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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy this wonderful Spring weather. Next month will be our last regular meeting until September.

Looking ahead to the summer, the next quarterly State Board meeting will be hosted by the "other" Kelly Division, the Father Kelley Division, on June 2, 2018, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9290 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110. The meeting is expected to start at 9:30 AM. If you are

interested in attending, please let me know so I can give the host division a head count.

The AOH National Convention will be held in Louisville, KY, from July 11-14, 2018. Book your rooms now at <http://www.louisvilleirish2018.com> before the AOH block of rooms is sold out. Other convention information, including registration forms, can be found at the same website.

And it seems the Richmond Squirrels are again courting Irish cheer. Tuesday, July 17 is a "Summer St. Paddy's Day Celebration," with a free green Squirrels' cap to the first 1,000 fans.

The Dooley Division is sponsoring a Family Game Outing. Please call Tim McDonnell at

678-9764 for more information.

Sláinte mhaith agat!

Upcoming events:

May 24 *Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike*

June 2 *AOH State Board Meeting, Manassas*

June 14 *Division Meeting*

June 28 *Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike*

July 11 *AOH National Convention, Louisville*

July 17 *Richmond Squirrels Irish night (free cap to first 1,000 fans).*

Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on May 10th, 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

Failure to pay dues may result in suspension after June 30th per Article XIII of Division By-Laws



DIVISION ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS REPORT

Raffle Tickets

Thank you all again for your successful efforts during this year's Raffle Ticket Drive. Our Raffle Ticket Committee leader, Jack Simila, reports that the final tally is 372 tickets sold, amounting to \$1835 raised for our division.

Irish Embassy

Céad Mile Fáilte! The Embassy of Ireland invites you to learn more about Ireland, our culture and the strong links between our two nations. Enjoy a taste of the Emerald Isle, and allow yourself to be truly inspired by what Ireland has to offer! [More:](#)

Easter Rising Executions

On May 3, 1916, the first of the executions were held for the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising. Padraig Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh and Thomas Clarke were executed by firing squad in Kilmainham Jail. [More:](#)

The Irish Border Problem

The European Union proposed that, unless other solutions are found, Northern Ireland will remain in a customs union with the European Union and, for all intents and purposes, the single market as well, when Britain leaves the bloc.

The purpose, as outlined in a draft document, is to ensure that there will be no "hard border" between Ireland and Northern Ireland after the British withdrawal, known as Brexit. That drew a rebuke from Prime Minister Theresa May, who rejected the idea out of hand.

Here is a guide to why this issue is seemingly so intractable, and how it might be settled or otherwise dealt with. [More:](#)

And might there be a second vote?

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Here's a few pictures from this year's St. Patrick's Day Dinner. As usual, the dinner was a success and the food selection as fine as usual



Beltane Celebration in May

Beltane, also spelled **Beltine**, Irish **Beltaine** or **Belltaine**, and also known as **Cétamain**, is a festival held on the first day of May in Ireland and Scotland, celebrating the beginning of summer and open pasturing. Beltane is first mentioned in a glossary attributed to Cormac, bishop of Cashel and king of Munster, who was killed in 908. Cormac describes how cattle were driven between two bonfires on Beltane as a magical means of protecting them from disease before they were led into summer pastures—a custom still observed in Ireland in the 19th century. Other festivities included Maypole dances and cutting of green boughs and flowers.

In early Irish lore a number of significant events took place on Beltane, which long remained the focus of folk traditions and tales in Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man. As did other pre-Christian Celtic peoples, the Irish divided the year into two main seasons. Winter and the beginning of the year fell on November 1 (Irish: Samain) and midyear and summer on May 1 (Irish: Beltaine).

For additional information visit: [Beltrane](#)

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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 Cram-

Brian McLaugh-lin's parents Martin and Maryann.

Rick Brennan's wife.

Greg Riley's wife Sandra, recovering from surgery

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
Joyce Harrington-Dan Harrington's wife.

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.

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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