



Ancient Order of Hibernians

Father Wm. Corby Division & Corby Associates

The **Corby** Report

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President's Corner

July---mid summer---picnics, hotdogs, fireworks, baseball, fun and sun in and on the water: life couldn't get any better! Before we say good bye to June, let me thank the ladies for a great brunch at the Fort Myer Officer's Club. The food was delicious, the fellowship rewarding, and the price simply could not have been beaten. Although we are not meeting this month, we are still planning on many activities as you can tell from the newsletter. One of the most important activities this month is the State meeting in Stafford. I would encourage all who are able to attend and show what the spirit of the Father Corby Division really means. See you there!

--- Pat McGinty

Calendar

July 4, 2009 - HAPPY 4th of JULY

Drive Safely and Drink Responsibly

July 17-19, 2009 - 2009 Biennial State Convention, Stafford, VA

Location: St. William of York Catholic Church, 3130 Jefferson Davis Highway

Accommodations: The Hampton Inn, 540-657-0999, Special AOH Room Rate \$85.00 plus tax

Friday, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Registration; 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Ice Breaker at the Museum of the Marine Corps

Saturday, 8:30am - 9:00pm, Business Meeting, Mass, Installation of State Officers, Dinner/Dance

Sunday, 11:00am - 2:00pm, AOH Major Degree (\$25.00 additional)

Upcoming Events

August 13-16, 2009 - 100th Anniversary of the Famine Monument

Grosse Isle, Quebec, Canada

September 7, 2009 - Labor Day Mass & Picnic

Old St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church and Grounds

September 12-13, 2009 - Irish Folk Festival

Blackthorne Inn, Upperville, VA

September 26, 2009 - CCE Irish Festival

Auld Shebeen, Fairfax, VA

Additional Activities

A Group of **AOH Division Lads** meet at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22150, 703-866-0860 every **Wednesday at 12:00 Noon** unless otherwise noted. All Lads are welcome to join us.

July 8th - Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA (Park in the public parking structure)

City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation gives **Irish Dance Classes** every **Tuesday night at 7:30 PM**. The classes are given by Hugh Conway at the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax City. Call 703-273-6869 for information or email ceiliset@yahoo.com. To register for classes call the Parks and Recreation staff at 703-385-7858.

Irish Dance Classes are also taught by Marilyn Moore **Saturday mornings** at the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax City from **10:30 AM until noon**. Visitors are welcome anytime. No experience is necessary and you don't need to bring your own partner. Marilyn teaches a selection of 2-hand, figure (ceili) and set dances based on the requests from members of the class. The next set of 6-week classes is to be determined. Each session will be \$30.00 for CCE members and \$40.00 for non-members. Contact Larry Frank at 703-281-0910 or lfrank2@earthlink.net for information.

The **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann(CCE) Ceili** has an **Irish Dancing and Socializing** event every **2nd Saturday starting at 7:00 PM** at the Great Falls Grange, 9819 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA 22066. Contact Kendra Swann 703-490-5207 or visit www.ceilidance.com.

AOH Appreciation Brunch

Thanks to all who participated in the Brunch at Fort Myers Officer's Club on June 7th. We had a great turnout. Hat's off to Mary Ayre for getting everyone together.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue Dedication Speech

Welcome to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue Dedication. My name is Bill Baker. It is great to see many familiar faces, families and friends.

Before the actual blessing of the statue, I want to take you on a brief journey of how this magnificent statue was developed from conception to reality. My vision was to create something significant to honor not only our daughter, Kelly, but for loved ones buried in the cemetery. It needed to blend in with its surroundings while respecting the original "gray stone" intent of the cemetery.

About 15 months ago, I approached Fr. Barkett with an idea to install a statue in the middle of the cremation gardens. With his approval, I started the search for a statue. I found three model statue's of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that met our criteria. Through discussions with Father Barkett we decided the present form would be less invasive to potential vandalism. Then I contacted Kline Memorials to act as a liaison with the artisans, Buttura & Gheradi in Vermont.

Now, I needed to determine how to raise the money. The Knights of Columbus and The Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home agreed to be the two major sponsors. I then contacted parishioners who have Loved Ones buried in the Cemetery and would support our vision.

The response was overwhelming and very humbling. It deeply touched my heart to talk with everyone of you and to hear the heartfelt stories of each of your loved ones. This special gift from above became a great lesson in love, one which I will cherish for the rest of my life.

The granite was quarried from Rock of Ages in Vermont in early December. The artisan, Guiliano, from Carrera, Italy, started the carving in late February. At the end of April, I visited their Plant to do a review.

Needless to say, I was in awe of the magnificence of the statue, meeting the artisan, Guiliano, and understanding his personality and oneness with the statue.

And here we are today looking towards tomorrow.

This has been a spiritual journey bringing this beautiful statue to reality because of a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thank you to each donor and their family for understanding this vision to honor our loved ones. On this day we pause to remember:

**KELLY ELIZABETH BAKER
CASSANDRA L. CELLA
DUANE T. HOMAN
MATILDE D. KATOEN
JOAN F. KRYTUSA**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue Dedication Speech (continued)

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To the two major sponsors, the Knights of Columbus, Council 8600, our Worthy Grand Knight and the Color Guard and the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, Mike Dougherty,

To Kline Memorials', Rick Burroughs, for his professionalism, coordination and perfection in installation,

To the Cemetery Committee, John Moar,

To my daughter, Kelly, for giving me the inspiration and my wife, Andrea, for her undivided support,

To God for giving me His guidance and His graces to bring this to the hearts of everyone here today, a place of meditation for generations to come.

Thank You!! And Happy Father's Day!

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A video will be available on the St. Mary of Sorrows and Knights of Columbus websites soon.



Disclaimer

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We are in the process of reconfiguring our new website. Should be online by the end of July. All newsletters will become available online.

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