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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JACK SIMILA



Jack Simila
2020 Division President

Worthy Hibernian Brothers:

It's that time of the year again. With COVID still going on, we are going to stay with Zoom meetings for the time being. I hope you all have enjoyed your summer, and I hope that you can make this meeting on Thursday night. I look forward to seeing and talking with each of you.

God bless,

Jack

IOM Jack Simila

A Bit of Irish History

The History Behind Lughnasa

Lammas Fair" is one of the oldest fairs in Ireland and has been held without interruption for more than three centuries. Its roots can be traced back to the early inhabitants who migrated to Ireland after the end of the last ice age, 11,000 years ago. The name Lammas is derived from the word Lughnasagh [Lughnasa]. The story starts with Lugh, the son of Cian of the Tuatha Dé Danann, and his mother, Ethniu, daughter of Balor, the leader of a race called the Fomorians. Their union was a dynastic marriage, following an alliance between the Tuatha and the Fomorians. His father gave Lugh to Taitiu, queen of the Fir Bolg, in fosterage, a common practice of the times that ensured peaceful relations. Later in life, Lugh had a son, which he named Setanta, later changed by the Druid Cathbadh to Cúchulainn, on the steep slopes of Slieve Gul-

Business Meetings

NEXT ZOOM Business Meeting on Sept. 10th, 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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lion in South Armagh.

Tailtus' people, the Fir Bolgs, meaning the men of bags or breeches wearers, are said to have come to Ireland from Greece, where they had been put into servitude and forced to carry soil from the fertile plains up to the higher ground in an effort to expand the arable areas. To do this, they fashioned



leather bags which they wore around their waists and which they later used to build boats and escape from their enslavement.

After many years of land and sea voyages, they eventually arrived in Ireland.

The Fir bolg lived in Ireland and ruled until they were conquered by a new race called the Tuatha de Danann, the people of the Goddess Dana. According to legend, the Tuatha forced Tailtiu and her people, the Fir Bolgs, to clear large areas of woodland for the planting of crops. This land clearing required a huge amount of effort and eventually, Tailtiu died from exhaustion. She was buried under a great mound, which was called the 'Hill of Tailtiu.' Lugh decreed that each year a festival should be held to commemorate his foster mother's death and that there should be games and feasting with the first fruits of the harvest.

The funeral games in her honor were held at Tailtin in what is now County Meath. The games were similar to the Ancient Olympic Games and included ritual athletic and sporting contests. The event also involved trading, including animals, the drawing-up of contracts, and matchmaking. Trial marriages were conducted, whereby young couples joined hands through a hole in a wooden door, a form of handfasting. The trial marriage lasted a year and a day, at which time the marriage could be made permanent or broken without consequences.

Continued Ref: [Lughnasa](#)

ROBERT EMMET

The United Irishmen were a group of Catholics and Protestants united for Irish independence who rose in 1798. The English put down the rising with extreme brutality instituting a 'campaign of frightfulness', as Seamus MacManus called it, 'to break the spirit of the Irish that they should never dare to dream of liberty again.' They even banned the color green which was the symbol of the union of Protestant Orange and Catholic Blue. In retaliation, one young man contacted leaders still at large and planned another rising. He entered an alliance with Napoleon's minister Talleyrand and planned to rise in 1803. Promises of support from France, from other revolutionary

societies and from men of high standing in Ireland, made the effort seemed more likely to succeed than the ill-fated attempt of five years earlier. Further, he now had a secret weapon that he felt would make the difference. Developed with help from his chemistry teacher, John Patten, it was an iron-clad rocket that delivered a bomb. Their chemical powder mix and a stabilizing shaft made it steadier than anything ever seen before. They built enough of them to provide a military advantage. The young man returned from France in 1802 to coordinate plans in Ireland. His name was Robert Emmet.

Born 4 March 1778, he was the 17th child of Dr. Robert and Elizabeth Emmet. He enrolled as a Chemistry student in Trinity College, but was expelled for refusing to take an oath of allegiance to King George III. His older brother, Thomas Addis Emmet, was one of the '98 leaders, jailed and exiled to America where he became New York State Attorney General and that's another story. As for young Emmet, he was to organize military cooperation with the French when they landed. He confided in three surviving fighters of '98 and was told that 19 counties stood ready to join him. One of those confidants, Bernard Duggan, was a castle spy who relayed the plans to the English. Receiving a report that Talleyrand was only using Ireland for his own political ends and there would be no French

support, Emmet began to weigh his chances of success when the decision was made for him! On 16 July, an explosion in an apartment he was using as an arms depot destroyed most of his rocket stockpile. Convinced that his plans were near discovery and with assurances that if Dublin rose, the rest of Ireland would speedily follow. He moved the date of the rising up to 23 July, 217 years ago this month.

Ref : [Robert Emmet](#)



**Ancient Monks' Skull Repository
County Donegal**

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 Surgery.

-Dan Harrington- recovering from knee replacement surgery; undergoing leukemia treatment.

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 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.

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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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