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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2020 Division President

Brothers:

A happy new year to all our members and their families. 2020 promises to be an exciting year and I'm looking forward to working together with our membership on the best solutions to the tasks we will undoubtedly face as an AOH Division.

As AOH members, we appreciate the importance of brotherhood and giving back to our society, particularly in the areas where we improve the lives of those less fortunate than us. AOH has an excellent reputation and our division will work hard to ensure we maintain our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2020. We will start with our installation of officers at 7 pm and follow with a quick meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we start our new year of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. On behalf of my fellow officers of the Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr. Division, I wish you and your family a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2020.

Upcoming Events:

[Right to Life March-January 24th.](#)

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

Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on January 9th, 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 due starting this month. Dues remain at \$40 and if 75 or older, dues are \$20. Please pay at Division Meetings or mail check payable to:
AOH Msgr. Kelly Division

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

A Little Irish History

The image of bloodthirsty Vikings, raiding and pillaging vulnerable coastal monasteries, is a familiar one in British history. Most of these narratives focus on the Viking incursions into Scotland and the east coast of England.



The story of the Vikings in Ireland receives far less attention, despite the fact that there was a very strong Scandinavian presence here, which had a lasting effect on Irish language, culture and art. Recent discoveries are reshaping the way in which we understand this volatile and significant period in Irish history. Importantly, the Vikings are no longer simply characterized as bloodthirsty, violent raiders, but are now being recognized for their contributions to Irish trade, urban development, commerce, art, language and culture. According to Archaeology Magazine, the traditional story of the Viking invasion of Ireland begins in 795, when a horde of Norse raiders launched attacks on

northwest Scotland, reaching as far as Rathlin Island, off the north coast of Ireland. Successive raids soon extended down the Irish coast, as the Vikings were drawn by the rich treasures of Ireland's monasteries. The Irish annals recall these events in gruesome detail. They describe large numbers of Vikings coming up the Irish shores like a great wave, destroying everything in their midst and wreaking terror on the local population.

The Annals of Ulster report that in 820, "the sea spewed forth floods of foreigners over Erin, so that no heaven, no landing-place, no stronghold, no fort, no castle, might be found, but it was submerged by waves of Vikings and pirates."

However, these reports are likely to have been wildly exaggerated. New evidence suggests that the frequency of raids was actually rather low, especially in comparison to similar raids conducted by Irish kings at the same time.

The Vikings were not the only ones drawn to the riches of the monasteries. Irish kings themselves were especially adept at pillaging and plundering, and certainly did not require lessons from Norse invaders. These early raids were opportunistic in nature, but by the 830s, the nature of Viking incursion into Ireland had entirely changed. Large forces began to travel inland, looking for larger settlements and towns, and richer rewards for their efforts. Im-

portantly, they began to settle, passing the winter in Ireland instead of returning to Scotland or Scandinavia.

According to Archaeology Magazine, these Vikings established longphorts, coastal fortresses that were used to house their ships during the winter months. These early settlements would grow into places of considerable strategic importance, creating the foundations for major Irish cities such as Dublin, Wicklow and Waterford. Viking settlement in Ireland had important political economic repercussions. The Scandinavian network that now existed across the British Isles connected up with wider northern European trading routes, and stimulated commerce and trade in Ireland. The Irish (and English) language is littered with Norse loan words, particularly involving shipping, trade and commerce, demonstrating that the Vikings left a deep imprint on this already rich culture.

New goods, ideas and raw materials were imported into Ireland, shaping military, political and cultural practices. During the 10th century, Dublin emerged as an important cultural and commercial hub, linking up Ireland with Scandinavia and the rest of the British Isles.

For further information, please click the link below:

[Vikings in Ireland](#)



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 lukemia

All those who have health problems

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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