**Col. Thomas J. Cunningham Jr. Division**

**President’s Report – April 11,2022**

BE INFORMED: BE PROUD: BE COMMITTED:

Good morning Brothers.  March is definitely upon us which means “St. Patrick Month” is very much underway! After 2 years of “no parties, no parades, no nothing” during March, we are finally getting out and making things happen as the COVID crap hopefully becomes a “faded memory”….it’s time to once again, show our green, shake a hand, hug if you like, enjoy a pint and/or a wee dram….It’s time to be Irish again in person!

This is actually going to be a somewhat short report at this time since I am up to my neck with some logistic issues associated with the events I will lay out shortly.

Regarding February activities by YOUR Division:

We held a very well attended (30+ Brothers) Division meeting on February 9th which included a Shamrock Degree involving 7 Brothers. I thank everyone who had a hand in making this evening special and memorable.

Behind the scenes, Brothers Frank O’Gara and Paul Rowane have been addressing membership issues such as a new Tri-fold and opportunities to recruit new members at our local Churches in the months to come. This will require assistance from all of us in some way once the schedule of events is formalized.

I participated in the AOH State Winter Quarterly meeting at St. Jude’s Parish in Fredericksburg on February 26th. I am happy to report that we have met all of the State and National assessments to date, including our annual insurance payment and IRS EIN renewal. Further, from an activity standpoint, OUR Division remains one of the most active Divisions among the 14 throughout the state. As I reported to State: We did not let COVID cancel all of our activities….we made a substantial contribution to FFAI (which we were recognized for by National); we had by all accounts a successful raffle campaign; we participated in collecting and distributing over 1,100 sweats outfits to the Vets; and we made tuition assistance payments in the amount of $4,500 to 9 deserving Catholic school 7th graders! My sincere thanks to those Brothers who had a part in making these events through difficult times possible….for those Brothers who cannot relate to these events, we have a number of upcoming opportunities in March that can definitely use your help. Specifically;

**March activities:**

March 12 – Manassas Parade – formation begins at 11ish – family friendly – come out and support and wear your GREEN!

March 12, 2022 – KofC St. Patrick’s Party at OLOH – **Division is not hosting its own party this year! Our Division is providing a lot of support but 1st and foremost, we need your participation to make it financially successful – details were emailed to you on 3/7/22.**

March 14, 2022 – Gaelic Mass at the Cathedral – unforgettable experience for you and your family – come out and support and wear your GREEN!

March 17, 2022 – “1/2 way to St. Patrick’s Trip for 2” kickoff at Ashburn’s Finnegan’s Grille & Irish Pub – All hands on deck for this…..please come out to Wed’s meeting for discussion!

Finally, OUR Division is currently planning to host the Spring AOH State Quarterly which will include a Major Degree….please come out to the meeting Wed to participate in discussion. As many Brothers will recall, the last time OUR Division hosted such an event, we got GREAT Kudos from not only VA Brothers but from DC and Md Brothers regarding the quality and fraternity displayed that day. We hope to replicate this event again!

I hope to see everyone on Wednesday!

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