



Kelly Division Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Jack Simila
2020 Division President

Brothers,

March is here already. The time is flying by, and The St. Patrick's Church Hill Festival is upon us. As I am writing this letter, we have one more weekend and St. Patrick's Day to sell tickets before the festival weekend. We have approximately five days of sales to hit our numbers, so the more help, the better. I plan on being at O'Toole's on Forest Hill Ave this coming weekend. If you can come out for an hour or two, give me a call or text. I can certainly use as much help as possible.

The Church Hill festival usually is our most significant fundraising opportunity of the year, not to mention a fun event. There's plen-

ty of food, music and good times to spend with our Hibernian brothers. Keep a lookout for the sign up invite from Dan. The more members we have "working" the booth, the more fun it is for everyone. Just a reminder, we need help on Friday to get things set up, and we also would like to have a good showing of people for the parade on Saturday morning and, of course, the various shifts throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

Brothers, in our last newsletter, I asked if there were any woodworkers or carpenters among us? I received a good response from the division, so this project is still a go. I hope to have more information on this project soon. If you haven't responded to me yet and you would like to help, please contact me or come to our next meeting for discussion.

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, which may cause a delay in my response.

I hope to see you all at our business meetings and any of our upcoming events

Our next scheduled meeting is

Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on March 12th, 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

Thursday, March 12, 2020, starting at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we continue our year of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

IOM,
Jack Simila

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.

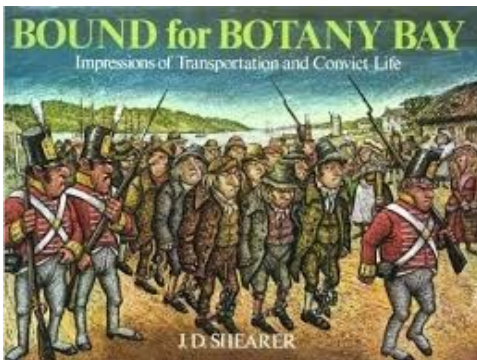
A Bit of Irish History

After the end of the American War of Independence, Britain had to find a new territory to send its convicts. New South Wales was selected as a suitable penal colony. Legislation permitting transportation from Britain to NSW was passed in 1784, and the Irish Act followed in 1786.

The Irish Statute provided for "*removal to some of His Majesty's plantations in America, or to such place out of Europe*".

Whereas the British Act did not name the destination, merely saying "*beyond the sea, either within His Majesty's dominions or elsewhere outside His Majesty's Dominion's*". This difference in the Acts appears to have allowed for transportation to Australia from England, to start in 1787, while there were problems with the Irish Act. Further legislation passed in 1790, designed "*to render the transportation of such felons and vagabonds more easy and effectual*", and rectified matters.

The sentence of Penal Transportation was carried out in Ireland from 1791 to 1853. This form of punishment involved the removal of convicted criminals from the land of their birth and relocating them elsewhere, most



commonly to Australia. Many people in Australia who have a claim to Irish ancestry can trace their roots back to a person who was sent to a faraway land as punishment for their crimes. These infractions vary in severity from armed robbery to the theft of barely enough bread to survive the day. Penal Transportation was put in place as a way

of punishing minor crimes without having to resort to the barbarism of capital punishment, as the public feeling towards hanging became increasingly negative.

Yet a sentence of Penal Transportation did not necessarily mean that you would never see your family again. Female convicts were often permitted to bring their children with them. The wives and families of male convicts could also petition to follow them as free immigrants to Australia. Children themselves were also subject to the threat of Penal Transportation as the records show that the sentence was given to children as young as 12 years old. At a time when the country was struggling to feed its population, and the Union Workhouses were far beyond maximum capacity, it is hardly surprising that the magistrates took the opportunity to send as many hungry mouths away as possible.

As the population of free immigrants in Australia grew, so too did a distaste for the use of the country as a Penal colony, and it was due to the protestations of these locals that Penal Transportation was largely stopped in 1853, with a few exceptions in later years such as the sentencing of those involved in Fenian activities. The sharp rise in popularity of Penal Transportation had served its purpose by easing the burden on the Poor Law Unions and removing many families from a country that was

struggling to keep its communities still ex- children fed. By the time that Penal Transportation was halted, entire communities had been established in Australia by the families and descendants of convicts. Many of these strong Irish



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:

[Contact Editor](#)

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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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