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What's Happening at the Kelly Division

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President's Message



Worthy Brothers, Family, and Friends, céad míle fáilte, а hundred thousand welcomes, to a new Hibernian year. This vear we will continue our fellowship thankful for that which we have received from our Irish heritage as we continue to live in the greatest country

much influenced by Irish culture, history, and people. We all should look forward to another successful year in the neighborhoods, state, and country that is our own.

As the year progresses, we should remember the unique and central values that Ireland has given us. Whether it is from a time many thousands of years ago, before those who lived at Céide Fields, or from the time of the sorrows of Kilkelly and the Fields of Athenry, or from more recent times, we have Irish tales to tell. This year we will work with the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in order to help bring the Irish light to our wives, sisters, and daughters so that they, too, can make new friends who share in our love of Ireland, and in order to strengthen our families and memories of all things Irish. There is a place and a part in our Order for any Irish-minded person

Our next Division meeting is scheduled for June 11th.

After summer break:

Our Fall meeting will be September 10th.

Going anywhere interesting this summer? Maybe Ireland? Take some photos and have them posted to the Kelly Division Newsletter!

2015 Division Officers

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Until we meet again, do do shláinte, to your health!

Upcoming Events

Last Division Spring Meeting

Our June Division scheduled for June 11th will be a combination meeting and Pot Luck Dinner at St. Joseph's Church. We will start our business meeting at 6:30 PM, followed by our Pot Luck Dinner at 7:00 PM. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Exemplification of the Higher Degrees

The next meeting of the Virginia State Board is scheduled for 10 AM, June 13th, at:

Fr. Nicholas J. Habets K of C Hall,

1236 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach.

The Exemplification of the Major Degrees will be conducted after lunch.

Walk For Life

Support the "East End Pregnancy Test and Help Center", who's mission is to promote life.

You can register to take part in the two-mile <u>"Walk for Life"</u> to be held on June 27, 2015 as follows:

Registration:

Patrick Henry Park 25th and E. Broad Street at 9 AM The walk begins at 10 AM

A Family Friendly Celebration will follow with a picnic and games.

Compassion & Standing Committee Chairman

-Mike Dougherty dianadougherty 46@yahoo.com

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Prayer List

Sherry Glover, wife of our newest member, Jim Glover, diagnosed with cancer.

Hailey Lane, the 19-year-old Air Force Academy cadet who suffered a heart attack, has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Matt McGuire's father. Edward, who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease Michael McHugh's son, Patrick who is hospitalized. Kevin Hogan's mother, Louise, is in need of our prayers as Kevin's father has recently passed away. Also, Kevin's sister who is recovering from surgery. Mike Dougherty and also his wife, Diana, who is recovering from the shingles; Mike's daughter-in-law Gale. who is recovering from heart bypass surgery and has kidney failure; also Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie.

Brian McLaughlin's parents
Martin and 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.

Squirrels Baseball



AOH Night at the Diamond!!!

It's a double-header with fireworks on **Superblast Saturday**, a Camo Cooler

Sleeve and Military Appreciation Night Doubleheader at The Diamond and the Kelly Division is invited!

Come celebrate along with the **Dooley Division** and with those who have, and are currently, serving in the Armed Forces with post game fireworks and a Camo Cooler Sleeve Giveaway (1,500 21 & up), sponsored by Budweiser. Gates open at 3:30 PM with the first pitch of the first game at 5:00 PM. The editor and his son and grandsons attend each year and have a great time.

Be checking your emails for more details on obtaining tickets.

Celtic Theater at O'Toole's

The Women's Mercury is back with a second series of readings in O'Toole's Back Room (4800 Forest Hill Avenue, RVA, 23225). Toronto-based actress/playwright/director Maja Ardal's lovely one-woman show about growing up on the mean streets of Edinburgh is funny and touching in equal measure. Local actress/singer Kelly Kennedy takes on a number of characters and sings.

Doors open at 7 p.m. in the Back Room to allow patrons time to order dinner before the show. The running time of the show is just under an hour. NOTE: Although we understand your plans might change, we ask you to answer questions about dinner to allow O'Tooles to staff the back room appropriately.

Dates:

Dougherty of those in need of our prayers or to update a listing

In Memorium

Irene McGee-Wife of Past
President Michael McGee
Yolanda Savelli-Sister of
Diana Dougherty
Kathleen Rodenburg- Wife
of Brother George
Rodenburg
Patrick Hogan-Kevin
Hogan's father
Michael Kelly-James
Dunn's brother-in-law
Elwanda Cart-Glenda King's
mother

God grant them eternal rest

Ray Olson's sister



Visit Deirdre Noonan at **Sew Fabulous Embroidery** on the link above to order AOH and other Irish apparel. She has a wide selection to choose from that can be embroidered with the Kelly Division AOH logo and your name.

Don't forget that the Division receives a portion your Sew Fabulous Embroidery purchases!!!

Irish History for 2015

Visit <u>Irish History</u> by the month. See notable events that occurred from January 1710 to now. Brought to you by <u>"Irish Culture</u> and <u>Customs"</u>



July 1st - "You Fancy Yourself" by Maja Ardal July 22nd - "The Tinker's Wedding" by John Millington Synge August 12th - "Married to the Sea" by Shona McCarthy

Doors open at 7 PM for dinner in the back room.

Learn more here!

Ticket information is available at: http://youfancyyourself.brownpapertickets.com/

Recent Events

A funeral Mass was held for Mrs. Irene McGee, wife of Past President Mike McGee, on June 2nd at St. John Neumann. It was inspiring to see all the AOH brothers and family members who shared with Mike in his sorrow.

Our Newest Member!



We welcomed our newest brother, Jim Glover (left), at our May Division Meeting. Jim is active in the Virginia State Council of the K of C and other veterans organizations. That's Jim with AOH-Kelly Division President Conor Shiel.

Ongoing Events



Ancestral Maps of Ireland are now available for purchase by Division members. The cost, for members only, is \$13.00 per map. We will be selling these maps at all of our events this year. Please contact Dan Harrington at **804-938-8238** to reserve you copy.

Short History of the Irish Guards

The Irish Guards were formed on 1st April 1900 by order of Queen Victoria to commemorate the bravery of the Irish people who fought in the Boer War. On 21st April 1900, the first recruit, James O'Brien of Limerick, was enlisted and many followed as a free transfer was offered to all Irishmen serving not only in the Guards Brigade but also from the Line Regiments.

Originally nicknamed "Bob's Own" after Lord Roberts, the First Colonel of the Regiment, today they are affectionately and widely known as "The Micks". No other Regiment of Foot Guards has such a widely accepted nickname.

The Micks

By R. Flynn

Have you ever met the Micks me lads, when wandering round the town,

They are the crowd of Irishmen, whose fame is renown.

There's Alexander, Mungo Park and Michael Vernon too,

But these names I state to you me lads, are merely

just a few.

Now once you join the Irish Guards, then you're a Mick for life,

They'll stand by you, through thick and thin, through every kind of strife.

And should you ever be in a fight, with your back against the door,

Just holler 'UP THE MICKS' me lads, for that's their call for war.

They've been in many battles, and you'll find they always win,

For you'll never meet a Mick me lads, who says 'Well I'll give in'

They'll do or die, they're trained that way, they think the life is grand,

And heaven help old England, if they all came to Ireland.

Each one of you went through the mill, your life was made real hard,

But every single one of you, became an Irish Guard. Those days are gone 'tis sad to say, but memories fondly cling,

And the Devil who chased the most of you, was known as Pokey Flynn.

The pride he took in his uniform, they still speak of today,

And if your cap peak was a fraction out, my god, there was hell to pay,

I'll make a Mick of you me lad, or die in the attempt, There's many often wished he would, tho' it really was not meant.

As time goes by, old Micks pass on, but their names are ne'er forgot,

For they helped to rewrite history, tho' it may not be a

lot,

And as Peter greets them at the gates, with a smile upon his lips,

The Angels all in chorus sing welcome 'UP THE MICKS'

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Ladies AOH Sashes and Membership

AOH sashes can be ordered from the The Ladies AOH-Adele Clark Division. Contacts are: Patricia Ankrom-President (804-932-3331 or email: traceybydesign@aol.com) or Lucy Strutton-VP (804-326-6543 or email: lulub62764@aol.com). Individual sashes are \$60 each. For a minimum order of ten (10) the price is \$40 each.

Also, Patricia has four used sashes available for \$40 each. You can contact her for details.

The Adel Clark LAOH meets at O'Toole's at 10:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month. If your spouse is interested in joining, please have her call Patricia at the contact number above.

And they don't have to be Irish!!!

Green Blazers

Blazers (Augusta Green) can be ordered through "Men's Warehouse", located at 11500 Midlothian Turnpike, adjacent to Chesterfield Towne Center - (804)794-9321. Single jacket purchase is \$179.00. An order of four or more costs \$79.00 each. Delivery is 6-8 weeks.