

A Cairde,

When I received last month's newsletter and read through the President's Message (yes I like to read it too) I was shocked to see that our MC for Hibernian Idol Night, Brother Stephen O'Shea was not thanked. This was a glaring oversight and apologies are in order. Because of the great job Stephen did, interviewing contestants, jousting with the judges and even singing himself, the night ran smoothly and was extremely enjoyable.

So without further adieu thank you Brother O'Shea.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer thus far. Is it not great to have the kids home all day, every day. The challenge of finding something for them to do, keeping them amused etc. keeps us all on our toes.

The weather is a little too hot for golf right now, but by September it should be perfect for the Division Golf outing: There is information about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is always a great day and a very important fundraiser with the monies raised going to support the Scholarship Fund.

We will be having a Shamrock Degree in October (date to be decided). Any member who has not taken this degree will be informed by mail. Please make a concerted effort to be there.

Thank you to all the members who supported Father Cathal Gallagher in his quest to remain in the US. It goes to prove that if people stick together and stand up for what is right, great things can be accomplished.

A special word of thanks to our three Division delegates, Dennis Browne, Bill O'Donnell and Matthew Walsh, who took time out of their everyday busy lives to represent us all at the National Convention in New Orleans on July 23 -27.

Please attend the August meeting to thank them and hear a report on how it went.

Go mbeannaí Dia thú

Brendan O'Dowd

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