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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2019 Division
President

Greetings Brothers,
I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Kelly Division for the hard work in ticket sales this year. As you recall, we started at the Celtic Festival and Highland Games and ended our raffle ticket campaign at the St. Patrick's Church Hill Irish Festival. We had a beautiful weekend ending the ticket campaign with 420 tickets turned into the Dooley Division.

But our ticket sales effort was more than these two weekends. Many of our members bought or sold tickets on their own. Who can forget the fun we had selling at our local parishes and of course at



O'Toole's pub. Without the dedication and the hard work given by all this would not be as successful as it was. Thank you again.

We also celebrated the feast of St. Patrick with our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at O'Toole's. The dinner was on March 31, 2019 and we not only had a fabulous dinner, we had the opportunity to honor our Immediate Past-President, Matt Dullaghan, by presenting to Matt a

plaque for his three-year term as our President. Thank you Matt, your hard work and dedication to our division did not go unnoticed.



I would like to remind anyone that has not already paid dues, 2019 dues cards are in. I was speaking with Brother Larry King, our Worthy Financial Secretary and we are still waiting on about 4 more members to pay dues. Please see Financial Secretary Larry Kelly for your card. Dues are \$40 and for those over 75, dues are \$20.

The busy part of our year may seem to be

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Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on April 11th, 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
120 Carriage Point Ln.
Glen Allen, VA
23059

Please make checks payable to :

**AOH Msgr. Kelly
Division**



behind us but we still have plenty of opportunities for members to help out the division. 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.

A few photos from our St. Patrick's Day dinner:



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.

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

In Our Motto

Jack

Upcoming events:

- April 11, 2019 – Monthly meeting
- April 25, 2019 – 4th Thursday, Sports Page Bar & Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike
- 2019 State Convention is scheduled for August 16-17, 2019

A Little Irish History

Niall of the Nine Hostages

It is believed that Niall was the founder of the most powerful Irish royal dynasty as his descendants ruled Ireland for six centuries after his death in 405 AD. Niall received his epithet because he had a penchant for taking hostages from other kingdoms. In Ireland, Niall is famed for consolidating power in the Northern region of Ireland and created the aforementioned Ui Neill dynasty. Yet he is also known for conducting a series of raids on Britain and France and is believed to have been involved in the creation of a Gaelic kingdom in the north of Wales. It was during one of his many raids on the coast of Britain that he is al-

leged to have kidnapped Saint Patrick (Succat). It is from here that Patrick ended up in Antrim where he was a herder of the pigs of the chieftain Milcho on Slieve Mish.

Ancient sources say that Niall was killed by Eochaid, son of Ennae Cennsalach, King of Leinster. Although there are (predictably) different accounts of the event, all sources agree that Niall died outside of Ireland. According to the 'Death of Niall and the Nine Hostages' saga, Niall's poet, Laidcenn mac Bairchild, refuses Eochaid hospitality which led to the destruction of the poet's stronghold and the death of his son, Leat.

Millions of Irish Americans, especially those in New York, may be directly descended from Niall of the Nine Hostages, the most prolific warrior in Irish history. A team of geneticists at Trinity College Dublin led by Professor Dan Bradley discovered that as many as 3 million men worldwide may be descendants of the Irish warlord, who was who was the Irish "High King" at Tara, the ancient center of Ireland from A.D. 379 to A.D. 405.

Editor's Note:

Brothers, do you have any suggestions about events in Irish history? Please send me your request and we will include a bit of history on the subject.

Church Hill Irish Festival— -March 2019





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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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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