



Kelly Division Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2020 Division President

Brothers:

First, I want to thank you for your confidence in me to be your Division President for the 2020 calendar year.

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

I also want to thank our elected officers for accepting their nominations and taking on the various responsibilities in helping to run our Division. Please keep the Division officers in your prayers as we face the upcoming challenges of our new fraternal year.

We have a busy year coming up

and plenty of opportunities for members to help out. The Churchill St. Patrick's Day festival will be here before you know it. This year the festival is March 21-22 weekend. Please mark your calendars for this weekend. The Churchill festival usually is our most significant fundraising opportunity of the year, not to mention a fun event. There's plenty of food, music and good times spend with our Hibernian brothers. Also, before the festival gets here, there will be numerous occasions to sell raffle tickets after Mass on Sundays and at Otoole's Pub. We will send out emails when these opportunities become available.



A special thanks to Brother Brian Kiernan of the Dooley Division for officiating at the January Officers' Installation!

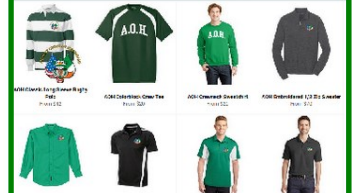
Brothers, are there any wood-

Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on February 13th, 2020 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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Dues Notice

2020 Dues are now due. Dues remain at \$40 and if 75 or older, dues are \$20.

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AOH Msgr. Kelly Division

to:
Larry Kelly
120 Carriage Point Ln.
Glen Allen Va. 23059

workers or carpenters among us? We may have an opportunity to help out with a small project at the Sacred Heart Center in Manchester. If you can help, please contact me or come to our next meeting for discussion.

Speaking of contacting me, if you need to reach me, please call or send a text message to my number 919-730-7394. An email will also work but sometimes I can't check my email for a few days and my response may be delayed.

As our new Fraternal year starts I ask each brother Hibernian to attend our business meetings, participate in council activities, volunteer your time in one or more of our charitable events (we are always in need of help) and last but certainly not least, please assist our council in bringing in new members.

I hope to hear from you and see you during our meetings and activities.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2020, starting at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we continue our new year of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

State Quarterly Meeting

The next AOH State Board quarterly Meeting will be held on March 28, 2020. The Colonel John Fitzgerald Division will be

hosting the event at the Knights of Columbus EDW Center. The location is:

Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA 22207-1899

A Bit of Irish History

The Irish National Invincibles, a Long Forgotten Republican Organisation.

Established in 1881, the Invincibles aimed to overthrow British rule in Ireland though a campaign of assassination, targeting the authorities in Dublin Castle. Often mistakenly described as a Fenian splinter group, the Invincibles were in fact an elite unit within the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB). They had been established through the joint endeavours of some of the leading Dublin Fenians, including Daniel Curley, Joe Brady, and James Carey and supporters of the movement in Britain including Frank Byrne, secretary of the Land League of Great Britain. It is also often overlooked that the Invincibles were established as a response to the British Government's campaign of coercion aimed at suppressing the Irish National Land League.

Seizing on the growing national sentiment and with the hope of effecting the collapse of the British administration in Ireland, the Invincibles put their plan into action. Their prime target was William 'Buckshot' Forster, Britain's Chief Secretary in Ireland.

Between 1881 and 1882 the Invincibles staged a number of failed assassination attempts on Forster's life, including placing a bomb on the steps of Dublin Castle, which failed to explode. Outside of Dublin, the Fenians were involved in widespread resistance against the coercion campaign, utilising armed actions including the assassination of landlords and their agents, property destruction and cattle maiming. Concerned by the growing revolutionary situation in Ireland, the British Government decided to introduce the proverbial carrot in conjunction with the coercion stick. Britain's carrot included the introduction of a new Land Act and the release of many of the Land League leaders, including Michael Davitt and Charles Stewart Parnell. Outraged at the release of Davitt and Parnell, Forster resigned in protest and was replaced as Chief Secretary by Fredrick Cavendish.

On May 5 1882, a victory parade was held in Ballina, County Mayo, to celebrate the release of the Land League prisoners. Led by a band, as the parade made its way through the town it was confronted by the Royal Irish Constabulary, who charged the demonstration, opened fire and killed several people, including a number of children.

As outrage at the murders spread across the country the Invincibles decided to strike a blow. This time their target would be Thomas Burke, Britain's permanent undersecretary

in Ireland. On May 6 1882, seven members of the Invincibles made their way to the Phoenix Park, where they waited to ambush Burke. As Burke's cab entered the park he spotted his friend Frederick Cavendish, the new Chief Secretary who had just arrived in Ireland that day. Cavendish was walking unguarded and Burke decided to join him. As Burke left the cab, the two men were grabbed by the Invincibles and executed with surgical knives. The British response was swift. Hundreds of known and suspected Fenians were rounded up and by January 1883, many of the leading Invincibles were in custody. Psychological tor-

ture was then used against the prisoners but the majority refused to talk. Three prisoners, including James Carey, once a leading member of the IRB and the Invincibles, agreed to become informers. At the trials that followed, five members of the Invincibles were sentenced to death and several more, including James Fitzharris, received long prison sentences on the evidence of Carey and other informers. Between May 14 and June 9 1883, Daniel Curley, Joe Brady, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Timothy Kelly were hanged for Ireland in Kilmainham Gaol, where they remain buried and forgotten to this day.

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

-**Dan Harrington**-Bad knees and leukemia

All those who have health problems

St. Valentine's Day in Irish

Phrase: St Valentine's Day

Irish: Lá Fhéile Vailintín

Pronunciation: law ay -leh val-in-theen

In Memorium

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

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

-**Robert O'Connor**

-**Paul Kiniry**

God grant them eternal rest



CLOSING 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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