

Msgr. Kelly Division Newsletter - December 2015

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As outgoing President, I'd like to thank all the brothers who helped make this division what it is. I'd also like to thank all those who stepped up to be our 2016 Officers. It's always a pleasure to see new members take on these important roles. Thanks also to those Past-Presidents who provided

ideas and leadership this past year! As we go forth into 2016, let us continue our success recruiting new members, sponsoring worthy causes and promoting our goals of

Our next Division meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 7 PM at St. Joseph's Church.

Did you go anywhere interesting this past year? Maybe Ireland? Let us know and we'll post it to the Kelly Division Newsletter!

2015 Division Officers

President

-Conor Shiel
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Vice-President

-Jack Simila
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Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Now that Christmas is fast approaching, we'll be spending the next week getting ready for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Let's turn those expressions of "Season's Greetings" into "Merry Christmas"; after all, it's the reason for the season.

Thank you again for your support during 2015!

Upcoming Events

Raffle Ticket Season

Raffle ticket sales are now underway for the 2015-16 "Trip to Ireland" season. We were off to a good start at the Celtic Festival a few weekends ago. Thanks to all brothers for your sales efforts for 2014-15, which was our most successful effort to date. Let's make this ticket season even better!

Check below under [Recent Events](#) for further information.

New 2016 Officer Installation

We will install our newly elected officers listed below at the January 14, 2016 Meeting. All brothers, please bring a sash to the meeting if you have one.

President

-Matt Dullaghan

Vice-President

-Mike McGee

Financial Secretary

-Conor Shiel

Treasurer

-Bill Murphy

Financial Secretary

-Matt Dullaghan

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Treasurer

-Bill Murphy

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Recording Secretary

-Jim Calpin

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Compassion & Standing Committee Chairman

-Mike Dougherty

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Sentinel

-Bob Donovan

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Prayer List

Sherry Glover, wife of our newest member, Jim Glover, doing well.

Matt McGuire's father, Edward, who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease

Michael McHugh's son, Patrick who is hospitalized.

Kevin Hogan's mother, Louise, is in need of our prayers as Kevin's father has recently passed away. Also, Kevin's sister who is recovering from surgery.

Mike Dougherty and also his wife, Diana, who is recovering from the shingles; Mike's daughter-in-law Gale, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery and has kidney failure; also Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie.

Brian McLaughlin's parents Martin and Maryann.

Rick Brennan's wife.

Greg Riley's wife Sandra, recovering from surgery.

Please notify Mike Dougherty of those in need of our prayers or

Recording Secretary

-Jim Calpin

Chairman, Standing Committee

-Mike Dougherty

Marshal

-Frank Flanagan

Sentinel

-John Frampton

Major Degree Offering

January 16, 2016, Saturday at 12 pm - the Major Degree will be offered at St. Michael's Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060; please plan to attend if you don't have your degree already (everyone pledged to get this when they joined); if you have your degree, you're welcome to attend and watch. The ceremony follows the AOH Virginia Quarterly Board Meeting at 10 am. Please contact Conor Shiel for further information.

Virginia Board Meeting

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Virginia State Board will be on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10 AM at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Sick List and In Memorium

Please let our Newsletter editor know of any additions and deletions to the proper list.

Recent Events*to update a listing***In Memorium**

Bonnie Walsh-mother of Kevin Walsh

Irene McGee-Wife of Past President Michael McGee

Yolanda Savelli-Sister of Diana Dougherty

Kathleen Rodenburg- Wife of Brother George Rodenburg

Patrick Hogan-Kevin Hogan's father

Elwanda Cart-Glenda King's mother

Ray Olson's sister

God grant them eternal rest



Visit Deirdre Noonan at **Sew Fabulous Embroidery** on the link above to order AOH and other Irish apparel. She has a wide selection to choose from that can be embroidered with the Kelly Division AOH logo and your name.

Don't forget that the Division receives a portion your Sew Fabulous Embroidery purchases!!!

Irish History for 2015

Visit [Irish History](#) by the month. See notable events that occurred from January 1710 to now. Brought to you by "[Irish Culture and Customs](#)"



2015 Division Christmas Party



Another great turnout again this year! After an extended social hour we all dug in to dinner. Looks like everyone had Prime Rib this time.

Mike McGee had a few words to pass on after our meal and congratulated the newly elected Officers for 2016. Our outgoing President, Conor Shiel, thanked everyone for all the hard work and great fellowship for the Division during 2015 and recognized Mike McGee for his contributions to the Division since our inception back in 2010.

Dan Harrington described how, starting this year at the Christmas Dinner, the Raffle Committee will be hand-distributing raffle tickets in books of ten to our members. In subsequent Division meetings we hope to distribute one book each to all members. If you want a book before Christmas, please phone (938-8238) or email Dan ASAP and he will mail you one. **Remember, they make great Christmas stocking stuffers!**

A great selling point: there's now a second prize (\$750.00) and a third prize (\$250.00).

Ongoing Events

Support for a U.S. Postage Stamp Honoring the 1916 Proclamation

The American Irish Teachers Association is working to have a commemorative stamp issued in recognition of the Centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Such recognition is not without precedent: in 1989 the U.S.

recognition is not without precedent, in 1909 the U.S. Postal Service recognized the 200th Anniversary of France's Bastille Day and the start of ... [Read More...](#)

Ancestral Maps



Ancestral Maps of Ireland are available for purchase by Division members. The cost, for members only, is \$13.00 per map. We will be selling these maps at all of our events this year. Please contact Dan Harrington at **804-938-8238** to reserve your copy.

A Great Christmas Present!

Ladies AOH Sashes and Membership

AOH sashes can be ordered from the The Ladies AOH-Adele Clark Division. Contacts are: Patricia Ankrom-President (804-932-3331 or email: traceybydesign@aol.com) or Lucy Strutton-VP (804-326-6543 or email: lulub62764@aol.com). Individual sashes are \$60 each. For a minimum order of ten (10) the price is \$40 each.

Also, Patricia has four used sashes available for \$40 each. You can contact her for details.

The Adel Clark LAOH meets at O'Toole's at 10:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month. If your spouse is interested in joining, please have her call Patricia at the contact number above.

And they don't have to be Irish!!!

Green Blazers

Blazers (Augusta Green) can be ordered through "Men's Warehouse", located at 11500 Midlothian Turnpike adjacent to Chesterfield Towne Center -

campus, adjacent to Chestnut Hill Towne Center (804)794-9321. Single jacket purchase is \$179.00. An order of four or more costs \$79.00 each. Delivery is 6-8 weeks.

[A Little Irish History](#)

George Croghan: Irish-American 'Boy Major,' Hero of War of 1812

(From: TheWildGeese.irish by Joe Gannon)



*Where dear Sandusky's
waters glide
From storied falls, through
meadows wide,
By verdant hills on either side
To seek Lake Eiries's famous
tide:
On proud Fort Stephenson*

--- From the poem "Fort
Stephenson,"
by Captain Andrew Kemper

Among the very large number of Irish and Irish-American military heroes of U.S. history whose exploits have become lost to most Americans in modern times, we now add the name of War of 1812 hero, George Croghan.

(Left: "Repulse of the British at Fort Stephenson" from the frontispiece of "Historical Collections of Ohio," by Henry Howe, 1848.)

It's not surprising that George choose a military career. His father, William, who was born in Dublin in 1752, and was brought to the U.S by his uncle, Pennsylvania Indian Agent George Croghan. had also served. William

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was a major in the 8th Virginia Regiment during the American Revolution. He fought at the battles of Brandywine, Monmouth and Germantown, lived through the horror of Valley Forge while serving on the staff of Baron von Steuben and took part in the crossing of the Delaware and the victory at Trenton. He was captured at Charleston, SC and later paroled, and was present at the surrender at Yorktown. And on George's mother's side his famous uncles were Captain William Clark, of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and Revolutionary War hero, General George Rogers Clark.

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