

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION 1



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### "RECRUITMENT MONTH"



This past month has been a blur with recruitment activities. We were at St. Augustine on January 20th for a first time "show of presence". This was set up by Rick Brennan and Mike McGee several days earlier. The following folks were there: Rick Brennan, Larry Kelly, Bill Murphy, Dan Harrington, Mike Dougherty and I.

Paul McFadden has graciously spearheaded the recruitment drive and the first parish where Paul worked his magic was at St Edward. He was instrumental in leading the charge to get fifty people to sign up for AOH information over the course of five weekend masses. We had nine members at St. Edward this past weekend. Members in-

cluded Mike McGee, Larry Kelly, Dan Harrington, Mike Dougherty, Mike McHugh, Charles Mulherin, Kevin Walsh, Jim Dunn and I.

We have gotten several commitments from our follow-up calls.

St. John Neumann was our next recruitment site this past February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and our last major site will be St. Joseph on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Normally, we have our AOH meetings on the second Thursday of the month. However, since the second Thursday is February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, we thought it appropriate to move the meeting date to February 7<sup>th</sup>. After all, we are the sentimental Irish!

We will also initiate new members that night.

In keeping with our commitment to Irish history, Rick Brennan has graciously agreed to start providing a bit of history after the meeting---just not after this one. I have found that history is absorbed better with a beer anyway!

We had our annual audit Committee meeting on January 24, and the following participated: Larry Kelly, Mike Dougherty, Dan Harrington and I. All was OK!

The 2013 roster has been sent out by Bill Murphy. Take two minutes and check it out. Please notify Bill with updates. We are trying to include our wives' names too.

## Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on March 14th at 7 PM.

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

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

**Preliminary planning is underway for the St. Patrick's day Party. [See page 4.](#)**

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**NOTICE: Annual dues (\$25.00, over 75?, it's \$10.00) are now payable for 2013. Please mail your check to our Financial Secretary Bill Murphy, 5206 Monument Ave., Richmond, VA 23226. Please make checks payable to "AOH Msgr Kelly Div".**

**Dues can also be paid at our monthly meetings.**

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

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

## DIVISION ACTIVITIES REPORT

We have started out biggest yearly fund raiser and have sold 54 tickets for the Trip to Ireland. Make sure you get your tickets! This is an important fund raising activity for your Division.

As stated in the president's message, we are in the planning stage of recruitment in

the various local parishes.

Paul McFadden met with us at St. Augustine's, St. Edward's and St. John Neumann. The ground work included getting permission from the pastors, acquiring space and table for Paul (for displays), an announcement from the altar about

AOH recruiting and a notice in the parish bulletin if possible.

Results have been encouraging and we plan to have initiation at the February 7th meeting.

Please plan to be there for the event to greet our new members and get the craic started.

## ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR PRAYER

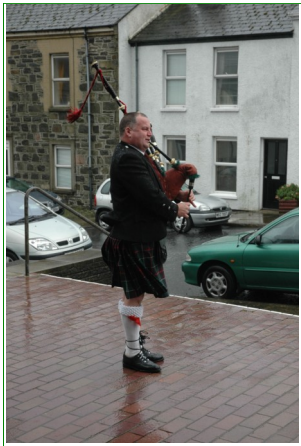
Take into consideration all those on our prayer list as well as those among the faithful departed. We are supporting the Knights of Columbus at St. John Neumann parish with their rosary tabulation ( one mil-

lion 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. I hope the US Constitution and the part about religious free-

dom still applies.

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

Don't forget our armed forces, too.



## PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

*Please notify Brother 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.

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 A. Kelly, Jr.

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

Hal Roach-gifted Irish comedian

Ray Olson's sister

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

*God grant them eternal rest*

# Newly Elected Officers for 2013



From the left: Bill Murphy-Financial Secretary, Frank King-President, Jim Dunn-Marshall, Larry Kelly-Recording Secretary, Dan Harrington-Treasurer, Mike McGee-Vice President, Mike Dougherty-Standing Committee, Rick Brennan-Sentinel



## OTHER

# St. Patrick's Day will be here soon!

We have started planning for this year's Irish Festival, which will be held on March 23, and 24. We have a spot--hopefully where we had it last year. We will get larger shelter than last year, which was 10' x 10'.

## Memories of the St. Patrick's Festival, March 2012



It was cozy for some of us in our little tent while escaping the downpours but not for all, and we had to take turns standing in the rain. Yes, Mike McHugh lost the coin toss but had his umbrella! It's Frank King's and Larry Kelly's turn to stay dry.

But we shouldn't gripe about it; after all, we're Irish!



Luckily, the rain stopped for the parade and we had a chance to show our colors.

From the left, that's Dan Harrington Frank King, Larry Kelly and Mike McHugh with his trusty umbrella.



## 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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Compassion Committee-Open

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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