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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HIBERNIANS AT WORK CARRYING THE LOAD AND PASSING THE SHILLELAGH

Each of us has certain responsibilities and certain things that make us sad, angry or just plain tired. We do our part anyway. We carry the load. We hear at Sunday Mass that we must pick up our cross and follow the Savior. Some people have more of a burden to carry than others. Consider Frank King. He is taking over as our next division president and yet he already carries a heavy load of responsibilities. That says a lot about the man and his personal strength of character. To be brief, Frank is heavily involved: in the Knights of Columbus, service to his parish and has health concerns in his family. I deeply appreciate that because I remember that I felt overloaded with a number of things when the division was starting up in January of 2010 and I was asked to take the job of president. There were two huge challenges at that time. The first

was getting several things started for the division to become established and the second was that the pastor at St. John Neumann parish announced that he was leaving in three weeks which put the whole existence of the division in jeopardy depending upon the arrival of a new pastor and how he might feel about us continuing to operate at St. John's.

With your help and cooperation, we have met the challenges and carried the load. There is much still to be done but our division is progressing well toward a mature, healthy organization. We are a healthy (almost) three year old infant.

There are many ways to describe a change in leadership. Change of command, passing the torch, passing the baton, etc. come into my mind at this time. But these don't fit. This is not a command, it's a family. I'm

not sure I'd want to hand anyone a torch and baton comes from a French word that means a stick. It seems more Irish to say I'm passing on the shillelagh.

Looking back on the last thirty-four months I feel very proud of what we have accomplished together and honored to have been your president. I also remember how I got the job of president in the first place. Paul McFadden called me one night to tell me that he was going to swing into Chesterfield and Powhatan counties and see about recruiting enough Irish Catholics at each parish to establish a new Hibernian division in south Richmond. I remember telling him. "Paul, you're overloaded already. That's biting off more than you can chew. There's no way its going to happen." He told me: "Mike, don't look at it as an impossible challenge.

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Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on November 8th at 7 PM.

Gaelic Tiger Project-Stay tuned for winners

Election of 2013 Officers at our next meeting

Recruiting Sunday @ an area church, communion and breakfast after

Another St. Edward's Yard Sale on November 10th.

December Christmas Party in the works!

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

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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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

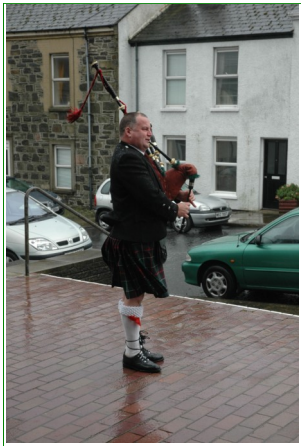
Look at it as an opportunity. These are exactly the kind of things that you can look back on and feel that you've done something special and worthwhile in your life." I agreed to help him when he got to my parish. You know the rest of the story. Here's looking forward to bigger and even better opportunities!

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**

CELTIC FESTIVAL REPORT



Many thanks to all those involved. We had one third of the division taking an active part in the festivities and five brothers carried the Msgr. Kelly banner in the grand march of the clans on Sunday. Mike McHugh, Jim Dunn and Dan Harrington has pictures of the historic moment. We got an early start on the trip to Ireland ticket campaign and made progress on our Gaelic Tiger project. Congratulations to Dan, Frank King, Larry Kelly, Rick Brennan, Bill Murphy.

GAELIC TIGER PROJECT

We continued to sell raffle tickets at St. Edward's parish Oct 27th and 28th.

The sales idea was "put a Gaelic Tiger" in your tank with two gift cards, one for \$100.00 and one for \$50.00,

for two lucky people to help with their gas expenses of holiday shopping. The winners will be determined at a drawing at our meeting on November 8th.

DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have a tentative date and time for our Christmas party to be held at O'Toole's Restaurant.. It will be presented and voted on at our November meeting. We will also have installation of new officers at the party.

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Irish Citizenship

Jay Simms was very excited to tell me that he and his brother were applying for DUAL CITIZENSHIP to be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland as well. I asked him to come to our upcoming meeting on September 13th to give everybody a briefing on this and answer any questions you may have. Also you may be interested to know that Jay speaks Gaelic.

Now, if only we can recruit an Irish tenor to lead us in traditional songs on St. Patrick's Day.

St.Edward's Christmas Craft Fair

Our next event is the Christmas Fair at St. Edward on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Frank King sent out an e-mail reminding us to take an early look at what you can donate to the cause for this fundraiser. As discussed, we can set up on Friday the 9th, so your donated items should be dropped off at that time. We will get back to you on the exact drop off time for Friday. Frank and myself are on the schedule to be there

for the set up and any help would be appreciated. Don't forget to price your items and make sure to let us know if you want the item back if its not sold. Same guidelines as this past summer.

Joyous Family News

A member of our division, Kevin Hogan, will be ordained as a permanent deacon on November 3rd at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond at the 10:30 AM Mass. Training for deacon is a strenuous five year program. Heartiest congratulations to Kevin and his family. All are encouraged to attend.



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.

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