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Editor's Note...

Earlier this month, I was privileged to represent our Division at the National Convention in St. Louis. It was my first visit to this historic city. During my stay, I paraded with hundreds of A.O.H. brothers to The Shrine of St. Joseph (built in 1843) where the Convention's Opening Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Robert Carlson. I visited the Courthouse where the infamous Dred Scott case was first litigated (in 1847). And, I stood beneath the (63 story) Gateway Arch, that iconic monument symbolizing westward expansion of the United States. What a trip!

Did you know...

the U.S. Navy will procure a Destroyer Class DDG Ship in 2017 and there is a Petition requesting it be named in honor of an Irish immigrant? The Secretary of the Navy assigns names to vessels. Although Destroyers are traditionally named for heroes of the US Navy, Marine Corp and Coast Guard, there is a hesitancy to name a ship for non-Americans. Corporal Patrick Gallagher was born in Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo in 1944. At age 18, he moved to America and joined the Marines. In 1966, he was sent to Vietnam with Hotel Company (3rd Marine Division). In 1967, he was awarded the Navy Cross for "heroism and inspiring valor in the face of almost certain death". Sadly, he was killed later that year while on patrol in Da Nang. The online Petition is linked to <http://www.patrickgallagherusmc.info/>

Member Spotlight...



John McAdam is and has been our Treasurer since the Division was chartered on July 9, 2011. As many of you know, John also served with distinction as Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus — Council 8104. John was born in Brooklyn, NY. He met his lovely wife Lynn in Denver, CO. John and Lynn have 4 children including Timmy who passed and is with our Lord. They also have 6 beautiful grandchildren. John and Lynn love mountains. Not surprisingly, their favorite travel destination is the Mile High City of Denver. John's favorite movie is Field of Dreams. John enjoyed a long career in Accounting. Once, a client asked if he could take a tax deduction for a cat's funeral. Unfortunately, John declined to identify the Brother Hibernian (or Knight) who made the request. If John had 1 wish, it would be that his children and grandchildren enjoy good health throughout their lives.

The Craic (news, gossip, fun, entertainment, and enjoyable conversation)...

Anne Anderson is Ireland's 17th Ambassador to the U.S. and the first woman to hold that important post. On September 17, 2013, the Ambassador presented her credentials to President Obama. Shortly thereafter, she attended her first public speaking event (in that role) at an AOH Convention for Divisions located in Washington, D.C. The Ambassador's most recent speaking event was at the AOH National Convention in St. Louis. During that speech, the Ambassador noted the importance of immigration reform in the U.S. She reflected upon her family's personal Diaspora experience and reminded all that for the undocumented Irish (and their families) the pain of separation is "sharp, real and sustained". She concluded by encouraging all to "embrace change and rise to the 21st century challenges of equality and inclusivity". The Ambassador's speech can be found at <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/news-and-events/>

Pub Review...



Four Green Fields is located at 205 W. Platt Street in Tampa, 30 minutes from OLOR. It is the Holy Grail of Irish pubs in Tampa Bay. The white cottage (with a thatched roof) and the rebel posters hung inside make every visit memorable. Just ask Gerry Adams who has visited FGF twice. Pints of Guinness and 4 Irish beers are sold on tap for \$5.50. The menu includes 7 Irish entrées costing \$ 14 - \$15. The Dublin Fish & Chips included 3 pieces of fish fried to perfection and a generous albeit bland portion of French Fries. The dinner also included a creamy cup of Shrimp Chowder that was outstanding. A Bleu Cheese & Bacon Burger (\$11) was cooked to order and delicious. A Turkey Rueben (\$9) was also delicious. Service was attentive. There were no Daily Specials offered during our Friday afternoon visit. There is live music Friday – Saturday after 9 PM. *Rating: 4 Shamrocks*