA Gaelic Football and Hurling matches, including the All Ireland final championship games. His family provided hospitality and delicious food, beverages, and snacks to those who viewed the exciting matches. Jim helped explain the game rules and finer points of strategy for those new to viewing GAA sports.

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. I have found that my own satisfaction with my AOH membership has grown with my participation in sponsored activities and events and in holding division offices. I have gotten much more out of being a Hibernian than I anticipated by interacting with fellow Brothers at State and National meetings and by attaining the Major Degrees. I hope you will feel the same.



September Events

September 11th – Division Meeting
1:30 PM K of C Old Home



Dues are Due

Brothers, if you have not sent in your 2022 (there's still quite a number of you) dues then please send your \$35.00 to:

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



Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for peace in the world and please also remember to pray for Ireland as the church there continues to dwindle.

Please continue to pray for the peoples of Ukraine as their nation struggles to resist aggression, displacement, and

destruction. Also keep in your prayers the people in both the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland as they face continuing political and social challenges. They may also face energy shortages in the coming winter months due to disruptions in European energy supplies.

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

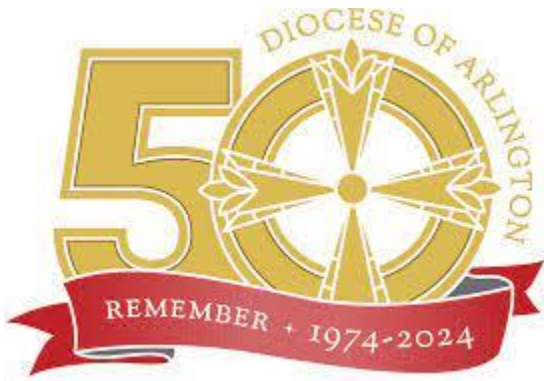


Upcoming Irish Concerts

October 8 – Pat Carroll in Concert
Murphy's Pub - Haymarket, VA
4pm
Sponsored by the Alexandria AOH

October 27 – Altan
The Barns at Wolftrap, 4pm

October 30 – Rakish
Celtic Fiddle Duo
Hill Center at the Old Navy Hospital
921 Pennsylvania Ave SE, 4pm



Celebrating 50 years as a Diocese

As part of the celebrations there will be a recital of music inspired by the holy mass at The Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria

**Sunday, September 11th
At 7pm**

Local Catholic professional musicians will share their faith and insights as they offer us the best of our musical tradition, enlivening hearts and enkindling fervor for the treasure of our Church, the Liturgy, and the Eucharist.

