



Ancient Order of Hibernians The Florida State Board



Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

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Florida State Past President
Joseph A LaGuardia
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Worthy President and Brother Greg Sean,

As there is not much to report on the State Organizational side from the State organizer north regarding the implement of new divisions, I will incorporate a brief summation of our William G. Hulton, Pasco division 1 happenings since I know of no other report being sent.

Our division has added 5 new members since last writing after the unfortunate loss of three dear Brothers. We are pleased that the new men seem energetic and willing to work, one taking on the vacated Vice President position and another assuming the vacated position of Financial Secretary. I am pleased to report that all members are current with their dues and other division obligations. As division Treasurer, I am pleased to announce that our per capita was paid in a timely fashion both to State and National.

After having our usual summer hiatus we the officers are anxious to get to work with the annual elections coming up within the next months and the present Officers willing to step up and keep our division tops in the State. We are looking forward to the new Web page created for our Division and will be working with our Web Master on this important endeavor.

We are in the planning stages for our annual St. Patrick's Day Mass and celebration which generates most of the funds we are able to donate to local St. Vincent DePaul societies as well as the Missions and the various National charities. Our members are working diligently in our five surrounding parishes to attract new members as well as serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, ushers etc. We have fallen short of our annual goals for charity for the last two years but were able to meet our obligations by using available division funds. Our hope is that with the influx of new members and their enthusiasm we can get back to our usual benevolent division.

Regarding my position as State organizer for the North of Florida, I had requested at the last State Board meeting to be replaced as soon as possible and have not heard of a replacement yet. I have committed my time and talents to the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, for the next two years, (unless they fire me), as the Executive Administrator to the State Deputy and hold a voting position on that Executive Board. I will be working in getting Suspended Councils back into the good graces of Supreme as well as establishing Round Table Councils throughout the State. I will be attending and representing our State Deputy at any function he is not able to attend. Bottom line, I will be doing much traveling and I do not want to short change our Order by not being able to fulfill my obligation of searching out new possible locations for new divisions. I will work with whoever is appointed to this position and I will still remain active at both the division and State levels.

I would like to commend our State President for doing an outstanding job for our State and for our Order. He and his team are human dynamos and are all over this State on our behalf. I am happy to have served with them these last two years and hopefully they will continue in building our State and our Order here in Florida. Because of this team and their tireless efforts, we ARE being noticed at National and I am sure that when the next National Convention in St. Louis takes place, we will have a viable representative on the National Board. We have increased our number of divisions and conversely increased membership, many coming to Florida with deep roots in our Divisions in the North. They bring a wealth of talent and seem to be bringing a new enthusiasm with them. Its due time for some of us "old timers" to actually step back and let the "kids" do it for a while.

In close, may God bless each of you and know that my thoughts and prayers are always with our Order and with our beloved adopted state of Florida.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joseph A. LaGuardia, Past State President
Florida State organizer, North Florida