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Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr. Division



MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

Beannachtai na Feile Padraic

Our Goals for March

- * Honor our Patron Saint
- * Recruit Members

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Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church On March 8th at 7 PM. Hope to see you there.

St. Patrick's Celebration-March 17th.
Irish Festival-Church Hill: Plans to be announced later

Check out your Division website:
www.aohkelly.org

If you see a recruit, give him our business card!

President's Message

Operation GLOCCA MORRA The Spring Planting of Shamrocks

All of us need inspiration. Just where and how we get that inspiration is what matters. That certain something that charges us up and drives us forward to meet challenges and achieve personal goals is the very core of our being. Consider anyone you really admire. The seeds of their successes spring from the strength of their inner character. Great conquerors, athletes, statesmen, government leaders and business executives all possess that personal quality. They not only are inspired but they inspire others as well. That is where we, you and I are now. We are coming onto March, Irish-American month. This is the time to (a) celebrate the fact that you're Irish and (b) inspire others to rediscover their Irish heritage. The fact is that on St. Patrick's day everyone is honorary Irish. We will have at least one more, worthy candidate, Jay

Simms joining us at our next meeting. With his initiation, we will have 25 members in our division. Recruiting is a lot like planting seeds. Our current efforts, are the result of our spring planting of shamrocks. The results are good Hibernians that join our division family.

Along with that, there is another kind of shamrock that I am interested in planting. As I've mentioned before, I have set a personal goal to develop more leadership in our division. The more officers, project leaders and committee chairman that we have who contribute to our overall success, the stronger the Msgr. Kelly division will become. Any group of individuals that possesses a strong leadership cadre **and** a close bonded membership is a WINNING TEAM. That's a second kind of shamrock that's being planted.

NOTICE: Annual dues (\$25.00) are now payable for 2012. Please send your check to our Financial Secretary Ray Olson, 2621 Glenalmond Ct., Powhatan, VA 23139. Dues can also be paid at our next meeting.



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TRI-PARISH SCHEDULE OF WEEKENDS

PARISH	MARCH
St. John Neumann	3rd & 4th, 17th & 18th Cancelled
St. Edward the Confessor	10th & 11th
St. Joseph	3rd & 4th, 17th & 18th Cancelled

NOTE: I am cancelling the weekend operations at St. John Neumann and St. Joseph for Mar 17 & 18. Due to our St. Patrick's celebration in the afternoon, we would not be able to make the Saturday evening masses anyway. To everyone involved, great work and my sincere thanks.

Updated Item A Pot O'Gold

In compliance with guidance received from the State of Virginia ABC department we have had to change our conduct of the basket of cheer. We were told when I applied for a permit that this could not be done as a raffle of alcoholic beverages. What we are able to do is conduct a RAFFLE OF A GIFT CARD which can then be used by someone at a local Virginia ABC store. We will return all contributions to the individuals who previously donated them. Thanks for your support and I'm sorry for any inconvenience. We have therefore made the following changes to this raffle. The first prize of our Pot o Gold will be a gift card worth \$100.00. The second prize will be a gift card worth \$50.00. Raffle tickets will cost \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. The Pot o Gold ticket sales will begin at our business meeting on March 8th and the drawing will determine the winners at our business meeting in April.

Raffle Ticket Sales Report "Trip to Ireland"

To date, we have turned over to the Major Dooley Division cash receipts from our sale of 128 raffle tickets. We have also sold a further 38 tickets. That plus a couple of donations means that we have earned between \$800 and \$900 so far for the division treasury. We are approaching our record total of last year. I'm very proud of all those involved

Remember for every Trip to Ireland raffle ticket you sell or buy, the Division gets \$5. This is our single biggest source of fund raising. Please think about selling them to family, neighbors, co-workers and friends. They'll be forever grateful to you if you sell them the winning ticket.



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Game Plan I Operation Gloccamorra-March 17th

Frank King is our project leader. We will meet at the home of (Professor) Kevin and (Doctor) Shannon Walsh at Lady Allison Lane at 5pm for our St. Patrick's celebration (see previous party memo). The entree will be provided by the division along with beverages. The rest of the food will be provided by each member of the division bringing a pot luck item. Please bring enough for your self and your family and a few additional guests. Frank needs to know if you are coming and how many others will be with you in order to assign who will bring a dessert, a veggie dish or a salad. Assigning pot luck items based on the alphabet before you have a good idea of whose coming can result in getting twice as many of one kind of dish as you need and not nearly enough of the other items that you need. We will have music, Irish dancers and great fun. The program should end around 8pm. Please stay after if you can to help clean up the Walsh residence. That's a great way to say thanks for their hospitality.

Dan Harrington has provided a flyer and directions to the Walsh's. Look for it on a separate email.

Game Plan II Operation Gloccamorra-March 23 & 24

The Irish Festival will be held at Church Hill. I have a call into the Festival chairman but have not received a reply as of this time. I will inform you of the schedule as soon as I know it. The main idea here is that we have brothers to cover Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. We will have our own tent. One additional goal for us this year is to have enough brothers of the division available for the St. Patrick's parade so that we can march **AS MEMBERS OF THE MSGR. KELLY DIVISION OF THE AOH CARRYING OUR OWN DIVISION BANNER FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME**. Needless to say the festival is another great opportunity to recruit and sell trip to Ireland raffle tickets and pot o gold tickets.

In Memoriam

Elwanda Cart-Mother of Glenda King

Remember in Your Prayers

Notify Mike McHugh to add or change the prayer list.

- Frank King's mother, Emma
- Brian McLaughlin's father, Martin and mother Maryann
- Michael Dougherty and his brother-in-law, James Cramsie.
- Kevin Walsh's mother, Bonnie
- Dan Harrington & Special Intention
- Bill Murphy's father.





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The Story of St. Patrick

Note:

This is a reprint from an earlier newsletter for the benefit of our recently initiated brothers.

Our saint was born in the late fourth century in Britain, a part of the Roman Empire. His father, Calpornius, was a deacon of the church and a land owner, probably with slaves. His son, was called Patricus, a Latin name meaning "noble of the patrician class." The family was, according to most sources, of Celtic origin and had risen in prestige in the local society. Patrick was captured by local raiders and transported to Ireland as a slave. He was given the task of watching over a herd of sheep for a local chief. In the depth of his misery he heard a voice calling him. That voice sustained him in all his trials. After a few years of servitude he escaped and made his way back to his home. He was a completely changed individual. He entered religious life and studied in France. Again, he heard the voice telling him to go back to Ireland. His knowledge of the Irish and their culture stood him in good stead as he developed his apostolate in Ireland. Patrick's big breakthrough came when he lighted an Easter fire in honor of the Savior's resurrection and in so doing he violated the Druids order prohibiting all fires until they offered their ceremony to the pagan gods. Patrick gained the respect, trust and admiration of the Irish and was appointed the first archbishop of all Ireland. He died on March 17th about the year 461AD. Most patron saint's feast days honor the date when they were called into eternity. His origin? Oh yes. Patrick's original (celtic) name was, Maewyn Succat. That sounds Welsh to me. You can draw your own conclusion. It's ok because the Irish share our one day per year with everybody.

Another Part of our Heritage Our Lady of Knock

On August 21, 1879, Mary McLoughlin, the housekeeper for a small parish church in County Mayo, went to visit a friend. As she walked by the chapel she noticed a bright light illuminating what looked like three figures that she assumed were new statues that the priest had purchased. After a short visit, Mary and her friend Mary Byrne walked back to the rectory in the rain. As they approached they saw not statues but three actual people whom they identified as the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. John. Our Lady was looking toward heaven with her hands slightly raised. Mary Byrne left her friend there and ran to tell her family. A total of eighteen people ranging from 6 to 70 years old came and witnessed the vision. Mary was in the center wearing white with a large crown on her head. St. Joseph was on her right and St. John was on her left with his hand raised as if giving a blessing. St. John was dressed as a bishop. There was a lamb resting on an altar behind the Blessed Mother and her companions. The apparition lasted for a period of time in a driving rain. After the apparition had ended the ground under the location where the three figures had been, was found to be perfectly dry. The next day the villagers went to the priest and reported the apparition. Word spread and pilgrims arrived in Knock by the thousands. In 1880, a statue of our Lady of Knock was erected. Many cures have been reported and the church acknowledged the apparition in 1971. In 1976, a new church was dedicated to our Lady of Knock and in 1979, Pope John Paul II made a pilgrimage to Knock. She is also known as Our Lady of Silence.

My thanks to Tammy Vosberg for this information on Our Lady of Knock. Please keep her father, Frederick, and her husband, Patrick in your prayers. In fact keep all good Patricks in your prayers.

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