



ár nuachtlitir



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Editor's Note...

Being Irish is very much a part of who I am. I take it everywhere with me. This quote by Irish actor Colin Farrell is a perfect segue for the March edition of *ár nuachtlitir*. The month of March is Irish American Heritage Month and the quote reminds me that we should take our Irish American heritage... *everywhere*. On March 10, Pasco County Commissioners will present our Division with a Resolution proclaiming March, Irish American Heritage Month. On March 17, the Walter G. Hulton Division (Pasco 1) has arranged a St. Patrick's Day Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace in New Port Richey. I encourage everyone to join me at these events and... *take your Irish American heritage with you*.

Did you know...

US Presidents have proclaimed March, Irish American Heritage Month since 1991? In recent years, many Governors including Florida Governor Rick Scott have also proclaimed March, Irish American Heritage Month. Proclamations by Governors can provide opportunities to promote Irish American Heritage Month at public institutions such as libraries and universities. Recognizing these opportunities, our Order passed a Resolution at the National Convention in 2004 urging all Divisions in such states to contact their public library and ask them to commemorate Irish American Heritage Month. An Irish American Heritage Month commemoration can be as simple as having a display of books about Irish American history and culture. For information, go to: <http://www.aoh.com/irish-american-heritage-month/>

Member Spotlight...



Burt Odom is our Division's newest member. Burt grew up in California. At age 17, Burt and his family moved to Hawaii in what must have been an amazing adventure. Burt's Dad owned a sailboat. So, the family sailed to Hawaii. The memorable trip took 28 days! Burt recently had another memorable event in his life. He became engaged to a beautiful lady, Eileen Daly. Burt and Eileen met through mutual friends at OLOR. Burt and Eileen will wed on June 6 at Christ the King, Eileen's parish. Not surprisingly, Hawaii is on their list of future travel destinations. Also on the list is Rome and Ireland. Burt and Eileen are both active in Healing Ministries. Burt has received formal training at Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville which is dedicated to praying with those in need of healing in the physical, emotional and spiritual areas of their lives. Burt and Eileen enjoy going to Strong Tower Winery on Forge Drive in Spring Hill. They both recommend it as a future destination for a Division social. If Burt had just one wish, it would be for everyone to have Christ at the center of their lives.

St. Patrick... following in his footsteps



Croagh Patrick is a mountain in County Mayo. It was here St. Patrick withdrew from the world for the forty days of lent, circa 441 AD. In doing so, St. Patrick demonstrated to the chieftains of Ireland that he could rise higher than their Royal mounds. Croagh Patrick is also where St. Patrick commanded venomous reptiles to cast themselves over the edge of the mountain. On the last Sunday in July, named Reek Sunday, as many as 30,000 pilgrims climb to the top of Croagh Patrick (some in their bare feet) to honor St. Patrick. The climb has taken place annually for more than 1,500 years. On average, the climb takes 2 hours and the descent takes 1 1/2 hours. *Compiled from aohflorida.org*