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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## JACK SIMILA



**Jack Simila**  
2019 Division  
President

Greetings Brothers,

Our next Divisional Meeting is on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7 p.m. At the meeting we have a number of items to discuss including the upcoming Church Hill Irish Festival and our recent ticket sale efforts and our State Quarterly meeting.

Since our last meeting we sold tickets at St. Edwards over the

March 2-3<sup>rd</sup> weekend and at O'Tooles pub on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. I want to thank all our brothers who contributed their time to sell raffle tickets so far this year. We are currently at 176 tickets turned in. We have a way to go to reach our goal of 500 tickets but we have two weekends in which to get there. Thankfully the weather is looking good for St. Patrick's Day weekend celebrations at O'Tooles, so this should afford us an excellent opportunity to sell tickets... I plan on spending a good amount of time there on Saturday and Sunday and I could use your help. Please see me to schedule an hour or two me or another brother during this weekend. I will provide a card table, tickets and signage: all you need to do is show up and sell.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind

everyone that has not already paid dues, 2019 dues cards are in. Please see Financial Secretary Larry Kelly for your card. Dues are \$40 and for those over 75, dues are \$20.

As we discussed previously, we have a busy year coming up and plenty of opportunities for members to help out. I hope all brothers can make it to this meeting to discuss these opportunities. I am very interested in hearing your thoughts and any ideas you may have for the benefit of our fellow Irish Catholics.

If you have any information about brothers in need please reach out to Mike Dougherty of our Compassion Committee or email me at [jacksimila@gmail.com](mailto:jacksimila@gmail.com).

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### Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on March 14th, 2019 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.

### Dues Notice

2019 Dues are payable now. Dues remain at \$40 and, for those over 75, dues are \$20.

Please Pay at Division Meetings or mail check to:

**Larry Kelly**  
1711 Bellevue Ave.  
D1216  
Richmond, VA  
23227

Please make checks payable to :

**AOH Msgr. Kelly**  
Division



I look forward to working with you as we serve our church and community.

### In Our Motto

Jack Simila, President

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### Upcoming events:

- March 14, 2019 – Monthly meeting
  - March 22, 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Sports Page Bar & Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike
  - March 16-17, 2019 – Ticket Sales at O’Toole’s
  - March 17, 2019 – St. Patrick’s Day
  - March 23-24, 2019 – Church Hill Irish Festival, 25<sup>th</sup> & Main St.
- March 31, 2019 – Annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner at O’Toole’s. Cocktails at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm

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## A Little Irish History

### Irish-Spanish Roots

For any observer who wondered where all those Irish came from, science has provided an unexpected answer: Spain.

Using ancient Irish surnames and DNA analysis, researchers at Trinity College in Dublin have developed evidence

that Irish men in Connaught, a western province of Ireland, are almost all descended from a population of hunters and gatherers who inhabited Ireland before the invention of agriculture.

Archaeologists believe the inventors of agriculture migrated from their homeland in the Near East, starting about 9,500 years ago, and gradually spread across Europe, displacing the existing inhabitants or intermarrying with them.

Dr. Daniel G. Bradley and colleagues at Trinity analyzed a DNA signature that was assumed to belong to the first inhabitants. In terms of the percentage of the population that carries the signature, there is a gradient across Europe, from 2 percent in Turkey to 63 percent in Britain to 78 percent in Ireland as a whole, as if reflecting the degree of mixing between Europe’s ancestral hunters and gatherers and the farming invaders from the east.

He and his colleagues report in the journal “Nature” that the DNA signature gradient continues within Ireland, with 98 percent of Connaught men, on the west coast, carrying the signature.

From genetic variations within the signature, Dr. Bradley estimates the Irish versions of it stemmed from individuals who lived 4,000 or more years ago. Ireland is believed to have been inhabited for

9,000 years, so Irish men who carry the signature could well be descendants of their country’s very first occupants.

"It seems that in our extreme west of Ireland we have a snapshot of what Western Europe was like before farming," Dr. Bradley said.

But where did those first hunter-gatherers come from? The first carriers of the ancestral European DNA signature are estimated to have lived some 30,000 years ago and presumably were among the earliest modern human occupants of the continent after the Neanderthals were driven out. Outside of Ireland, the signature is most common in the Basque country of northern Spain, where 89 percent of men carry it. The first carriers of the ancestral European DNA signature are estimated to have lived some 30,000 years ago and presumably were among the earliest modern human occupants of the continent after the Neanderthals were driven out. Outside of Ireland, the signature is most common in the Basque country of northern Spain, where 89 percent of men carry it. For additional information, Ref: [“Researchers Trace Roots of the Irish and Wind Up in Spain.”](#)



### Prayer List

-Mike Dougherty and his wife, Diana. Also Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie.

-Rick Brennan's wife.

-Dan Harrington, recovering from surgery and undergoing chemo for Leukemia.

-Sonny Dorish.

All those who have health problems

### In Memorium

God grant them eternal rest



### 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.



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