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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. As I write this letter, I can't help but think about how fortunate we are to have our families and friends close by in these trying times. Don't forget, not only do we have family and friends, but we also have our brotherhood to reach out to if there is ever a need. Having family and friends you can count on and trust to look out for you goes a long way.

We started the year off with great plans, but unfortunately, we had to postpone some of our projects.

We began the year with discussions about helping out the Sacred Heart Center in Manchester, by building or providing shelves in their donation room. This project is on hold until things open up, and we can get matters back to some sense of normal. Our biggest fundraising event of the year, the St. Patrick Festival at Church Hill, is delayed for now. We will keep you informed as soon as we have any new information on this event. These delays, however, did not stop us from reaching out to our local community to offer assistance during the COVID-19 crisis. I am very proud that our division was able to donate \$1000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor during April. \$500 of the donation came from our treasury, and the other \$500 was personal contributions from a number of our Hibernian brothers. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We also postponed our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule this dinner to honor our patron Saint very soon.

Our May 2020 meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2020, will be held via video conferencing.

Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting on May 14th, 2020 at 7 PM. By video.

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

Please look for an email from me before the date and time of our meeting. This email will contain instructions and a link to join the meeting.

As states are loosening up on the COVID-19 restrictions and small non-essential businesses are allowed to open, remember to proceed at your level of comfort. Because we are allowed to do something doesn't mean we have to do it. As we have said before, if you are not comfortable going out or if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact one of our brothers from the division or me. We're all in this together, and we're here to help each other out.

Please be safe,

IOM Jack Simila

A Bit of Irish History

Flight of the Earls

The 14th of September 1607 was to become an important date in Irish history and one which continues to baffle even the most experienced and knowledgeable of historians.

The date remembers the day that the two remaining northern Earls of Ireland, along with nearly 100 family and followers,

fled the small country to Spain, with no reason or explanation but with a lot of haste. The actions of the two were to become known as **The Flight of The Earls** and would be one of the most perplexing stories in the history of Ireland's fight for independence.



The Earl of Tyrone, Hugh O' Neill and the Earl of Tyrconnell, Rory O'Donnell the brother of Red Hugh O'Donnell, were the last two remaining earls that held even the smallest amount of power in the north of Ireland. The Surrender of Hugu O'Neill Hugu O'Neill surrendered to the English in 1603 after facing defeat in the Battle of Kinsale in 1601. He had settled down in the north; however, most of his land and authority was removed and replaced by more Loyalist characters. Both he and O'Donnell had succumbed to British power and therefore became Earls of Tyrone and Tyrconnell, however, it wasn't long before the restricted incomes, lesser status, and overwhelming pressure from the crown began to take its toll.

O'Donnell along with a clan of O'Neill's allies, the Maguire's, decided to seek help and sup-

port from the English enemy, the Spanish. Spain was known to Ireland as they had sent an army to help with Battle of Kinsale in 1601, which proved to be the defeat of the Irish against the English Crown.

The Irish Earls flee Ireland

O'Neill learned of O'Donnell's plan and soon joined in on the plan with little other options. So, with the fear of an arrest of treason looming, the two Earls and most of their families and followers boarded a ship in Rathmullan, a small village on the banks of Lough Swilly in Donegal, in the dead of night and made their journey towards the European Continent.

First, they disembarked in France and then continued on to Spain. O'Neill and O'Donnell had both planned to return to Ireland with their Spanish allies, to invade their country and get rid of the enemy and reclaim their lands; however this was not to be as both Earls died in their exile, O'Neill died in 1616 and O'Donnell died only a year after his arrival in Spain, 1608.

The Flight of the Earls is as bewildering as ever with historians debating as to why they fled so secretly and rapidly. As there is no actual record of events as to why the Flight of the Earls took place, the main theory seems to be that that they rebelled against their allegiance to the crown and feared arrest for treason.

Whatever caused these, once influential and powerful men to leave the Island that they had fought bloody battles for it was to mark the final take-over of Ire-

land and to introduce Ulster to the North, subsequently starting a completely new Era to Ireland's history.

[History of Ireland](#)



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

-**Frank King**-Recovering from colon surgery; still in hospital

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

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

-**Dan Harrington**-Bad

knees, and awaiting knee replacement surgery; undergoing leukemia treatment.

Bob Doan's son Louis, undergoing tests for a heart attack.

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 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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