



# The Cunningham Chronicles

The Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr. Division  
The Ancient Order of Hibernians In America

October 2018

News/ Views/ History/ Irrational Thought & Other Good Stuff

## And the Winner Is.....!



*The winner of the 2018 Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle Daniel Legarda, at center, stopped by the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party after he found out he had won. Celebrating with Daniel are (l to r) P.P. Bob Fay, Father Joseph Farrell (Division Chaplain), President Cole Slattery, and P.P. Jay McCarthy*

**The 2018 Half-way Party and Raffle Drawing, the National AOH & LAOH Convention, The Poor Irishman's Golf Outing, Summer Festivals, New Members, Many More Division Activities**

**This issue of the Cunningham Chronicles summarizes the Division news from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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## Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Celebration And the Raffle Ticket Drawing

The COL Cunningham Division of the AOH and the Daughters of Erin of the LAOH jointly hosted the annual Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party at O'Faolain's Irish Pub on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The highlight of the party was the drawing for the winner of the COL Cunningham Division's Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle. Along with the raffle ticket drawing there were dozens of door prizes, great food, great beverages, and live entertainment. It was a great night of fun for everyone who attended. Special thanks to Brother Mike Egan who purchased a bottle of 18-year-old Jameson to use for a special toast by the Division.

The COL Cunningham Division was proud to welcome special guests Father Mark Moretti from Christ the Redeemer Parish, and Division Chaplain Father Joseph Farrell from St. Timothy's Parish. Father Farrell did the honors of drawing the winning ticket for the raffle. This year's winner, Daniel Legarda, is a parishioner at Our Lady of Hope Parish and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our Lady of Hope School is one of the recipients of the Cunningham Division's annual Catholic Education Grants. Congratulations to our winner and to all the people who bought tickets in support of the Cunningham Division Charities. We like to think that every ticket is a winner because of all the good work that is done by the Division's education grants, seminarian support, and charitable gifts. A special thank you to all the men and women of the Cunningham Division and Daughters of Erin who sold tickets. Because of hard work by a lot of brothers and LAOH sisters, this year's raffle ticket sales set a record which means there will be more funds to use for division charities and activities.

The following pictures are just a few of the many attendees and highlights from this year's party.



*A portion of the large turnout at O'Faolain's for the Half-way Party.*



*Rick Parker, Jay McCarthy, Tim Kinslow, Father Moretti, Connie Anderson, Margie McCarthy and Susan Parker*



*Maureen and Dan Whalen with Maureen's brother and his wife.*



Tricia Ostrander with mom and dad Dick and Christine Mountcastle.



The Cahillane family; Bill, Siobhan and Finbar.



Jack Devins and P.P. Jim Sinnott



Debbie Melia and friends.



The Slatterys; President Cole, Annette, and daughter Lauren.



Amy and Steve Rogers.



Four really ancient Hibernians with Father Farrell.



Margie McCarthy wins one of the first door prizes.



Connie Anderson and Father Farrell.



Master of Ceremonies, P.P. Bob Fay and President Cole Slattery giving out door prizes.



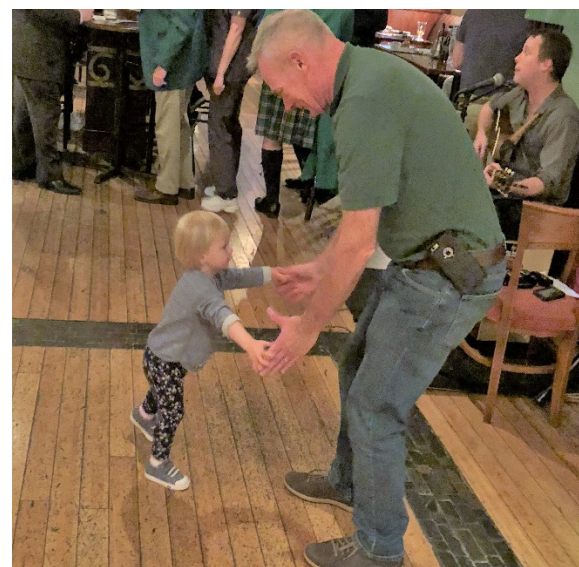
President Cole Slattery with grand-daughter Annabelle.



A Hibernian toast to all the winners and supporters of the AOH. Special thanks to Brother Mike Egan for provided the beverage.



Father Farrell draws the winning Trip for Two ticket.



Did we mention there was dancing? Cole's grand-daughter Annabelle takes Greg Wholean for a spin.

## 2018 National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians

The COL Cunningham Division, in fact the entire State of Virginia, were well represented at this year's bi-annual national convention of the AOH held in Louisville, Kentucky. The Daughters of Erin were also represented at the LAOH convention held at the same time. (See the separate story and photos later in this edition of the Chronicles.) COL Cunningham brothers at the convention were Past Presidents Jay McCarthy and Bob Fay, and Dennis Corrigan. Past Presidents McCarthy and Fay were attending in their roles as Virginia State AOH Board members (Vice President and Treasurer respectfully). Brother Corrigan attended as a delegate for the COL Cunningham Division. Special thanks to Brother Corrigan for stepping up to be a delegate and his service at the convention.

The nation convention is held every two years, alternating years with the individual state conventions. The convention featured the election of national officers, review of proposals before the delegates, summaries of AOH business for the last two years and the installation of the newly elected officers. Social activities of the convention included golf, tours of Louisville sites, hospitality gatherings, and the occasional party or two. A great time was had by all of the COL Cunningham and Daughters of Erin delegates as can be seen in the photos below.



*The Virginia delegation to the National AOH Convention. COL Cunningham Division delegates Dennis Corrigan (left end), State Vice President Jay McCarthy (left of center) and State Treasurer Bob Fay (right of center).*



*Virginia State VP Jay McCarthy, National President Judge James McKay, National VP Danny O'Connell, and Virginia State Treasurer Bob Fay.*



*Our delegates found an Irish pub in Louisville. (left to right) Dennis Corrigan, Bob Fay, Jay McCarthy, Linda Fay, Celeste Corrigan and Margie McCarthy.*

## 2018 Education Scholarships to our Catholic Schools

Perhaps the most significant charity supported by the COL Cunningham Division is our support of Catholic education through the awarding of Education Grants to two students at each of our three Catholic elementary schools. The educational grants are the biggest single monetary amount budgeted each year in our Charities Budget and has become a significant public display of our pride in Catholic Schools and our deep appreciation to the Parishes that support us.

The year's award recipients were Megan Arens and Jackson Herrera at St. Theresa school, Jack Duren and Sam Kilkeary at St. Joseph's School, and Melissa Vinh and Mikael Fissehazion at Our Lady of Hope School.



*Megan Arens receiving her award from Division President Cole Slattery, with Father Richard Guest and the school Principal.*



*Jackson Herrera receiving his award from President Slattery with Father Guest and the school principal.*



*St. Joseph School award recipients Jack Duren and Sam Kilkeary with Past President Jay McCarthy.*



*Our Lady of Hope School award recipients Melissa Vinh and Mikael Fissehazion at Our Lady of Hope School with Past President Bob Fay (Mikael could not be present so his younger brother Ankael accepted the award on his behalf).*

## Colonel Cunningham Division News

### Francis and Theresa Get Married

Its not often we publicize a wedding in pages of the Cunningham Chronicles, but this was something special. COL Cunningham brother Francis Thornton and Daughters of Erin sister Theresa Beabes were married at Our Lady of Hope Catholic church with family, friends and three priests in attendance. Yes, three priests! Who gets three priests? Maybe an ambassador or head of state, and Francis and Theresa. The wedding Mass was concelebrated by Father William Saunders, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope; Father Joseph Farrell, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Hope and Chaplain of the COL Cunningham Division; and Father Timothy Harris, immediate past Chaplain of the COL Cunningham Division. Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Thornton.



*Father Farrell, Father Saunders, Francis and Therese Thornton, and Father Harris.*

### New Brothers

The COL Cunningham Division welcomes the following new brothers who have joined since our last edition of the Chronicle.



**April 2018;** B. Paul "Tony" Cotter, Jr. and B. Paul " Berm" with President Cole Slattery.



**August 2018;** Francis Hinnegan, and Terrence Henretty with President Cole Slattery.

### The Poor Irishman's Golf Outing

It was a beautiful day for golf and a great gathering of AOH and LAOH members for the annual Poor Irishman's Golf Outing at the Sterling Golf Club on August 17<sup>th</sup>. P.P. Bob Fay organized and emceed the event which included golf, dinner and a multitude of golf and door prizes. Great job once again Bob.



### Congratulations to our Newest Brothers of the Round Tower

The COL Cunningham Division is proud to announce the following Brothers received the lessons of the Round Tower Major Degree in our honored Order on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; Steve Rogers, Frank Hinnegan and Paul Rowane



### The 2018 Ballyshaner's Alexandria Irish Festival

The annual Ballyshaner's Irish Festival was held in the riverfront park in Alexandria on August 25<sup>th</sup> under sunny skies and warm temperatures. AOH brothers and LAOH sisters turned out in force to help sell raffle tickets for the Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle. It was a great festival, as always, and a great source of ticket sales.





## COL Cunningham Division, Hibernian of the Second Quarter

Each quarter of the year a brother of the COL Cunningham Division is chosen as the Hibernian of the Quarter in honor of their outstanding service to the Division. The For the second quarter of 2018 is brother Dennis Corrigan. The citation of his award is below.



Mr. Dennis Corrigan  
COL Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Div.  
Ashburn, VA

June 13, 2018

Brother Dennis:

On behalf of the officers and members of the COL Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Div. of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, it gives me great pleasure to announce you as the Division's Hibernian of the Quarter for the second Quarter of the 2018 fraternal year.

Since joining the Division, you have not only completed the degrees of the Order and have emerged as a steadfast, loyal, and trustworthy Leader and Brother when it comes to selfless service to the Division and our Order.

As our Division's Marshall, you have robustly taken a leadership role by bringing order and discipline to our meeting structure and as a candidate leader during our exemplification of the Shamrock Degree.

Your donation of a 10X10 tent to the division provides welcome shelter to our Brothers engaged in offsite charities such as the annual Ballyshaner's festival.

Your wiliness, at your own expense, to represent the Division as a Delegate to the 2018 AOH National Convention in Louisville KY is greatly appreciated and will have an impact for the good upon our Division and the Virginia State Board.

Your sustained efforts continue to have a tremendous impact upon our members as a sterling example of faithful service as evidenced by your dedicated participation to numerous division charitable and social events.

Your impact to the Cunningham Division is profound and deeply appreciated.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done.

In Our Motto!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cole Slattery".

J. Cole Slattery  
President  
Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division  
Ancient Order of Hibernians

## The President's Report



*The following is extracted from Cunningham Division President Cole Slattery's last two quarterly reports to the Virginia State AOH Board 2018.*

**COL Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division  
Loudoun, Virginia  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2018 Report**

**January:**

- **19 January;** A few Brothers of the Cunningham Div. participated in the March for Life in Washington D.C.
- **20 January;** Brothers of the Division participated with the Sweats for Vets delivery at the VA Hospital in Martinsville, WV. In addition to the Sweats, the Division donated \$500 in support of the hospital's Veteran residents

**February:**

- **1 Feb:** The Division held their first exceptional single malt tasting and dinner. A charitable fundraiser (proceed to support the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of the Military Services)
- **11 Feb:** Marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cunningham Division's Charter and celebrated with a corporate communion at Our Lady of Hope and brunch at O'Faolain's
- **21 Feb:** General Membership meeting and Shamrock Degree where four Brothers received the honors of the Shamrock. In addition, a check in the amount of \$2,000 was presented the new member **Father James C. Hinkle**, parochial vicar at St. Theresa's Church and LT USNR to the Archdiocese of the Military Service (AMS) We received a warm note of thanks from **Bishop Broglio**.

**March:**

- **10 March:** Brothers with some wives marched in the 10 March St. Patrick's Day parade in Manassas and attended the St. Patrick's Day party at Our Lady of Hope later that evening. Special thanks to **VP Tim Kinslow** and Brother **Kevin Fay** who helped with our Irish Coffee Bar..... and turned a \$163.00 profit!
- Fight Oar Die veteran's charity – **Greg Wholean** advised the division of this veteran's charity where we voted to support the team with a check for \$420, equal to one week's food at sea.
- Our annual liability insurance was paid to the State. The \$130.50 expense is predicated upon our 87 members. Of the 14 Divisions in the State, the Cunningham Div. is #2 in membership and growing!
- Our Facebook page is on fire! Improvements to update and upgrade our website are underway. Special thanks go out to Brother **Sean Cloonan!**

- **13 March:** Brothers participated in the 13 March Gaelic Mass at the Basilica of St. Thomas More in Arlington. It was a fantastic gathering and moving celebration followed by a Caleigh in the cathedral basement.
- **16 March;** Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church hosts an Irish Senior Group that meets monthly, the recommendation among the officers was to send a cake to this brown bag event as a good will gesture and to possibly recruit new members. **VP Kinslow** saw that initiative through.
- **16-17 March;** St. Patrick's Day and kickoff of our annual raffle sales at O'Faolain's got us off to a resounding start with \$5,900 Collected toward our charities.
- **18 March;** Brothers of the Division and the recently formed LAOH, Daughters of Erin, participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Alexandria.
- The Cunningham Div. has instituted a new program of recognition for a Division Hibernian of the Quarter..... the first recipient was Brother **Sean Coonan!**

#### April:

- Many Brothers were in attendance for Brother **Pat Troy's** wake and funeral Mass on **6 and 7 April** respectively. What a celebration of life that was! My advice, if you would like a funeral like Pat's one day, you'll have to follow his example of humble service and kindness **"It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice"** – **Pat Troy**
- On **8 April**, I, accompanied by my wife, had the pleasure to join the Seminarians of Mount Saint Mary, Emmetsburg, MD at a special Mass and reception for organization leaders who have helped support Seminarian scholarship programs. The Diocesan Vocations Director, **Father J.D. Jaffe** was the celebrant for the Mass. We met with **Peter St. George**, a St. Theresa Parishioner and seminarian.
- It is with a heavy heart that the Division lost a true Hibernian Brother with the passing of **Pat Korten**. His wake was on **12 April** at Adams Green Funeral Home. The funeral was the following day **13 April** at St. Catherine of Siena, Pat's Memorial Celebration is tentatively planned for 20 September at O'Faolain's. Pat's obituary and details are found here: [Pat Korten](#)

#### May:

- **9 May:** Brother **Greg Wholean** attended the Honor Flight program at Dulles Airport. The Division is looking to connect with our WW II and Korean War Veterans.
- **15 May:** The Division along with the St. Louis Martin Council #15256 and Elizabeth Bayley Seaton Assembly #1781 hosted a farewell dinner for **Father Jim Hinkle**. Thirty-seven attended the dinner to bid a fond farewell.
- On **16 May** we lost Brother John DeLaney, a member new to our order joining January 2017. Unfortunately, due to ailing health, John was not able to participate in fraternal meetings or service activities. John's obituary and details are found here: [John DeLaney](#)
- Project St. Patrick is the Order's Vocation program and the National Board is seeking 100% participation from all Divisions in the Order. The Cunningham Division donated \$500 in the name of **Father Joseph Farrell**, Division Chaplain for a scholarship directed to a seminarian in the Diocese of Arlington.

#### Future Quarter Major Events:

- **17 August:** We will host our Poor Irishman's Golf Outing and BBQ at Sterling Golf. This has turned into a well-attended and fun event with families.

- **25 August:** The Division will participate in the **Ballyshaners Festival** in Old Town Alexandria at Waterfront Park. This a fun filled event and a great revenue source for Raffle Ticket sales.
- Looking at **20 Sep** as the date for **Pat Korten's memorial** dinner at O'Faolain's

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J. Cole Slattery

COL Thomas J. Cunningham Division President

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2018 Report

#### July:

- Three division Brothers with wives attend the National Convention in Louisville, KY
- There was no meeting in July

#### August:

- **8 August:** General membership gathering where we were pleased to welcome two new members **Brothers Terry Henretty** and **Frank Hinnegan** who took the Oath of Admission.
- **17 August:** We hosted our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Poor Irishman's Golf Outing and BBQ at Sterling Golf. This has turned into a well-attended and fun event with friends and families with over 30 Brothers and guests in attendance. There were plenty of door prizes and we still turned a \$320 profit.
- **25 August:** The Division participated in the **Ballyshaners Irish Festival** in Old Town Alexandria at Waterfront Park. We sold 555 raffle tickets to win a trip for two to Ireland raising \$4,850 for our charities.
- The Division donated \$250 to support the State's initiative to support the Archdiocesan of the Military Services (AMS).

#### September:

- **Sunday, 23 Sep:** Half way to St. Patrick's Day at Nationals Park at 1:35. Brothers and families will attend a celebrate our heritage
- **Thursday, 27 Sep; Brother Pat Korten's memorial** dinner at O'Faolain's.
- **Parish Raffle tickle sales:**
  - St. Theresa; VP Tim Kinslow lead, dates 29 & 30 Sep and again 6 & 7 Oct
  - Our Lady of Hope; PP Bob Fay lead, 29 & 30 Sep and again 6 & 7 Oct
  - St. Joseph; PP Jay McCarthy lead, dates 29 & 30 Sep

#### Future Quarter Major Events:

- **Sunday, Oct 7;** Sign up (or donate) to run the Army 10 Miler in support of the Archdiocesan of the Military Service (AMS)
- **Thursday, Oct 18;** Halfway to St. Patrick's Day party and raffle drawing at O'Faolain's.
- The **Leesburg Christmas parade** is **Saturday, 8 Dec** at 6:00 followed by an open house!

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# The Daughters of Erin

## A Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

The nation's newest division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) has been continuing their very busy inaugural year.

### 2018 National Convention of the LAOH

Three sisters of the Division, President Margie McCarthy, Treasurer Linda Fay and Delegate Celeste Corrigan, attended the LAOH Bi-Annual National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in July. They took with them many baby shower gifts donated by the sisters of the division in support of Right to Life. The delegation attended the national LAOH meetings, voted on new national officers, and participated in the bi-annual business meeting. While in Louisville they also managed to squeeze in some time for touring, dining out and enjoyment of the many AOH/ LAOH parties.



*Delegates of the Daughters of Erin with other Virginia LOAH State Officers and AOH Virginia delegates at the bi-annual national convention. Celeste Corrigan is first on the left in the first row, Division President Margie McCarthy is third from the left in the first row and Treasurer Linda Fay is second from the right in the first row.*



*Margie McCarthy, Celeste Corrigan, Dennis Corrigan and Jay McCarthy enjoying some fun outside of the convention.*



*The Daughters of Erin delegates with another member of the Virginia LAOH delegation.*

## Daughters of Erin Division News

The sisters of the Division have been busy Collecting donations for support of right to life projects, selling raffle tickets and Irish gifts for fund raisers, conducting group outings and activities, and having a lot of fun along the way. The sisters raised approximately \$500 in baby supplies for Birthright at the September meeting. Our gifts were received with open arms and many thanks for this great cause. We are a small group but were able to make a difference in so many lives.



*Selling raffle tickets at the Ballyshaner's Irish Festival and enjoying the sun Celeste Corrigan, Angelina Crew, Terry*



*Margie McCarthy selling raffle tickets outside of St. Joseph's with Rick Parker.*



*Visiting the St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland.*



*Some team building fun in Ashburn with art.*



*The Daughters of Erin with some of the many baby shower gifts for Birthright in Leesburg.*



*Margie McCarthy and Connie Anderson delivering the baby shower gifts at Birthright.*

## Current Activities of the Daughters of Erin

### 40 Days for Life

Each Saturday for 6 Saturdays we have a chance to pray to end all abortions. This is peaceful way to pray the rosary together. See our website for the calendar and details.

### LAOH Writing Contest Began October 1st

Each year the Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians sponsor a writing contest for students in middle school and high school, public, private, and homeschool. Our newly formed local division, the Daughters of Erin, are participating in the 2018-2019 contest. A first! The winners of our division contest will have their entries sent on to the state competition. We invite students to explore this year's theme, "Heroes and Heroines in Celtic Mythology and Celebrations", and submit an entry written according to the contest rules and guidelines by November 15, 2018. The necessary information may be found on our website (see below). Interested students may download and copy the forms as needed.

## Charities the Daughters of Erin Support

The Archdiocesan Military Ordinariate  
Columban Brothers  
Columban Sisters

Project St. Patrick  
Right to Life  
Project Manger

Birthright  
St. Lucy's  
Project Rachel

## Upcoming Events for the Daughters of Erin

November 28, 2018	General Meeting & Trivia Night	O'Faolain's Pub
December 1, 2018	Christmas Market	Our Lady of Hope Parish, Potomac Falls
December 8, 2018	Christmas Parade	Downtown Leesburg
December 13, 2018	AOPH/ LAOH Christmas Party	O'Faolain's Pub, Sterling

## Officers of the Daughters of Erin

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**For more information on the Daughters of Erin check out:  
our Website: [www.laohloudounva.com](http://www.laohloudounva.com)  
and our Facebook page**

## Irish Wit & Wisdom

### PUSHING CASEY

Paddy and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door.

Paddy got up and went to the door where drunken Casey, standing in the pouring rain, was asking for a push.

"Not a chance," said Paddy, "it is 3:00 in the morning and your drunk."

He slammed the door and returned to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just Casey, drunk as a lord asking for a push," he answered.

"Did you help him?" she asked.

"No, I did not, it's 3 am in the morning and it's bloody pouring rain out there

"Well, you have a short memory," said his wife.

"Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down,

Casey and Sean helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunken people too you know."



Paddy did as he was told, got dressed, and went out into the pounding rain.

He called out into the dark, "Casey, are you still there?"

"Yes," came back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" called out Paddy.

"Yes, please!" came the reply from the dark.

"Where are you laddie?" asked Paddy.

"Over here on the swing," replied Casey.

### The Talking Dog

A tourist is driving around the back roads on the beautiful West coast of Ireland and he sees a sign in front of an old cottage: 'Talking Dog For Sale'.

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Irish Setter sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Aye, I certainly do,' the dog replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Irish Setter looks up and says, 'Well, I come from the States and discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so... I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...





But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'

'I got married, moved here to Ireland, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'



The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten Euro,' the guy says.

'Ten Euro? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a liar and I'm sick of his Blarney! He's never been out of the yard.'

### **At a Snails Pace!**

Mrs. O'Reilly returned home from a vacation to France where she had taken a cooking class. She tells her husband Paddy she is going to prepare him a special meal and he is to go down to Sean's Market and buy two dozen escargot, which she explains to Paddy are snails. Mrs. O'Reilly admonishes Paddy to come right home, no stops at the pub, because she wants to have escargot for dinner. Paddy buys the snails and is on his way home but alas, his route takes him right by his favorite pub. Just one he tells himself. Well, perhaps another he says after having the first pint. The company is good, the tales are tall, and Paddy finds himself having three or four. As Paddy heads home he realizes it has become dark and knows his lovely wife will be waiting and sharpening her tongue for him. As Paddy opens the gate to home the porch light comes on and he hears the door begin to open. Paddy quickly empties the bag of escargot on the ground and says in a loud voice "Come on now lads! You're almost there."

### **The Donation**

Father O'Malley answers the phone.

'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'

'It is!'

'This is the IRS. Can you help us?'

'I can!'

'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'

'I do!'

'Is he a member of your congregation?'

'He is!'

'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?'

'He will!'

### **Choices**

\_Wife: 'Do you want dinner?'

Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'

Wife: 'Yes or no.'

### **Lemon Squeeze**

There was a religious young woman named Brigid who went to Confession.

Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'

The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.'

The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend Sean made mad passionate love to me seven times.'

The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven

lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'

The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'

The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'

**Senility**

An elderly man went to his doctor and said, 'Doc, I think I'm getting senile. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up.'

'That's not senility,' replied the doctor. 'Senility is when you forget to zip down.'

**The Outdoorsman**

During his physical, the doctor asked Casey about his daily activity level.

He described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand and took four leaks behind big trees."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoorsman!"

"Not really," he replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer." !

**Patriotic Tithing**

The Pastor was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the homily, the Pastor paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "*The Star Spangled Banner*."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

**Traffic Ticket(s)**

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."

Mulligan, the driver says, "Goodness, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60; perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear" -- you know that this car doesn't have cruise control"

As the officer writes out the ticket, Mulligan looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once!?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well dear you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, Mulligan glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth,

"Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine" Mulligan says, "Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, Mulligan turns to his wife and barks, "WILL YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"  
*I love this part.....* "Only when he's been drinking.!"

**CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS**

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church. Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.

Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

**COL Cunningham Division Calendar of Events**

November 7, 2018	7:00 PM	Officer's Meeting	O'Faolain's Pub, Sterling
November 14, 2018	7:30 PM	General Meeting	Belmont Greene Community Center
December 8, 2018	6:00 PM	Christman Parade	Downtown Leesburg
December 13, 2018	TBD	Christmas Party	O'Faolain's Pub
February 2019	TBD	Exceptional Whiskey Dinner	O'Faolain's (Details soon)
August 16-19, 2019	AOH/LAOH Virginia State Convention		Leesburg (hosted by Cunningham Division)
Sept. 24 to Oct. 6, 2019	Next Cunningham Division Trip to Ireland		Details soon



*The 2019 trip is on. The COL Cunningham and Daughters of Erin trip committee with our travel agent Niall confirming the dates and plans for the 2019 Tour to Ireland. More details to be released soon.*

## Next COL Cunningham Division Meeting

The COL Cunningham Division generally meets the second Wednesday of every month and all members are encouraged to attend. The meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Belmont Greene Community Center, 43003 Chesterton St, Ashburn, VA 20147. The next meeting is Wednesday, **November 14, 2018**. See our website; [www.aohloudoun.org](http://www.aohloudoun.org) for more details.

## The Colonel Cunningham Division Prayer List

We respectfully ask all COL Cunningham Division Brothers and all friends of the Cunningham Division to please remember the ill and needy in your prayers. Please see our website [www.aohloudoun.org](http://www.aohloudoun.org) for a complete list of all prayer request from past meetings.

If there is someone who you would like to add to our prayer list please forward their name, and if possible a brief description of their circumstances (serious health problem, special needs, etc.) to [cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com) (that's the news email address for the Cunningham Chronicles).

**Questions about upcoming events, COL Cunningham Division history, AOH history,  
or perhaps you want to see more photos of events or past issues of the Chronicles or get an application for  
membership.**

It's all on our website: [www.aohloudoun.org/](http://www.aohloudoun.org/)  
and our Facebook Page: <https://facebook.com/aohloudoun.org/>

## Recommended Irish Owned/Themed Businesses

You've asked for and here it is (well maybe you didn't exactly ask for it, but we knew that you needed this information, so here it is). The COL Thomas J. Cunningham Division recommends the following businesses. Many of these businesses have been strong supporters of the Cunningham Division and our activities and charities. Please give them your consideration.

### **O'Faolain's Irish Pub & Restaurant**

Dining & catering for all occasions! *"A real taste of Ireland"*

20921 Devenport Drive

Sterling, VA 20165

Ph: 703-444-9796

Web: [www.ofaolains.com](http://www.ofaolains.com)

### **Hunters Run Wine Bar**

Wine, tastings & light fare in a lovely country setting  
---within an *Irish Cottage!*

40325 Charles Town Pike

Hamilton, VA 20158

Ph: 703 926-4183

Web: [www.huntersrunwinebar.com](http://www.huntersrunwinebar.com)

### **ShamrockRs**

*Irish Step Dancers & Music for Party or Event!*

Web: [www.shamrockrs.com](http://www.shamrockrs.com)

### **Capital Celtic**

Irish music band performing the best Irish music for weddings, private events and pubs throughout Virginia, Maryland and DC.

571-274-8718

[www.capitalceltic.band](http://www.capitalceltic.band)

### **Caddie Tours**

#### **Ireland Specialists**

1105 Ware St. SW

Vienna, VA 2218

Ph: (866)-387-6759

[www.caddietoursonline.com](http://www.caddietoursonline.com)

## AOH Jackets, Shirts, Sashes and Name Badges

As in most organizations, there is AOH specific attire. If you are new to the Division or if you have just never gotten around to getting one of our great COL Cunningham Division Shirts, or one of those Kelly-Green Sport Coats, this information is for you.

### **Wearing of the Green (When and what to wear):**

**For semi-formal/formal occasions**, the AOH “uniform” is green sport coat, tri-Color sash, white shirt, Irish theme tie, black trousers and optional ball cap. These occasions include AOH State and National conventions, Masses, **funerals**, AOH dinners, **parades**, and other **public events**. The jackets are also appropriate at all Division meetings and events.

For **informal events** (i.e. Raffle ticket sales, Parish events, Division outings (ball games, picnics, meetings, etc.) the Division logo polo or sweatshirts (optional ball cap) are appropriate. Many brothers have already ordered the division polo and sweat shirts.

### **Cunningham Division Attire:**

#### **Name Badges:**

The Division name badges can be order directly from President Cole Slattery at any meeting or by email. President Slattery’s email is on the last page of the edition of the Chronicles. If you are a new member to the Cunningham Division your name is automatically added to the next order of badges.

Name badges should be worn at all Division and AOH events, and when selling raffle tickets. You don’t need to be wearing a Division polo shirt or green jacket to wear a name badge. The badge has your name and identifies you as a member of the Colonel Cunningham Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**Green Jacket:** Brothers procure their own green jackets and sashes.

One source: [http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens\\_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html](http://blazerdepot.com/pages/mens_blazer/augustagreenblazer.html). Visit the website to see what they have, be sure that you know the size you want; then call the 800 number to order. We have been told that if you tell them you’re with the AOH and the \$5.00 small order fee can be waived. Kelly green is the official Color.

**AOH Sash:** The AOH tri-Color sash represents the national flag of Ireland and should be worn over the right shoulder (green closest to jacket Collar) crossing to the left hip. Tri-Color AOH sashes are available from:

- LAOH Sister Patricia Ankrom. Email Patricia at [traceysbydesign@aol.com](mailto:traceysbydesign@aol.com)
- D. & E. Morrissey (954-426-3514) <http://www.hibernians-shamrock.com/donations.html>  
(The National Hibernian usually has an ad for D & E Morrissey.)

**Division Polo Shirts:** We’re sorry to report that the dear lady who had been making our division polo shirts for years, Mrs. Deirdre Noonan at Sew Fabulous Embroidery, passed away recently. Vice President Tim Kinslow took charge of locating a new source for the shirts and the first orders have already arrived. For information on ordering division polo shirts please contact Vice President Kinslow, [tpkinslow@yahoo.com](mailto:tpkinslow@yahoo.com), or come to the next general meeting to learn the details for placing an order.

## “Faugh A Ballagh”

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The AOH National Website	<a href="http://www.aoh.com">www.aoh.com</a>

If you are Irish and Catholic and would like to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians, please contact us at: [www.aohloudoun.org](http://www.aohloudoun.org) . Application form is available on the website.

### Return of the Cunningham Chronicles

*The Cunningham Chronicles is named after our original Division newsletter that was started in 1998. This version of the newsletter is a little bit different than the original in that it is intended to be distributed by email to all the members, friends, and sponsors of the Colonel Cunningham Division. Our hope is to publish the Chronicles every quarter or so. We want to include news of the Division and our members. Please forward information to us if you are taking any trips to Ireland, have any stories of personal Irish history to share, news of family events (births, deaths, marriages, special anniversaries, awards, etc.). We would like to think of our Division and our brothers as a big Irish Catholic family, and we would like to share our family stories and news.*

*If you have any member news, photos, suggestions, ideas, stories, better jokes, prayer requests, etc., please send them on to Bob Anderson at the Chronicles email address: [cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamnews1916@gmail.com)*

*Thank you to all our contributors and photographers for this edition of the Chronicles; especially Cole Slattery, Jay McCarthy, and Bob Fay.*

*Brothers, In Our Motto,  
Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity*



*“To be Irish is a Blessing. To be a Hibernian is an Honor”*