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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2020 Division President

Worthy Hibernian Brothers:
I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well and safe. June is our last newsletter and our final monthly meeting before our summer break. I don't know about you, but I can certainly use the break. We have all been through a lot the past three months, and the thought of a carefree summer sounds terrific. Please take this time to enjoy yourselves and your families as we ease into less stringent re-

strictions, but remember to be safe while doing it.

This letter will be short, and to the point, our meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020, will again be a video conference via Zoom. Everyone should have received an email inviting you to the meeting by now; if not, please get in contact with me. I look forward to seeing as many of the brothers on Thursday as possible.

Please keep our church, our families, and our country in your prayers as we go through these trying times. I not only look forward to seeing you at the Zoom meeting this Thursday but in person in September.

God bless,

Jack

IOM Jack Simila

Business Meetings

NEXT ZOOM Business Meeting on June 11th, 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. 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

Division Donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor

Since it was not feasible to meet Sr. Rosemarie personally to receive her thanks for the Kelly Division donation of \$1,000 due to the corona-virus, a group of brothers visited the Home to take a photo for remembrance of our gift.

Maintaining social distance, from



left, Matt Dullaghan, Jack Simila, Dan Harrington and Larry Kelly met at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home after the April donation to provide much needed financial help for the Order. Thank you to all those members who also contributed to this donation, bringing the total to \$1,000.

A Bit of Irish History

There is a world of distance between the east Cork harbour town of Ballinacurra and the magnificent giant white ice peninsula of Antarctica but an Irish master mariner links them both. Edward Bransfield, who was

born in Ballinacurra near Middleton in 1785 and who went on to become a decorated and skilled naval ships master, is credited with leading the first expedition to discover and map the Antarctic mainland in January 1820. His pioneering achievement has been marked in his hometown of Ballinacurra this weekend, with the unveiling of a stone memorial to Bransfield, to mark the 200th anniversary of his great voyage.

It is the first monument anywhere in the world to commem-



orate the achievements of this largely forgotten Irish explorer. Edward Bransfield was the son of a fisherman which most likely influenced his lifelong interest and skills at sea.

But in 1803, at just 18 years of age, he was "press-ganged" into the Royal Navy when Britain was at war with France, when thousands of young men across Britain and Ireland were forced into service with the navy.

He rose quickly in the navy and was commended for his navigational ability and coolness under fire.

He eventually went to work in Valparaiso in Chile, from where he was given the task of cap-

taining the Williams merchant ship to verify the sighting of uncharted lands in 1819 which became known as the South Shetland islands south of Cape Horn. With his considerable navigational skills, Edward Bransfield led the naval team and commanded the vessel further south, and in January 1820 made the momentous discovery of the northwestern shore of the Antarctic peninsula.

It opened a new era of Antarctic exploration for legendary figures such as Captain Robert Scott, Sir Ernest Shackleton and Tom Crean who explored the South Polar region 100 years later. The strip of ocean between Antarctica and the South Shetland islands became known as the Bransfield strait, as well as Bransfield Island and Mount Bransfield, the imposing snow-capped mountain on Antarctica.



Deportation of Malachy McAllister

Today, after a 24-year legal battle to seek asylum and gain permanent residency in the United States, the Department of Homeland Security has deported Malachy McAllister, a 62-year-old grandfather. Mr. McAllister was a New Jersey resident

and respected leader in the Irish community leader who came to America after escaping an assassination attempt in Northern Ireland and has lived peacefully in the United States while legally seeking permanent residency.

Ref: www.aoh.com



Dunluce Castle

Portrush, Country Antrim, NI

Prayer List

All those who have health problems

-**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 D's** sister, Maryellen, suffering from multiple strokes.

-**Frank King**-Recovering from colon surgery'

-**Mike McGee**-Being treated for shingles

-**Jim Calpin**, Recovering from a stroke.

-**Dan Harrington**-Bad knees, and awaiting knee replacement surgery; un-

dergoing leukemia treatment.

Jack Simila's son, John, recovering from a serious car accident and doing well.

In Memorium

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

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

-**Robert O'Connor**

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 children
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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