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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



Brothers:

I hope each of you has had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish for each of us a prosperous and gratifying New Year. We have elect-

ed a strong slate of officers, who will be formally installed this Thursday.

Raffle ticket sales are officially underway, although we are still in search of a ticket sales chair. Until then, the past coordinators at each parish will be our primary contacts for organizing coverage on key week-ends.

The core of our chapter, as always, is our members. We had strong recruiting efforts the past few

years, but less success in 2016. Please be alerts to any opportunities to introduce Hibernians, and our Division, to many good Irishmen who often need only an invitation to join us. Each of us needs only to be welcoming to the future members we will meet.

I have enjoyed our Division's presentations on Irish history, and I am hopeful we will be able to continue both the formal talks and the briefer highlights at the

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Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on January 10th at 7 PM.

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

Installation of Division 2017 Officers at January Meeting.

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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".
Dues can also be paid at our monthly meetings.*

A SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THOSE ON THE INVOLVED ON THE KELLY TEAM, GREAT EFFORT

ANY GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT POSSESSES A STRONG LEADERSHIP CADRE AND A CLOSE BONDED MEMBERSHIP IS A WINNING TEAM.

DIVISION ACTIVITIES REPORT

We have started out biggest yearly fund raiser and have sold 54 tickets for the Trip to Ireland.

As stated in the president's message, we are in the planning stage of recruitment in the various local parishes.

Paul McFadden met with us earlier and provided us with a good deal of information and lots of ide-

as. Paul will be our main recruiter but we need to do the ground work at the various parishes. The ground work includes getting permission from the pastors, acquiring space and table for Paul (for displays), an announcement from the altar about AOH recruiting and a notice in the parish bulletin if possible.

It would be nice to

have coffee, etc. also.

We are attempting to recruit at St Edward on January 26 th and 27 th, St John Neumann on February 2nd and 3rd

and St Joseph on February 9th and 10th.

Upcoming Events

Financial Audit Plans
Raffle Ticket Progress
St. Patrick's Festival,
Church Hill



ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR 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 encourage 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 Novem-**

ber. I hope the US Constitution and the part about religious freedom still applies.

Also continue to remember in your prayers the victims and survivors of Hurricane Sandy!

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM



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

Larry Kelly's wife Gayle.

Mike Dougherty's wife, Diana, undergoing chemo

Paul Kiniry

Brian McLaughlin's father, Martin and mother Maryann

Michael Dougherty and his

brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

Kevin Walsh's mother, Bonnie

Past President Mike McGee, recovering from surgery

Dan Harrington's wife Joyce

In Memoriam

Charles Kelly, father of our Msgr. Charles Kelly

Andy Jennings—He helped get the AOH started in Richmond.

Ray Olson's sister

Sister-in-law of Marie, Lady Hibernian-St. John's

Division Treasurer Bill Murphy

God grant them eternal rest

President's Message

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Finally, I encourage all of us to help build the bonds of brotherhood in the coming year. Please attend our regular monthly meetings, they are the core of our fellowship. And watch this newsletter for notices of planned social events, and especially our community activities at the Saint Patrick Church Festival and the Celtic Festival. Our divisional website at www.aohkelly.org. The website has information about our Divisional namesake, Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr., prayer lists, as well as upcoming and past events, including photos.

As always, please let me hear what you'd like the division to do, and what would inspire you to spend more of your valuable time in fellowship.

Until we meet again, **Sláinte mhaith agat!**

Recent Contribution

Bill Murphy's family has contributed his green AOH blazer, AOH sash and a green tie to the division. If you wish to have any item, please contact Dan Harrington and, for a suitable donation to the division, you may have any or all items. He will have these items available at the next Division meeting on January 12th.

Quarterly State Board Meeting

The Colonel Cunningham Division will be hosting a State Board Meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at [St. Theresa Parish](#) in Ashburn, Virginia.

An Exemplification of the Major Degrees of our Order is planned to follow the January State Board meeting. Please encourage any members of your Divisions who have not received their Major Degrees to fulfill the solemn promise they made at initiation to take these Degrees at their earliest opportunity.

Political News from Ireland

Reuters News reports a "hard border" between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic looks inevitable if Britain leaves the EU, says Ireland's EU Commissioner, farm chief Phil Hogan.

Northern Ireland will be the only land frontier Britain and the EU, once it leaves. Leaders in London, Dublin and Belfast said they want to avoid a hard border, with customs checks and border posts.

He added that he hoped the EU may be able to persuade London on a common position for the island of Ireland, to avoid such measures and preserve a common travel area between the two countries that predates their entry into the EU in 1972.

OTHER

St. Patrick's Day will be here soon!



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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