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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



The Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games are this month at their usual venue, the Richmond International Raceway, on October 22-23. More information is being posted at <http://vacelticfestival.com>. This is one of the two best opportunities we have to introduce ourselves to the public and to welcome prospective members. Please sign up a shift, or two, at the

Sign Up Genius link Brother Dan Harrington sent out. Please contact me, or Brother Dan, if you have any questions about signing up.

The Celtic Festival is also a great chance to stump for our own events. The following week, on October 25, 2016, Dr. John Gordon will return to speak on the Great Famine and the impact on Irish

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Presents

Ireland's Great Hunger

Dr. John Gordon, PhD, University of Richmond History Professor Emeritus, will speak about Ireland's Great Famine, or The Great Hunger as it is more commonly referred to today, which ranks among the worst tragedies in the sweep of human history.

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Location: LaPrade Library, Room A
9000 Hull St., No. Chesterfield, VA 23236
Time: 7:00 PM

Refreshments and discussion to follow

emigration. We will be in Room A of the Chesterfield County

Library's LaPrade Brach, at 9000 Hull Street Road, at 7:00 pm. The room holds 36, so we need to get the word out in the community, and parishes, for a successful turnout. We will need volunteers to organize some soft refreshments and for room set-up. Let me know if you're available.

As we come down to the end of the year, we will need to plan for next year's officers. Please think prayerfully about taking on a new office or other ways you can contribute to help the division grow stronger.

Until next we meet, Sláinte!

Meeting Schedule

- NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Church on Oct. 13th, 2016 at 7 PM.
- Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.

Upcoming Events

- Central Virginia Celtic Festival-October 22nd-23rd.
- History Presentation-October 25th.

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Is This History?

Irish-The Forgotten White Slaves

Thanks to Brothers Jim Dunn and Jim Calpin for sending this [article](#) about James VI 's Proclamation of 1625 requiring Irish political prisoners sold to English settlers in the West Indies as slaves.

It sounds like a horrible story of abject murder, families ripped apart, homeless women and children and the drop in Irish population from 1.5 million to 600,000 in a decade. Being non-Catholic, African slaves were reportedly treated better than the Irish and interbreeding Irish females with African men was used to produce "mulatto" slaves until stopped in 1681 because it interfered with the profits of slave importing.

Is this true?

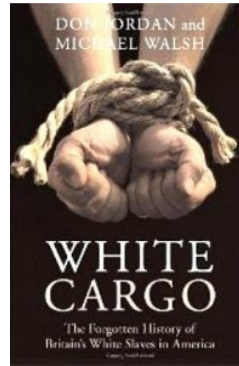
Being a little curious about the story, your editor Googled on "Irish Slave Trade" myth and came up with a vast list of references about this meme, a collection of half-truths, myths, self-serving blogs and opinions about Irish bondage. (To be exact, 2,380,000 results were returned by Google).

It is reported that there is no record of Irish chattel slavery in North America. It is also reported that there were a large number of Irish indentured servants forcibly shipped to the colonies, including a large majority that came here voluntarily.

Probably one of the better articles, "[Black Lives Matter and the 'Irish Slave Myth'](#)" gives a more global approach to the issue. The website stormfront.org, a white su-

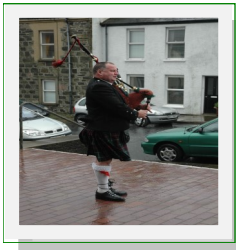
premacist organization mentioned, propagates the [same information](#) found elsewhere on the web almost word-for-word.

Can we come to any conclusions on Irish "slavery"? Probably not. There doesn't seem to be any scholarly information immediately apparent but there's certainly a lot of self-serving blogs, sites and other trolling out there. I would also refer you to "White Cargo", a reference to the pro-existence of Irish slavery. It might be a good place to start reading.



PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIUM

Prayer List



Matt McGuire's father, Edward, diagnosed with Alzheimer's

Mike Dougherty and also his wife, Diana. Mike's daughter-in-law Gale, who has heart disease and diabetes; also Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie

Brian McLaughlin's parents Martin and MaryAnn.

Rick Brennan's wife.

George Rodenberg- Now in a nursing home

Paul Kinnery-Recovering from a series of strokes

Dan Harrington—Temporarily off chemo for leukemia

Bob Strutton

In Memorium

Irene McGee-Wife of Past President Michael McGee
Yolanda Savelli-Sister of Diana Dougherty
Emma King-mother of Past Pres. Frank King, at the age of 103.
Stephen Dougherty, son of Mike and Diana Dougherty, died suddenly on Feb. 23, 2016

CLOSING THOUGHT/PRAYER



Hail glorious Saint Patrick,
we honor thy name

Tho' Erin may claim thee, the
world knows thy fame

The faith of our fathers is our
treasure too

How holy that faith that they
learned from you

Through crosses and trials its

fires burn bright

It shows us the way, the truth
and the light

Great Saint intercede, that we
always may be

Devoted and loyal true chil-
dren of our heavenly father

And the Blessed Mother and
thee

Our faith and devotion be
ever like thine

Our thoughts be of Jesus,
Our hearts, minds and souls
be his shrine

And when to the end of life's
path we have trod

Be near and intercede for us
great bishop of God

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The Msgr. Charles Kelly, Jr. Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed in December, 2009 and conducted it's first meeting on January 21, 2010 at St. John Neumann Church, Powhatan, Virginia. The next few meetings were taken up with election of officers and the many procedural items needed to get our group started.

Since that time we continue to grow, adding new members and supporting and donating to Catholic schools and Churches in the area, in line with our commitment to Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Take into consideration all those on our prayer list as well as those among the faithful departed. We are supporting the Knights of Columbus at St. John Neumann parish with their rosary tabulation (one million rosaries is the K of C goal). As our past state president used to encour-

age us, "Pray the Rosary." We have a LOT to pray for and pray about. In addition to those mentioned above we have **a lot at stake in this upcoming election in November**. I hope the US Constitution and the part about religious freedom still applies.



Links

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