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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



What a wonderful March! Good fellowship at our St. Patrick's Day pot-luck, excellent raffle sales thanks to Brother Mike McGee, and good weather (for March, anyway) for the Festival!

On the centenary anniversary of the Rising, we should recall some of the details of those events. The following is from [John Dorney's](#)

[piece](#), one of the best short summaries I found:

The Easter Rising was an insurrection, mostly in Dublin city, that lasted from April 24th until April 30th 1916. The Rising was planned in secret by seven men, mostly of the Irish Republican Brotherhood or IRB, who had formed a "Military Council" to this end just after the outbreak of the First World War. They were, Tom Clarke, Sean McDermott, Patrick Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh, Joseph Plunkett, James Connolly and Eamon Ceannt. The insurgents proclaimed an Irish Republic with Pearse as President and Con-

nolly as commander in chief. They occupied positions around Dublin at the General Post Office (GPO), the Four Courts, the South Dublin Union, Boland's Mill, Stephen's Green and Jacobs' biscuit factory.

Over the following week, the British deployed over 16,000 troops, artillery and naval gunboat into the city to suppress the rising. In the week's fighting, about 450 people were killed and over 2,000 wounded.

The rebels' headquarters at the GPO was bombarded into surrender, which Patrick Pearse ordered on Saturday, 29th April.

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Meeting Schedule

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Church on April 14th, 2016 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.

Irish Continental Soldier



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NOTICE: 2016 annual dues (\$40.00, over 75?, it's \$20.00) are now payable. Please mail your check to our Financial Secretary, Conor Shiel, PO Box 3841, Chester, VA 23831. Please make checks payable to "AOH Msgr Kelly Div"

Dues can also be paid at our monthly meetings.



Division Activities

St. Patrick's Dinner

We had a great turnout and the food was delicious and plentiful. Thanks to Larry Kelly for organizing/setting up!



St. Patrick's Festival



Despite the chilly weather, our Division did well and had many visitors stop and buy raffle tickets. Thanks again to all who participated!

Raffle Tickets

Funds raised from tickets sold and donations for 2016: \$ 2,824.

Per Mike: *"Brothers, it has been an honor to be part of a championship team. Despite a slow start and some setbacks we managed to come through in flying (green, Kelly green of course) colors. God bless you all and your families."*

History Month

Your Editor will present possible history subjects at the April meeting.

History of Bagpipes in the Fire Service

Brother John Frampton, a firefighter himself, provided a link to the [History of Bagpipes in the Fire Service](#). Thanks for an interesting read!!!

Brothers

You're welcome to contribute to the Newsletter by sending your information to the [Editor](#).

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Symbols or Ireland

Celtic Harp



The tradition of the early Celtic harp can be traced over one thousand years, but some of the earliest representations of the harps were found sculpted in stone in Scotland dating from the eighth or ninth century. Music was an important part of life in ancient Ireland, and harpers were honored above all other musicians. In social position the harper ranked at the top of the bo-aire class of nobility. [More..](#)

Celtic Dragon



A mythical creature thought to be a symbol of fertility and power. It was believed that the dragon was created when the first living cell was born from the earth, and the sky fertilized it with the wind and water. Because of this, the dragon is associated with seasonal fertility and the energies of the earth. Christians later associated the dragon with Satan, and pagan evil.

Triskelion



The spiraled triskelion, or triskel, stands for unity of the three. In the case of Celts, this is the physical, mental and spiritual. It also symbolizes the eternal life, the flow of nature, and spiritual growth and is often seen as three interlocked spirals, three bent human legs, or three bent/curved lines extending from the center of the symbol.

Irish Wolfhound



Seen as guardian figures and sources of healing power. Hounds are associated with various Celtic gods and goddesses, including the famous Irish mythological hero Cuchulainn. In ancient Celtic Ireland, hounds were given as gifts to honorable men, and many warriors and chiefs took the name as a title (as in "Hound of Culann") to demonstrate their loyalty and courage.

Tium Knot



The Celtic knot symbol, is also referred to as the mystic knot, or the endless knot. The more esoteric meaning of this symbol eludes to beginnings and endings. In viewing these knots, we cannot see a beginning or and end, and therefore we are reminded of the timeless nature of our spirit. This translation harkens to our most primal selves as we contemplate the infinite cycles of birth and rebirth in both physical and ethereal realms.

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Sixteen of the rebel leaders were executed, 15 in a two-week period after they had surrendered and one, Roger Casement, in August.

Over 3,000 people were arrested after the rebellion and over 1,400 imprisoned. The Rising was not widely support-

ed among the Dublin public and was condemned by the Irish Parliamentary Party and much of nationalist as well as unionist opinion. However, combined with other factors, such as the continued postponement of Home Rule, the growing casualties of the First World War and

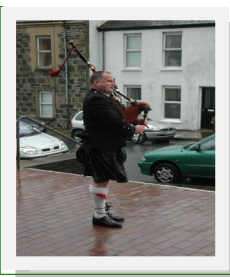
the threat of conscription, the Rising and its repression helped to increase the strength of the radical nationalists in Sinn Fein.

This party, which had not participated in the rebellion, was adopted as a vehicle by the veterans of the Rising and pledged to withdraw

from the Westminster Parliament and set up an Irish one.

Sinn Fein went on to win three by-elections in 1917 and a general election in 1918, leading to their proclamation of an Irish Republic in January 1919 and the start of the Irish War of Independence.

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIUM



Prayer List

Jim and Sherry Glover

Matt McGuire's father, Edward, diagnosed with Alzheimer's

Mike McHugh's son, Patrick, doing well after his recent hospitalization.

Mike Dougherty and also his wife, Diana. Mike's daughter-in-law Gale, who has heart disease and diabetes; also Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie

Brian McLaughlin's parents Martin and

MaryAnn.

Rick Brennan's wife.

Greg Riley's wife Sandra, recovering from surgery

Frank King's mother Emma, who is 103 years old, having health issues

George Rodenberg-

Now in a nursing home

Paul Kinnery-Recovering from a series of strokes

Tony Meyer-Recovering from shoulder surgery and still in pain

Kay Woods-

In Memorium

Irene McGee-Wife of Past President Michael McGee

Yolanda Savelli-Sister of Diana Dougherty

Emma King-mother of Past Pres. Frank King, at the age of 103.

Stephen Dougherty, son of Mike and Diana Dougherty, died suddenly on Feb. 23, 2016

God grant them eternal rest

CLOSING THOUGHT/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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