

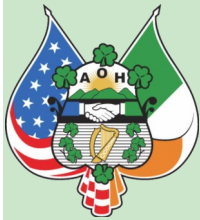
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



Happy February! As I write this, Thursday is forecast to be sunny with a high in the 40s, and I hope many of you will take advantage of the better weather and join us at our next monthly meeting on February 8. We hope to resume our Irish history highlights

and look for a good audience for them.

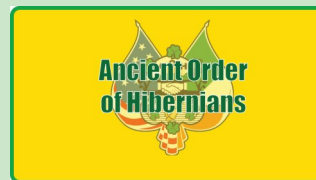
At Saturday's State Board meeting, the state officers repeatedly emphasized the need for continued efforts to recruit new members. We are strongly encouraged to appoint an additional officer to serve as our Organizer for recruiting efforts and reports. Please consider serving the Division in this new role.

Think ticket sales! We're well into the season – by the time you're reading this, we will have been to several of the parishes,

and can always use help on the remaining dates. Check the rest of the newsletter for more our committee's progress and plans for continued good sales.

Finally, the [2018 Church Hill Irish Festival](#) will be on us before you know it. March 24 is less than seven weeks away.

Sláinte mhaith agat!



Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on February 8th, 2018 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.

Dues Notice

2018 Dues are payable now. Dues remain at \$40 and, for those over 75, dues are \$20.

Please Pay at Division Meetings or mail check to:

Larry Kelly
1711 Bellevue Ave.
D1216
Richmond, VA
23227

Please make checks payable to :

AOH Msgr. Kelly
Division

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED ON THE KELLY TEAM

GREAT EFFORT!



DIVISION ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS REPORT

2018 New Officers Installation



Past President Frank King (right) introduces the incoming Division Officers at the January 2018 Meeting. From the left,

Jim Calpin-Recording Secretary

Jim Dunn-Sentinel

Larry Kelly-Financial Secretary

Jack Simila-Vice President

Matt Dullaghan-President

Not present:

John Frampton-Treasurer

Mike Dougherty-Compassion Committee

Frank Flannagan-Marshal.

Dan Harrington-

Webmaster. Present but behind the camera,

Raffle Tickets

To those who have not received a book of raffle tickets yet, the Raffle Ticket Committee will have them available at each Division meeting. Please remember that

the income derived from these sales supports our Division expenses and our contributions to local parishes and schools. The Committee thanks you for your participation.

Upcoming Events

February 24
Ash Wednesday

February 22
Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike

March 8
Monthly membership meeting, St. Joseph's

March 18
St. Patrick's Dinner, O'Toole's Restaurant, 4800 Forest Hill Avenue

March 22
Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike

March 24-25
Church Irish Festival, 25th & Main

April 1
Easter Sunday

Imbolc

Imbolc or Imbolg, also called (Saint) Brigid's Day (Irish: Lá Fhéile Bríde, Scottish Gaelic: Là Fhèill Brìghde, Manx: Laa'l Breeshey), is a Gaelic traditional festival marking the beginning of spring. Most commonly it is held on 1/2 February, or about halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Historically, it was widely observed throughout Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. It is one of the four Gaelic seasonal festivals—along with Beltane, Lughnasadh and Samhain—and corresponds to the Welsh Gŵyl Fair y Canhwyllau. For Christians, especially in Ireland, it is the feast day of Saint Brigid. Imbolc is mentioned in some of the earliest Irish literature and there is evidence it has been an important date since ancient times.

For more info, visit:

Ref: [Wikipedia](#)

Be Glad You're Irish!

A round of appreciative applause and a long, slow wolf whistle, please, for Irish men – they've been voted the sexiest in the world.

This is according to MissTravel.com, a US-based travel and dating website. In May, the site announced the results of a survey that polled "over 110,000 American singles to discover the most desired nationalities."

Out of the 66,309 women polled, 7,862 chose Irish men as the sexiest international specimens. In second place, but trailing by over 1,000 votes were Australians, followed by Pakistani men, American men and English men.

Website Update

Our [website](#) now has a map indicating where our members live. Select About/Roster/sign in and follow the directions to view the map.



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A Bit of Irish Doings

Sheep And Lambs

by Katharine Tynan

All in the April morning,
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little
lambs
Pass'd me by on the road.

The sheep with their little
lambs
Pass'd me by on the road;
All in an April evening
I thought on the Lamb of
God.

The lambs were weary, and
crying
With a weak human cry,
I thought on the Lamb of God
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue moun-
tains
Dewy pastures are sweet:
Rest for the little bodies,
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God
Up on the hill-top green,
Only a cross of shame
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their
lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of
God.

*Reprinted from The Oxford
Book of Verse. Ed. Arthur
Quiller-Couch. Oxford: Clar-
endon Press, 1900.*

The Battle of Clonmult

20 Feb 1921



*On top of roof and window,
Those boys stood up to fight,
'Til the burning of the cottage
And no escape in sight.*

Their commanding officer, Diarmuid "The Gaffer" O'Hurley (often called just Hurley), had left by car a few hours earlier with Joseph Aherne and Pat Whelan to scout the ambush location. As the column prepared to pack and travel south to Leamlara, the sentries had been pulled in. It would prove a fatal mistake.

The young men's excited conversation came to an abrupt halt as they observed movement a short distance away. It was soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment under the command of Lieutenant A. R. Koe, moving to surround the house. Dropping their canteens and drawing their pistols they sprinted back toward the farmhouse, firing as they ran. Their firing alerted the rest of the column

to the danger at hand, but as a volley of British Enfields rent the air with their loud reports, both of them fell, riddled with .303 rounds.

From the farmhouse, David Desmond looked out in horror at his brother's bloodied body lying on the ground. John Joe Joyce went down fatally wounded as well, but remained conscious, crying out that they were surrounded. The Volunteers slammed the door closed as bullets began thumping against the building. Thanks to many successful raids on RIC barracks over the preceding year, the column was well-armed. The Volunteers in the farmhouse had seventeen rifles of various sorts, Lee Enfields and carbines and three shotguns, fifteen revolvers of various types, six grenades, and sufficient ammunition to give about fifty rounds per man. O'Hurley's group likely only took pistols, which could be easily concealed, so the eighteen now left in the farmhouse had enough arms and ammo to hold out for a long time.

As they returned fire from the windows, Jack "Jacko" O'Connell, from Cobh, who had been left in command by O'Hurley, had three options, and none of them were good. They could surrender, but the British had recently instituted a policy that any armed Volunteers they captured could be execut-

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OTHER

St. Patrick's Day will be here soon!

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ed. They could all attempt to break out, surely taking massive casualties with no assurance any would survive. Or a small number of them could try to break through the British cordon to attempt bring back help to drive the British off, which was also a

near suicide mission. After discussing it with the other Volunteers, O'Connell decided to attempt the small break out to get help. With the help of covering fire from the house, perhaps some could get through.

Continued: [The Wild Geese](#)



Prayer List

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

Joyce Harrington-In Hospice. Last stage of Alzheimer's disease

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

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 children
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.

For Further Information:

[Contact Editor](#)

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.AOHKELLY.ORG



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.



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