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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2019 Division
President

Greetings Brothers,

Our next Divisional Meeting is on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Summer is finally here and so is the heat and the rain, I guess it depends on the day. Please join us for our June meeting as we have a number of items to discuss before our two month break, including our Family Picnic scheduled in September. George passed away on May

8, 2019. George was a Charter member of our Division and a fine man. He will be sorely missed at our meetings. 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.

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

Upcoming events:

- **June 13, 2019** – Monthly meeting
- **June 27, 2019** – 4th Thursday, Sports Page Bar & Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike (This is tentative. We will confirm at the meeting whether or not we will hold our social events during the 2 month break)

2019 State Convention is scheduled for August 16-17, 2019

I also have some information to share from the State Quarterly meeting including a new set of By-Laws pertaining to the Virginia State Board.

I hope you can attend, but if not please have a safe and happy summer. Enjoy the beach, traveling or the mountains or however your family likes to spend time together. I look forward to seeing everyone in September at the Family Picnic.

The busy part of our year may seem to be 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.

I want to ask everyone to keep the family of

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Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on September 12th, 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



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George Rodenburg in your prayers.

In Our Motto

Upcoming events:

- **The State Convention** is scheduled for **August 16 -17, 2019** at:

[Best Western](#) Leesburg Hotel Conference Center
726 East Market Street
Leesburg, VA 20176

In Our Motto

Jack Simila, President

A Little Irish History

The Blasket Islands

On November 17 1953, the last remaining inhabitants of the Blasket Islands off the coast of Co. Kerry were permanently evacuated to the mainland.

The Blasket Islands, a group of six Atlantic islands off the coast of Co. Kerry, consist of the main Great

Blasket Island, Beginish, Inishabro, Inishvickillane, Inishtooskert, and Tearaght Island.

The Islands were inhabited for centuries by a small but



close-knit Irish speaking population who followed a traditional way of life involving farming, fishing, weaving. Eventually, the inhabitants became the subjects of important linguistic studies for their use of a largely unchanged version of the Irish language.

At its peak, Great Blasket Island had only some 175 residents, but their cultural output was immense, including important Irish language works such as "The Islander," by Thomas O'Crohan, "Twenty Years a-Growing," by Maurice O'Sullivan, and "Peig," by Peig Sayers.

The 1953 evacuation, ordered by then-Taoiseach Eamon de Valera, was largely accepted as a necessity. The Blasket Islanders – by then a population of only 22 – were cut off from communication or any emergency assistance from the mainland and facing increasingly extreme weather patterns. A Kerryman article from the day sums it up best:

"The Atlantic, which dominates the lives of the Blasket Island people, asserted its supremacy

on Tuesday, the day appointed by the Irish Land Commission to have this community of twenty-two people and their furniture transferred over the Sound to four newly-built cottages at Dunquin with three acres of arable land

attached."

The remaining residents, from families by the names of Dunleavy, O'Sullivan, Guiheen and Keane, were to be moved to new homes – cottages at Dunquin on the Dingle Peninsula. They were waiting on the shore with their furniture and belongings, but the waves were so dangerous that they had to leave everything except for a chair and two boxes behind. An officer from the Irish Land Commission present for the evacuation, Dan O'Brien, told The Kerryman, "The islanders were all ready to depart. All household furniture was packed. They realized that there was no future for them on the Blasket. They signed the necessary forms. They can return to the island in good weather to look after their sheep."

The anniversary of the evacuation was marked two years ago as part of The Gathering. [Micheal O Cearna \(Michael Carney\)](#), then 93 and the oldest surviving Blasket Islander, made the journey from his home in Springfield, Massachusetts to mark the occasion. He also released his memoir, "From The Great Blasket To America - The Last Memoir by an Islander," the first English-language addition to the Blasket Islanders' rich literary history. Continued: [Irish Central](#)

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.

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Prayer List

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

-**Dan Harrington**, recovering from surgery and undergoing treatment for Lukemia.

-**Sonny Dorish**, Recovering from Coronary Bypass Surgery.

-**Frank King**-Knee Surgery
-Jim Calpin, Neuropathy Pain

All those who have health problems

In Memorium

-**Brother George Rodenburg**: George was a Charter Member of the Kelly Division and a strong Division supporter.

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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