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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2019 Division
President

Greetings Brothers

Our November meeting is Thursday evening the 14th at 7PM. at our regular meeting place at St. Joseph's. Please plan on attending as we have a number of items to discuss. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

On October 8, 2019 a number of our members showed up in force at O'Tooles 2nd location in Midlothian for the Grand Opening

of the new pub. Thank you to all the members who were able to attend. John and his brother were presented with a shillelagh as a token of our gratitude for everything O'Tooles has done for our division. Check out our web site for pictures of this event. See pictures later in this Newsletter, too. Effective October 24, 2019, this will be our go-to spot for our monthly 4th Thursday social. Sorry, no social this month or December but we'll start up again in January.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our division at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games. We had a successful weekend kicking off our raffle ticket sales for the trip to Ireland. Don't worry, if you were unable to make it to the festival we will have plenty of opportunities to sell tickets before the drawing in March at

the St. Patrick Festival in Church Hill. Please see Brother Frank King for tickets. Remember these make great Christmas gifts.

Speaking of Christmas, we have the Christmas party scheduled for December 8th but we have a few items to discuss. Please plan on attending the meeting as we finalize the location and time of this event.

Mark your calendars for November 20, 2019. Our division is planning a presentation on the Immrana on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the North Chesterfield Library. Dr. John Countryman, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Fine Arts at Berry College will be speaking about the Immrana as part of the Ancient Order of Hibernians mission to promote Irish Catholic history and heritage. Please plan to attend this wonder-

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Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on November 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.

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Ulster-Scots Park, Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. Home of early Ulster-Scots settlers to America.



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ful event. A poster will be found here on Page 3.

Upcoming events:

- November 14, 2019 – Monthly meeting
- Sorry no social this month or December but we'll start up again in January.
- November 20, 2019 at 7PM – History Presentation by Dr. John Countryman at North Chesterfield Library.
- December 8, 2019 – Christmas Party. Details to be finalized at our November Meeting

In Our Motto

Jack

O'Toole's Opening

On the occasion of O'Toole's new location that opened in Midlothian, the Kelly Division, on October 14, presented John and Tom with a shillelagh in appreciation of all the help they provided to the Division.



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Celtic Festival

October 26th-27th was the Celtic Festival and again this year, we had great weather and lots of visitors to our tent. Thanks to our brothers who helped out again. Here's some of our crew:



Thanks Again!

A Little Irish History

Good Friday Agreement: The peace deal that ended the Northern Ireland Troubles 20 years ago.

The Belfast Agreement is also known as the Good Friday Agreement, because it was reached on Good Friday, 10 April 1998. It was a peace agreement between the British and Irish governments, and most of the political parties in Northern Ireland, on how Northern Ireland should be governed. The talks leading to the Agreement addressed issues which had caused conflict during previ-

ous decades. The aim was establish a new, devolved government Northern Ireland in which unionists and nationalists would share power.

On the constitutional question of whether Northern Ireland should remain in the UK or become part of a united Ireland, it was agreed that there would be no change without the consent of the majority. This is called the 'principle of consent'. Majority opinion in the future could be tested by referendum.

The two main political parties to the Agreement were the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), led by David Trimble and the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), led by John Hume. The two leaders jointly won the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Other parties involved in reaching agreement included Sinn Féin, the Alliance Party and the Progressive Unionist Party. The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), which later became the largest unionist party, did not support the Agreement. It walked out of talks when Sinn Féin and loyalist parties joined, because republican and loyalist paramilitary weapons had not been decommissioned.

[Full text of the Agreement.](#)

Your editor recommends reading the Agreement above. It's very clear and recognizes the legitimacy of whatever choice is freely exercised by a majority of the people of Northern Ireland with regard to its status, whether they prefer to continue to support the Union with Great Britain or a sovereign united Ireland.

Brothers:

Please plan to support your division at this history event. It's open to all, so bring family and friends, too.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

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Is Sponsoring a Presentation on



The Immrama



The Immrama are old Irish tales about a hero's sea journey to the supernatural realms far to the west of Ireland. One story describes St. Brendan's legendary voyage. Written after Christianity came to Ireland, the stories preserve elements of Irish mythology.

John Countryman, Ph.D, Emeritus Professor of Fine Arts at Berry College, will be speaking about the Immrama as part of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' mission to promote Irish-Catholic history and heritage.

Dr. Countryman is Past-President of the Southern Region American Conference for Irish Studies, former General Editor of the online journal, Irish Studies South, and a member and presenter with the European Federation of Centres and Associations of Irish Studies, the Canadian Association for Irish Studies, and the International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures. Among his other retirement activities, he currently serves as a volunteer instructor for the Open University of the Shepherd's Center of Richmond.

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Location: LaPrade Library, Room A

9000 Hull St., No. Chesterfield, VA 23236

Time: 7:00 PM

Refreshments and discussion to follow



Chesterfield County and Public Libraries are not sponsors of this event



Prayer List

-**Mike Dougherty** and also his wife, Diana, who is being treated for spinal stenosis; Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie with incurable leg infection

-**Mike's** sister, Maryellen, suffering from multiple strokes

-**Chuck Mulherin's** wife, Vera, diagnosed with cancer

-**Jim Calpin**, Neuropathy Pain and irregular heart beat

In Memorium

-**Mike Norton's** sister, Mary Bracken

-**Mike Norton's** niece, Debbi Rossi

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:

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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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