

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### ***TIS THE SEASON!***

It's that special season again! Ah yes, fond thoughts of shopping and jammed in traffic; shopping and trying to find a space in an over-crowded parking lot; shopping and standing in line at a cash register for hours; shopping and eating a hurried meal with antacid tablets afterward; shopping and trying to get everything wrapped; shopping and writing all those Christmas cards and getting them in the mail; shopping and trying to be the first to get the holiday decorations and lights out before your neighbors do; shopping and coming home to find you're already cluttered with stuff all around the house and

shopping and watching all those commercials on TV telling you about all the latest fads, fashions, special sales and latest electronic technology that you should get. This is indeed a special season of the year but it can get a bit confusing as to just why it is so special.

Too often we live our lives in a furious rush, a frantic competition with others to get our share, accumulate things and cram as much as we can into the trunk of our car and a twenty-four hour day. That's not what the Christmas season is all about. Perhaps the most obvious sign of this "confusion of the season" in our country today is the

way people greet each other. Has anybody said, "Seasons Greetings" or "Happy Holidays" to you yet? The popular symbol of the season is Santa Claus with bundles of packages. What's missing in this picture is the reason for the season.

As Hibernians, we are supposed to practice our faith and defend our church and our country and support our parishes. I remember an Irish priest at a former parish saying that we should make a special effort to proclaim our Christianity at this time of the year. Instead of being in a rush to deck the halls, we should decorate our hearts and minds first in

A SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THOSE ON THE INVOLVED ON THE KELLY TEAM, GREAT EFFORT

### Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on December 13th at 7 PM.

**Gaelic Tiger Project- Another Success!**

Recruiting Sunday @ an area church, communion and breakfast after Mass.

December Christmas Party announced! [Click here.](#)

Regular Monthly Meeting-2nd Thursday of the month at St. Joseph Church

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ANY GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT POSSESSES A STRONG LEADERSHIP CADRE AND A CLOSE BONDED MEMBERSHIP IS A WINNING TEAM.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

the true spirit of Christmas. The exterior decorations on the house and on the tree can come later. This year, make a special effort to keep Christ in Christmas and greet others with a sincere "Merry Christmas." As to the shopping and the cards and the Christmas

goodies and the decorations, they're okay in their proper place as *lower priority items*. A picture of the infant Savior in the manger with the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph smiling in gratitude for such a wondrous gift. That's where it's all at. The reason for the

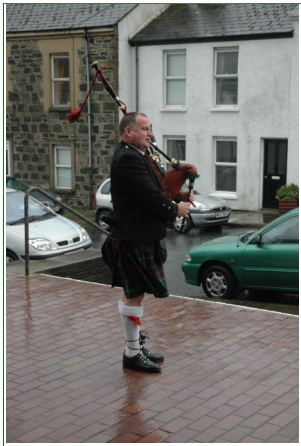
season is NOT shopping, getting, eating, decorating or competing. The real reason is giving to others and being very grateful for all we have and are receiving.

## ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR PRAYER

taking 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.

Also remember in your prayers the victims and survivors of Hurricane Sandy!



## PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

*Please notify Mike McHugh to add or change the prayer list.*

Larry Kelly's wife Gayle.

Mike Dougherty's wife, Diana, undergoing chemo

Paul Kiniry

Brian McLaughlin's father, Martin and mother Maryann

Michael Dougherty and his brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

Kevin Walsh's mother, Bonnie

Dan Harrington & his brother

-in-law, Robert Broderick.

My wife, Irene.

Rick Brennan's wife, beginning stage of Alzheimer's

Two children, Adam, age 4 and Sylvia, age 9, both battling cancer

### In Memoriam

Elwanda Cart-Glenda King's mother

Charles Kelly, father of our Msgr. Charles Kelly

Andy Jennings—He helped get the AOH started in Richmond.

Hal Roach-gifted Irish comedian

Ray Olson's sister

Sister-in-law of Marie, Lady Hibernian-St. John's

**God grant them eternal rest**

## DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will be at O'Toole's at 7pm on Saturday, Dec 15th. We will have a choice of three entrees: prime rib (my personal recommendation), chicken cordon bleu (sounds French but John O'Toole assures us it will be Irish chicken), and salmon, for those who like seafood. The price will be \$19.00 which will include the entree, a salad, potato, a beverage (coffee, tea, etc) and a dessert. The division will pay for the cost of your wife or guest. We may

also pay for the gratuity. There will be a cash bar available. There will be music and Irish humor at our family gathering. Everyone and your family members are cordially invited. Please get back to me **soonest** with your menu choice and number that will attend so I can finalize things with John O'Toole. We may also have installation of new officers at the party.

## ST. EDWARD'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



It looks like Mike made another sale at the Craft Fair! Larry Kelly and Mike McHugh were also there manning the table. Mike Mc, did you ever sell that little item?

We made a total of \$120.00 at our effort in

November. Congratulations to Frank King and his team of Larry Kelly, Jim Dunn, Dan Harrington, Mike Dougherty and Mike McHugh. We had what amounted to one third of the division involved in support of this effort. I can assure you that every other Hibernian division president would be proud to say they had that percent of their division involved in support of any project.

## GAELIC TIGER PROJECT

### Congratulations to our winners!

We made a net profit of approximately \$150.00 for our

raffle. Congratulations to Frank and all those who helped to make this effort another first time success for us.

## CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

Donations were approved at the November meeting and checks were sent out to St. John Neumann Church/HEN Pantry, a parish effort to help those who are Hungry, in

Emergency or great Need, St. Edward's Church, St. Joseph's Church, St. Edward-Epiphany School and the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

## OTHER

## THE IRISH PAGE

If you have a few minutes on your hands this Christmas Season, visit the [Irishpage](#) website by clicking here. There's a little bit of everything Irish, including stories, music, jokes in Irish and English and a whole lot more. Learn a little Irish, brush up on your prayers in both Irish and English, read some Irish poems and listen to music by Turlough O'Carolan, plus lots more!

**Have Fun!**

## MILK AND IRISH SUPERSTITION \*

In ancient Ireland, milk and milk products were known as *bán-bhia*, meaning white meat. As the name suggests, milk played a major role in the early Irish diet whether as fresh milk, sour milk, buttermilk, cream, butter, curds or cheese. This meant that someone with healthy livestock and an abundance of milk supply was most likely prosperous. Someone who had neither was more likely to live in poverty.

Because milk was so important, the uneducated tended to blame witchcraft or the fairies from the Otherworld when

their cattle dried up or their milk yield reduced for no apparent reason. Over time, milk became the subject of many customs and superstitions – probably more so than any other food.

One of these superstitions survives today: the spilling of milk. It means bad luck, and it's had that connotation for centuries, whether it was spilt by someone by design or accident.

But if a cow upturned a churn, it meant the milk was needed by the fairy folk (and it was always best to appease them).

## 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

AND  
athbhliain faoi mhaise Daoibh

**A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

\* [www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com](http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com)

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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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