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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION 1



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



Division Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting
at St. Joseph Church on
April 13th at 7 PM.



What a wonderful month it was to be Irish and a Hibernian! The Church Hill Irish Festival was blessed with beautiful weather and generous crowds. We had a double row of marchers in the parade and full coverage at our booth throughout. We saw the successful culmination of our raffle ticket sales at the

Church Hill Irish Festival and beat our budgeted goal. Brother Jack Simila did a tremendous job as chairman, and already said, in front of witnesses, that he's willing to carry on again next year. We all owe him a debt of thanks.

We also paid a debt of thanks to Mike McGee at our St. Patrick Dinner at O'Toole's. Mike has given his all to the Division as its President, Vice-President, and long-serving raffle ticket chairman. We also had the benefit of his much-perused Irish Name books at the festival booth. He is now off to the gentler climes of San Antonio. We wish

him only the best.

Speaking of the dinner, John O'Toole did his usual marvelous job for us. It ended up a smaller party than some years, but the fellowship was splendid.

I hope to see many more of you at our next monthly meeting on April 13. We have agreed to host the State Board meeting at St. Joseph's on June 10, and we have some planning to do to be ready for that.

Sláinte mhaith agat!

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.

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NOTICE: Annual dues of \$40.00 or, if over 75 it's \$20.00, are now payable for 2017. Please mail your check to our Financial Secretary Larry Kelly, 1711 Bellevue Ave. D1216, Richmond, Va. 23227

Please make checks payable to "AOH Msgr Kelly Div".

A BUSY MONTH FOR THE DIVISION

St. Patrick's Festival-Church Hill



St. Patrick's Dinner O'Toole's



UPCOMING

State Board Meeting-June 10th.

Details to follow.

Baseball at the Diamond

Put it on your List

Let's join the Dooley Division on Saturday, June 24th at 6:05 PM Family Game Outing Richmond Flying Squirrels vs. Akron. Please call Tim McDonnell (678-9764) for ticket info



PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

Please notify Brother Mike Dougherty to add or change the prayer or In Memorium list.

Mike Dougherty and his wife, Diana. Also Mike's brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

Paul Kiniry, Recovering from a series of strokes.

Dan Harrington's wife Joyce and Dan, in remission-leukemia.

Rick Brennan's wife

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In Memorium

Irene McGee—Wife of Mike McGee

Stephen Dougherty — son of Diana & Mike Dougherty

Division Treasurer — Bill Murphy

God grant them eternal rest



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HISTORY

George Washington's Sniper

Timothy Murphy was a rifleman and expert sniper in the American Revolutionary War. Some say he changed the course of the critical battle of Saratoga when he gunned down two British generals, at 300 yards.

At the Battle of Bemis Heights, the second Battle of Saratoga, on October 7, 1777, Murphy is reputed to have shot and killed Sir Francis Clerke and General Simon Fraser.

Relatively few details of Murphy's early life are known. He was born in 1751 near the Delaware Water Gap. His parents were Presbyterians from County Donegal, Ireland, who moved to Shamokin Flats (now Sunbury, PA) in 1759, when Murphy was eight years old, according to Wikipedia. A few years later, Murphy became an apprentice to a Mr. van Campen and moved with the van Campen family to the Wyoming Valley, which was then the frontier.

On June 29, 1775, shortly after the start of the American Revolutionary War, Timothy Murphy and his brother John enlisted in the Northumberland County Ri-

flemen, specifically Captain John Lowdon's Company. Their unit saw action in the Siege of Boston, the Battle of Long Island, and "skirmishing in Westchester."

After this, Murphy was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Continental Army's 12th Pennsylvania Regiment and fought at the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Murphy was an "expert marksman," defined as being "able to hit a seven-inch target at 250 yards." In July 1777, this skill led to Murphy joining Daniel Morgan's newly formed Morgan's Riflemen.

Later that year, he was selected as one of 500 hand-picked riflemen to go with General Daniel Morgan to Upstate New York to help stop General John Burgoyne and the British Army. As the battles around Saratoga raged, the British, having been pushed back, were being rallied by Brigadier General Simon Fraser.

Benedict Arnold rode up to General Morgan, pointed at Fraser and told Morgan the man was worth a regiment. Morgan called on Murphy and said: "That gallant officer is General Fraser. I admire him,

but it is necessary that he should die, do your duty."

Murphy scaled a nearby tree, took careful aim at the extreme distance of 300 yards, and fired four times. The first shot was a close miss, the second grazed the General's horse, and with the third, Fraser tumbled from his horse, shot through the stomach. General Fraser died that night. British Senior officer Sir Francis Clerke, General Burgoyne's chief aide-de-camp, galloped onto the field with a message. Murphy's fourth shot killed him instantly.

Murphy's first wife, Peggy (née Margaret Feeck), was the daughter of Johannes Feeck, a prosperous Dutch farmer in Schoharie Valley in central NY. Timothy and Margaret Murphy had five sons and four daughters.

Several years after the 1807 death of his first wife, Murphy married Mary Robertson, and with her relocated to Charlotteville, NY. and there, by her, had four more sons. Murphy is considered a hero in Schoharie County, NY where he resided. In the cemetery in Middleburgh, an annual walk is named in his honor.

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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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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