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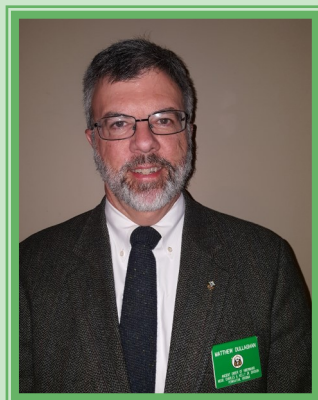
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## MATT DULLAGHAN



As I write this, Hurricane Florence is bearing down on us, and accelerating. Some models have heavy rain starting in Richmond during the day on Thursday. I will make a decision on whether we meet this week, probably by Tuesday night; if the police are advising against driving, I shall follow suit.

We followed last summer's plan of continuing our informal Fourth Thursday meetings over the summer, we had mixed levels of attendance. But at zero cost to the Division, I'll count any

chance for further fellowship as a success.

The next quarterly state board meeting will be on September 22, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and hosted by the Father Corby Division in Farrell Hall at the St. Mary of Sorrows Worship Center, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032.

The AOH license plate frames will be available for sale at \$10. If anyone wants one, and wants to save shipping costs, bring \$10 to this week's meeting.

A Major Degrees exemplification will begin at 1:00 p.m., following the state board meeting. You do not need to attend the board meeting to take part. Just let me know if you are interested. The fee is \$25. I highly commend the experience to any brother

who has not yet taken the opportunity.

The Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games are scheduled for their usual venue, the Richmond International Raceway, on October 27-28. More information is being posted at <http://vacelticfestival.com>.

This will also mark the kick-off for ticket sale for the 2019 Trip-to-Ireland Raffle. We should have more about the location for our booth and signing up for shifts by the October meeting.

The following week, on November 13, 2018, Dr. John Gordon will return to speak on Wolfe Tone and the 1798 Rising. Dr. Gordon will speak at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Chesterfield County Library's

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### Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on October 11th, 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.



## President's Message (cont.)

LaPrade Branch, at 9000 Hull street Road, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236, with refreshments and discussion to follow. We need to get the word out for a successful turnout, especially at the Celtic Festival. We will need volunteers to organize some soft refreshments and for room setup. Thanks to Brother Dan Harington for his work setting this up.

As ever, we need to keep on the lookout for opportunities to invite new members. We have no new recruits in quite some time, and many good Irishmen need only an invitation to join us. I know you will be welcoming to all the future members we will meet.

### Upcoming Events

**September 22** State Board Meeting, Father Corby Division, St. Mary of Sorrows Worship Center, Fairfax

**October 27-28** Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Richmond International Raceway

**November 13** Dr. John Gordon speaking on **The 1798 Rising** at the LaPrade Library Meeting Room

Sláinte mhaith aga

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## Irish Immigration Grosse Isle, Quebec

Also known as **Grosse Isle and the Irish Memorial National Historic Site**, the island was the site of an immigration depot which predominantly housed Irish immigrants coming to Canada to escape the Great Famine, 1845-1849. In 1832, the Lower Canadian Government had previously set up this depot to contain an earlier cholera epidemic that was believed to be caused by the large influx of European immigrants, and the station was reopened in the mid-Nineteenth Century to accommodate Irish migrants who had contracted typhus during their voyages. Thousands of Irish were quarantined on Grosse Isle from 1832 to 1848.

It is believed that over 3000 Irish died on the island and over 5000 are currently buried in the cemetery there; many died en-route. Most who died on the island were infected with typhus, which sprang up from the conditions there in 1847. Grosse Isle is the largest burial ground for refugees of the Great Famine outside Ireland. After Canadian Confederation in 1867, the buildings and equipment were modernized to meet the standards of the new Canadian government's immigration policies. The island is sometimes called Canada's Ellis Island (1892-1954), an association it shares with Pier 21 immigration facility in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

It is estimated that in total, from when it was set up in 1832 to the closing in 1932, almost 500,000 Irish immigrants passed through Grosse Isle on their way to Canada.

[Wikipedia Reference](#)

## Irish Emigration. And Coffin Ships

The term **coffin ship** (Irish: *long cónra*) is used to refer to the ships that carried Irish immigrants escaping the Great Irish Famine as well

as Highlanders displaced by the **Highland Clearances**.

A coffin ship was also a ship in poor condition that was overloaded and over-insured so it was more valuable to its owners if it sunk. Overloaded, over-insured ships frequently carried Irish emigrants over the Atlantic and were coffin ships of both types.

Coffin ships carrying emigrants,

crowded and diseased-ridden, with poor access to food and water, re-



sulted in the deaths of many people as they crossed the Atlantic, and led to the 1847 North American typhus epidemic at quarantine stations in Canada. Owners of coffin ships provided as little food, water, and living space as was legally possible – if they obeyed the law at all.

While coffin ships were the cheapest way to cross the Atlantic, mortality rates of 30% aboard the coffin ships were common.<sup>[4]</sup> It was said that sharks could be seen following the ships, because so many bodies were thrown overboard.

[Wikipedia Reference](#)



### 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

### 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](#)

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[WWW.AOHKELLY.ORG](http://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.



### Links

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