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The latest news from the Kelly Division

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## Ancient Order of Hibernians Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Division

# Merry Christmas!

### President's Message



Worthy Brothers, what a wonderful time of the year this is as we ready ourselves for the Celebration of Christmas. This is the time for all of us to be united with family and friends when and where possible. Hopefully, all of your family can make plans to gather together in this

Joyous Season. Let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas and we should not forget those who are less fortunate than us. Please get with your Parish Leaders and organizations in your Church that are helping families who are in need of food, clothing, shelter and other critical needs. Pray that everyone can enjoy the Season that Celebrates the Birth of Christ Our Lord!

What a Great Year we had in 2014. We welcomed 17 new Brothers

### Division Officers

#### President

J. Larry Kelly

#### Vice-President

Michael McGee

#### Financial Secretary

Matt Dullaghan

#### Treasurer

Dan Harrington

#### Recording Secretary

Jim Calpin

#### Standing Committee

Mike Dougherty

#### Marshall

Jim Dunn

#### Compassion Committee

#### Chairman

Mike Dougherty

#### -CC Co-Chairman

and had a very successful St. Patrick's Day Event at Church Hill and celebration at O'Toole's. We enjoyed both our best Raffle Ticket sales so far with Mike McGee's leadership for 2014 and our first try at the Sacred Heart International Food Festival. We had a marvelous time at the Celtic Festival and Games with a good start at Raffle Ticket sales for 2015. We experienced a very successful first ever Irish History Presentation program jointly with the Knights of Columbus in a joint program at the Ireton Center and ended the year with a fantastic Christmas get-together and dinner at O'Toole's.

We must not forget the spouses and other family members who supported us this year at our events. We would not be where we are today without their help.

God Bless them all!

Along with the addition of new Brothers joining this year, we have increased the number of Parishes we are supporting. With the record number of raffle ticket sales this past year we were able to increase the Charitable Missions Funding. Remember, the Raffle ticket sales make up the largest part of our fund raising dollars. We strive to look for other events to increase our fund raising efforts next year. If you do not have raffle tickets to sell, please pick them up at our next regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph's.

**Remember, the Trip to Ireland raffle tickets make Great Christmas presents and stocking stuffers! You "do not" have to wait until January to start selling. The Trip to Ireland raffle tickets will sell for \$10.00 each. You can sell 10 tickets for \$90.00 or 11 tickets for \$100.00.**

Brothers, this will be my last Newsletter. Our new President and the 2015 Slate of new Officers will be installed at the January 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. I want to thank each and all of you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your President. I appreciate all of the support you have given me this past year as I could not have done it without you. I will be joining Brothers Mike McGee and Frank King as members of the Past President's Committee at our next meeting. With the State Board's assistance, this committee will become the Msgr. Kelly Division Past Presidents Council with the support of amended Msgr. Kelly Divisional By-Laws early in the year. This Council will be chaired by the Immediate Past President for 2014

Michael McGee

## Prayer List

### Kevin Hogan's

mother, Louise, is in need of our prayers as Kevin's father has passed away. Also, Kevin's sister recovering from knee surgery.

### Mike Dougherty and

his wife, Diana, who are recovering from breast cancer and has spinal stenosis; his daughter-in-law, Gale Dougherty, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery and had kidney failure and his brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

### Brian McLaughlin's

father, Martin and mother Maryann

### Kevin Walsh's

mother, Bonnie and son.

### Rick Brennan's wife

### Greg Riley's wife

Sandra, recovering from surgery

### Sonny Dorish's wife,

Cheryl, recovering from illness

*Please notify Mike Dougherty of those*

and the Chair will change each year. The purpose of the Council will be to support all missions of the Msgr. Kelly Division.

May God Bless each of us as Brothers and Families of the Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Jr. Division as we go forward in support of our Ancient Order of Hibernians In America Missions.

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***Worthy Brothers, as always, please pay Special  
Attention to our  
Prayer List  
and Pray for those that need our help.***

**In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity  
Slainte! Larry**

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**[Upcoming Activities](#)**

**[New Officer Installation for 2015](#)**

<b>President</b>	<b>Conor Shiel</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Jack Simila</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Jim Calpin</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Matt Dullaghan</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bill Murphy</b>
<b>Chairman-Standing Comm.</b>	<b>Mike Dougherty</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	<b>Jim Dunn</b>
<b>Sentinel</b>	<b>Bob Donovan</b>

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**[Map of Ireland](#)**

*in need of prayer.*

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**In Memorium**

**Patrick Hogan**-Kevin  
Hogan's father

**Michael Kelly**-James  
Dunn's brother-in-law

**Elwanda Cart**-  
Glenda King's mother

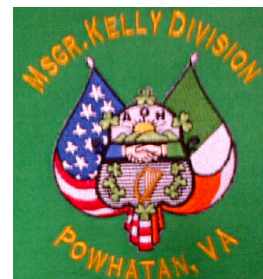
**Seamus Heaney**-  
(1939-2013) Irish  
Poet and more...,  
1995 Nobel Prize in  
Lit.

**Ray Olson's** sister

*God grant them  
eternal rest*

**Interested in customized  
AOH apparel?**

At [Sew Fabulous Embroidery](#), Deirdre Noonan will customize your selections with the AOH Kelly Division logo (below) and embroider your name.



Your names can be embroidered in Celtic font if you wish. Check out the selections in her catalog.

A few Kane Maps of Ireland are available. If additional maps are needed, another order can be placed. The minimum order is for twelve maps so please contact me by e-mail ([tizhimself@aohkelly.org](mailto:tizhimself@aohkelly.org)) and when we have twelve sign-ups, another order can be placed. Each map sells for \$13.00 (members only) and can be paid by cash or check made out to: **AOH Msgr. Kelly Division.**

Give her a call at (845)821-6183 if you need something special.

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### [Recent Activities](#)

The Fifth Annual Division Christmas Party at O'Toole's Restaurant was another success, despite the rainy weather. We had a great turnout, with twenty-five members and family guests attending. It's great to renew friendships and swap stories!



Larry gives John O'Toole a big round of thanks for all he did for us this year.



Frank and Glenda King, Jim and Jo Anne Calpin, Matt and Vicki Dullaghan and Chuck and Vera Mulherin deep in conversation before dinner.



Certificates of extraordinary and meritorious service were also presented to Jim Calpin, Matt Dullaghan, Bill Murphy and Jim Dunn (not present).

# Thanks everyone!

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## [Irish Trivia](#)

### **The Irish Hare**

The Irish hare is unique to the island of Ireland and is arguably the country's oldest surviving mammal. It has been present on the island since before the last ice age, which ended around 10,000 years ago. Revered and celebrated in Celtic lore for centuries, The lunar hare is seen as carrying an egg, symbolically heralding the new cycle of life that

comes with the spring. For ancient communities that had struggled to survive the winter with limited food reserves, eggs were often the first of nature's bounty to save them from starvation. No wonder then that the hare was revered as a symbol of life and endowed with magical powers.

Irish hares only have about 2 babies in every litter. Unlike rabbits, hares are born fully furred and with their eyes open. Unfortunately, The numbers of these noble animals have declined dramatically in the last three decades. People who live in rural areas report that hare numbers are only a fraction of what they once were.

With little protection in law, this unique species remains endangered and is now locally extinct in some areas.

*Courtesy:* <http://www.irishcultureandcustoms.com/>

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***GOD SAVE OUR COUNTRY***



As always, Pray the Rosary and Pray for our Clergy. Lets pray for each other and our families. Pray for our veterans and their families, as they have given so much of themselves for our Great Country.

Let us also remember our deceased brethren and those on our Prayer List and In Memorium.

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## **Division History**

The Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr. Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed in December 2009 and

conducted its 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 organize the Division. We later moved to our current meeting location at St. Joseph's Church. 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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