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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## JACK SIMILA



**Jack Simila**  
2019 Division  
President

Greetings Brothers,  
Our next Divisional Meeting is on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Spring has finally arrived and that means we can finally enjoy the great outdoors. Let's start thinking about a division picnic to enjoy not only the weather but the company of our friends and brothers. I suggest we open the picnic to not only

our members but any family and friends that wish to attend. Let's make this a topic of discussion at our May meeting.

Another item I would like to put on the agenda for discussion is a possible amnesty program. My thoughts are that any member who had let their dues lapse may re-join by paying this year's dues only, no back dues. We have a great division and we're all friends let's get our brothers back in the Kelly Division.

I would like to remind anyone 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.

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.

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).

Hopefully, we will see each other at our next meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. I can be reached at

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### Upcoming Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM.

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 :

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919-730-7394 or [jacksimila@gmail.com](mailto:jacksimila@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns

### Upcoming events:

- **May 9, 2019** – Monthly meeting
- **May 23, 2019** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Sports Page Bar & Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike
- **The AOH/LAOH State Quarterly Meeting** will be held June 8, 2019 at St. [Mary's Catholic Church](#), 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond, VA 23229
- **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

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### A Little Irish History

#### *San Patricio Irish Brigade*

This story is pretty complex and goes back to the Mexican-American War, from 1846 to 1848.

The military unit was composed mainly of Irish soldiers serving in the US Ar-

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my when the US was invading Mexico. These were US soldiers that left US lines and joined Mexican lines and fought for Mexico against the United States.

Many were recent immigrants, fleeing the Great Famine in Ireland, who had joined the US Army for the promise of land and an enlistment bounty.

The reasons they deserted are complicated. As Irishmen and Roman Catholics, these immigrants faced discrimination in the overwhelmingly Protestant United States. When the US actually went to war, many of them — being strong Catholics — saw what they considered an unfair invasion of a foreign country.

The Irish deserters formed the core of the "Battalion of Foreigners," which was later renamed the "Batallón de San Patricio." Roman Catholic deserters from Germany and other European nations also joined them, as did some foreign residents of Mexico City. There were also several African Americans who had run away from slavery in the southern United States.

A leader emerged in the person of John Riley, a Galway-born soldier who was serving in the 5th US

Infantry Regiment on the eve of the war. Under Riley's instruction, the battalion was trained and fought as an elite artillery unit, though it later converted to infantry. It fought with distinction in most of the major battles of the war until the Battle of Churubusco, on August 20, 1847. There the unit was overrun and dozens of the San Patricios were captured.

The US Army meted out harsh justice: 50 of the deserters were hung or shot. Another 35, who had deserted *before* the declaration of war, were flogged and branded — including Riley. While he was spared the gallows, Riley was flogged and had a "D," for deserter, seared onto his face.

The San Patricios are still seen as traitors by some Irish Americans, but Mexico has never forgotten their service. It even recently issued a postage stamp in honor of the battalion. There are plaques and streets all over Mexico commemorating them.

#### *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.*

*Suggested by Jack Simila*



### 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.**

-**Frank King-Knee Surgery**

All those who have

### 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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