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President's Message

MATT DULLAGHAN





Happy March! As I never get tired of saying, this is our month. Bishop McKiernan used to say there are two kinds of people: the Irish, and those who wish they were. President Trump continues the tradition of declaring March as Irish-American Heritage Month. Take any opportunities you can to share our story and invite other Irish Catholic men to join us.

March also brings us St. Patrick's Day, the Church Hill Irish Festival, our St. Patrick's dinner, and the conclusion of our raffle ticket sales. Brother Dan has already sent out sign up links for both the dinner and the festival. Please respond quickly so the organizers can get accurate counts. We'll have more details of our plans for the Church Hill Irish Festival at our next meeting. March 25 is less than three weeks away.

We do of course have a few hectic weeks of raffle ticket sales left. Brother Jack Simila had done a great job as chairman, and I know he will look forward to any help you can give him in these last few days to man the churches and O'Toole's. Check under <u>Division Activities</u> in this newsletter for more on our committee's progress and plans for continued good sales.

We are off to a great start for the year, and I hope to see many more of you at our next monthly meeting on March 8.



Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on March 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

Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh!

DIVISION ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS REPORT

Raffle Tickets

To those who have not yet received a book of raffle tickets, the Raffle Ticket Committee will have them available at each Division meeting. Sales are going well but remember, we only have one more weekend so please help to make this year a success. We'll discuss our current status at our next meeting. 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

March 8

Monthly membership meeting, St. Joseph's Church, Buford Road.

March 18

St. Patrick's Dinner, O'Toole's Restaurant, 4800 Forest Hill Avenue <u>Don't forget to sign up on-line</u> using your personal Email invitation sent on March 2nd titled "St. Patrick's Party Signup for 2018". <u>A second reminder will automatically be</u> <u>sent out a few days before the dinner.</u> <u>Please disregard it if you are already signed</u> <u>up.</u>

March 22

Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike.

March 24-25

Church Hill Irish Festival, 25th & Main St. Did you remember to sign up?

April 1

Easter Sunday

April 12

Monthly membership meeting at St. Joseph's Church, Buford Road.

More news on O'Toole's Midlothian opening.

Preparations are underway for the new location at the Charter Colony Shopping Center next to the previous Martin's grocery store. <u>Click</u> here to read more details!

<u>And</u>

If you want to read the Presidential Declaration for Irish-American Heritage Month, the full text is <u>Here</u>.

Basic Demographics of the island of Ireland

The information here has been gleaned from various sources on the internet and is meant to give the reader a qualitative idea of the population and religion of the people of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Much of the information is from Wikipedia and can be referred to for more details.

	Republic of Ireland	Northern Ireland
Population	4,757,000	1,862,000
Religion	Catholic: 78% and decreas- ing; 10%-"no religion"; Sec- ond largest Christian denom. is Church of Ireland	Catholic: 41% Presbyterian and Church of Ireland: 33%
Nationality	Irish born: 87%, followed by UK, Poland, Baltic States ethnic groups	Irish/English: 99%; Minority Ethnic Groups: <1% (mostly Asian)

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St. Patrick's Day will be here soon!





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

<u>God grant them eternal</u> <u>rest</u>



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 encourage 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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