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James Powers Division

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Editor's Note...

On July 30, our noble Order will convene its 97th National Convention. All National Conventions were held in New York City until 1879. That year, it was held in Boston. This year, it will be held in St. Louis (for the fourth time). I'm excited to be going and honored to be representing our Division. If you have any questions, comments or concerns you want me to discuss with other delegates, please let me know.

Did you know...

Guinness saved Ireland? Seventy years ago, Ireland had to import vital supplies from Britain to sustain itself. In retaliation for Ireland's war-time neutrality, the British government stopped the shipments of those vital supplies. As a result, Ireland's agricultural economy was ravaged and there was fear of another *An Gorta Mór*. In order that more bread be produced for its hungry citizens, the Irish government imposed restrictions on malting barley (a key ingredient of Guinness). As Allied forces prepared for D-Day, troops in N. Ireland swelled to 120,000. With Guinness suddenly in short supply, unrest set in among those troops. When Allied commanders complained, the British government agreed to allow shipments of vital supplies to Ireland in exchange for Guinness. *Compiled from an article by Bryce Evans – Irish America*

Member Spotlight...

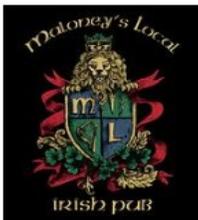


Paul O'Brien is the newest member of our Division. He is also among our most active. At Fr. Garry's farewell reception, Paul presented Fr. Garry with a memento on our behalf. Currently, he is involved with planning a Division fundraiser. Paul was born in Chicago. He met his beautiful wife Jane at the Evergreen Ballroom in Olympia (WA) during a Paul Revere and the Raiders concert. At the time, Paul was in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Lewis. Paul and Jane have 3 children and 6 grandchildren, including 14 year old triplets. During a career with U.S. Customs, Paul and his family had the opportunity to live in Korea, Serbia and (for 3 years), Dublin, Ireland. Now retired, Paul and Jane hope to continue their travels to such places as Greece and Turkey. Paul is an avid reader. He is currently reading the Harry Bosch series of books by local author Michael Connelly.

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

Rev. Jonathan Robert Emery, our new Parochial Vicar, was born May 3, 1987 in Tampa to Robert and Robin Emery. Shortly thereafter, his family moved to Plant City and became parishioners at St. Clement. Fr. Jonathan has 3 younger brothers and 1 younger sister who are very supportive of his vocation. Fr. Jonathan graduated from St. John Vianney College in '09 and obtained his Masters in Divinity from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in '14. Sadly, Fr. Jonathan's Dad died during this time. As a seminarian, Fr. Jonathan has served at St. John Vianney, St. Clement, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Timothy. Bishop Robert Lynch ordained Fr. Jonathan to the priesthood on May 17 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. OLOR is blessed to have Fr. Jonathan serve as our Parochial Vicar. *Compiled from an article on catholicweb.com*

Pub Review...



Maloney's Local Irish Pub is located at 9540 W. Linebaugh Avenue in Tampa, about 25 minutes from OLOR. Although it has the look of a street café from the outside, it's all Irish inside. Pints of Guinness and 4 Irish beers are sold on tap for \$5.65. During a Sunday afternoon visit, pints of Smithwicks were \$4.75. The menu includes 5 Irish entrées costing \$ 9 - \$12. The Bangers & Mash was bountiful and authentic tasting. A mushroom and swiss burger was cooked as ordered, but otherwise ordinary. Service was fast, friendly and aesthetically pleasing. Daily specials are numerous and include \$3 for a pint of Guinness and \$5 for Sheppard's Pie on Tuesdays. There is live music Thursday - Saturday, but it's not always Irish. *Rating: 3 Shamrocks*