

Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Cordially invites you to the Third Annual Irish Single Malt Taste Testing and Dinner to be held at O'Faolain's Pub in Sterling, VA on Saturday, February 1st at 6:30 pm. (The Feast of St. Brigid). Those enjoying the taste testing and dinner will be limited to 30 guests; Dinner only guests will be limited to 20. The exceptional offerings (one shot per guest) of the evening will be:

Midleton Barry Crockett:

Created to honour the legacy and efforts of previous master distillery Barry Crockett, Barry retired in 2013 after working at Midleton for 47 years. During his time, Barry helped create the Midleton we know and love today, also helping to create this single pot still whiskey, regarded as one of the best in the range and a stepping stone for greater things within the Irish and wider whiskey community. A marriage of ex-bourbon casks and virgin American oak, the bottling has no age statement but rest assured that the spirit within is around 25 years old. The whiskey is made using 3 levels of pot still, light medium and heavy.

Single pot still is an Irish method of distillation originally created to avoid paying taxes. Whereas single malt is 100% malted barley distilled at a single distillery, single pot still utilizes both malted and unmalted barley mashed together and distilled at a single distillery, with historical tax being paid only on the amount of malted barley used in production. A happy side effect of the unmalted barley usage is a creamy, silky, softer mouthfeel than that of the 100% malted barley, and tastes like sipping the smooth tones of Nina Simone. This was a sure favorite last year so we decided to bring it back!

Gelston's 26 Year Old:

This wonderful 26 year old single malt, bottled for the Gelston's range, was recently revived by the creator of Whitley Neill gins- Johnny Neill. The whiskey is named for Samuel Gelston who owned a wine and spirits company in Corporation Street in Belfast in the 1830s, when he died the business was handed over to the Neill family. This whiskey is matured exclusively in ex-Bourbon casks and is bottled at Cask Strength.

Fercullen 18 year old:

An exquisitely Balanced Single Malt Irish Whiskey. Matured in bourbon barrels for over 18 years. Oak and Bourbon tones have married to deliver the perfect Whiskey for celebrating very special moments. Tasting notes reveal oak and bourbon tones which marry to give plenty of depth and character while retaining exquisitely balanced flavors: Nose: Honey, vanilla, sweet malty, spice, almonds, cinnamon, ripe fruits, rich cherries, plums and oak wood. Palate: Smooth. Layer upon layer of sweet, creamy malt, vanilla, ripe fruits, syrupy caramel, spice and crisp oak. Finish: Malty to start with a long-lasting sweet spice, malt and fruity finish.

Jameson 18 year old Cask Strength:

*First launched in 2018, the **Jameson Bow Street 18 Years Cask Strength Whiskey** is joining the **Midleton Very Rare** in the distillery's limited yearly release range. Made from Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey and Single Grain Irish Whiskey aged for at least 18 years, from a mix of ex-Bourbon and ex-Sherry barrels, it's similar to the Jameson 18 year Limited Reserve, but with three key differences: No chill filtration, delivered at full cask strength and the location of the finishing. **EYE**, Copper; **NOSE**, Caramel, sherry, coconut, Banana's Foster, Chocolate Twizzlers, roasted nuts, honey, oil, coconut and bits of dried fruit, leather and oak; **PALATE**, Caramel, herbal, honey, sherry, Strawberry Necco, spice, oak, citrus, honey, banana, cocoa, coconut and some graham and copper; **FINISH**, Long -> Oka, caramel, dried fruit, Strawberry Necco, spice, banana and ash; **BALANCE, BODY & FEEL**, Great balance, medium body and a slick oily feel.*

An exceptional dinner with a complimentary beverage or two will be prepared and provided by the O'Faolain staff.

Single Malt Taste Testing w/dinner & complementary beverage	\$150
Dinner only with complimentary beverage	\$ 50

Proceeds from this special event will go to the Archdiocese of the Military Service (AMS) to support the Military Chaplains who serve the spiritual needs of our Service Men and Women in Harm's Way.

Reservations required. This will be a "first come- first serve" situation. Please contact me regarding payment and your ticket to this special event.

Payment made payable to: Colonel Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division

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