



# ár nuachtlitir

James Powers Division

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## Editor's Note...

St. Patrick is Alive and Well and Living in... Land O' Lakes. As previously reported here, our Division participated in the OLOR Time & Talent Ministry Fair on October 18 and 19. Please thank Carolyn Adams, wife of Division brother Randy Adams, for arranging this wonderful event. Also, please thank Terry, Forrest, John, Paul, Larry and Michael for visiting our recruiting table. They helped identify 6 potential new Division members, including a descendant of Patrick Pearse. Our successful efforts at the Time & Talent Ministry Fair could only have been realized with the intercession of St. Patrick. Please continue to pray to St. Patrick that all 6 men seek their Shamrock Degree later this month.

## Did you know...

that 12 of the 189 men who died fighting at the Battle of the Alamo were born in Ireland and that 20 others, including Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, were of Irish descent? The Alamo was a pivotal point in the Texas Revolution. Following a 13 day siege between February 23 and March 6, 1836, Mexican troops under General Antonio López de Santa Anna launched an assault on the Alamo. All but 2 of the Alamo defenders were killed. The Irish born defenders who died included Lieutenant William Jackson, Sergeant William Ward and 10 Garrison Members. Several weeks later, Texian forces under General Sam Houston defeated the Mexican troops, captured Santa Anna and achieved independence to the cries of "Remember the Alamo!". *Compiled from www.irishfreedom.net and www.thealamo.org*

## Member Spotlight...



Joe Gallagher is a Charter member of our Division and its Financial Secretary. Joe also serves on the OLOR Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils. Joe grew up in Newport, RI. For those unfamiliar, Newport is an historic seaside city on Aquidneck Island. Best known for Mansions along Bellevue Avenue, it is also the home of the U.S. Naval War College and America's Cup Hall of Fame. Joe is one of eight children. Joe's favorite memory as a boy is fishing with his Dad. Joe's favorite memory as a young man is meeting his beautiful wife, Colleen. The 2 met while Joe was attending Providence College. This past August, Joe and Colleen celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Newport with their 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Among the many other guests who attended were members of their wedding party! Joe and Colleen's favorite travel destination is St. Thomas. Joe is an avid golfer. If Joe had just 1 wish, he would wish that his family and friends enjoy good health.

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

The AOH Florida (Fall) State Board meeting was convened on November 1 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando. As you may know, there are currently no AOH Divisions located in Orlando. However, the Pastor of Holy Family, Reverend William Ennis, is in full support of establishing one. Please pray to St. Patrick that the effort to do so is successful. Fundraising and support of the Freedom for All Ireland (FFAI) Christmas Appeal was among the many topics discussed at the meeting. Florida State President and National Director, Greg Seán Canning, has been appointed FFAI National Co-Chairman. Greg Seán requested that "every Florida Division make a serious effort to support this year's Christmas Appeal". FFAI financial support is provided to groups in Northern Ireland that promote cross community cooperation, cross border collaboration, Irish history and language education and Irish unification initiatives. For more information about FFAI and a list of past recipients go to <http://www.aoh.com/freedom-for-all-ireland-3/>. Please consider joining the FFAI \$10+ Club.

## Pub Review...



Fiddlers Green Irish Pub & Eatery is located at 7813 Mitchell Boulevard in Trinity, about 20 minutes from OLOR. Truth told, it's a sports bar where 100 or more Cleveland Brown fans regularly gather to watch their beloved team during the NFL season. However, I must admit the Irish fare was very good and a bar tucked in the back had that cozy Irish Pub feel. On a Saturday afternoon visit, we were greeted immediately by our server who was both friendly and attentive. Pints of Guinness and 2 Irish beers are sold on tap (during Happy Hour) for \$5 and \$4 respectively. The menu includes 4 Irish entrées costing \$ 11 - \$14. The Corn Beef & Cabbage included a generous portion of corned beef and delicious tasting fresh vegetables. The Shepherd's Pie was a generous portion also, but just didn't have a lot of flavor. Daily specials are numerous and include \$4 pints of Guinness on Tuesdays. There is live music Friday and Saturday evenings, but it's rarely Irish. *Rating: 2 Shamrocks*