What's Happening at the Kelly Division

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President's Message



Worthy Brothers, Family, and Friends, céad míle fáilte, a hundred thousand welcomes, to a new Hibernian year. This year 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 so 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

Dues Reminder!

2015 Member dues are payable starting January 1, 2015. Dues are \$30.00 for members and \$10.00 for those seventy-five and older.

You may pay at Division meetings or mail your dues to:

Matt Dullaghan 1911 Carbon Hill Dr. Midlothian, VA 23113



Our next Division meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

who is true to our faith.

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

Upcoming Events

Planning for St. Patrick's Irish Festival

This year the Irish Festival will be held on March 22 & 23rd on Church Hill. This will be the 30th Anniversary and some big plans are in store. Visit the <u>Irish Festival</u> and be up to date.

The sign-up email will be sent out before the March meeting so if you haven't seen it, keep check your email inbox and select the day and time slot that you can help out.

Exemplification of the Higher Degrees:

The Virginia State Board Meeting of the AOH is now scheduled for June 13 at Fr. Habets Hall, Virginia Beach. Additional information will be published when available.

Joint AOH and K of C Bishop Ireton Bingo Event

At our last meeting, Brother Tony Meyer outlined a joint program for Kelly Division brothers to volunteer time at K of C bingo nights as part of a long term commitment. Brothers who volunteer to assist will earn a stipend for the Kelly Division while bonding our Division with the K of C.

Past-President Larry Kelly will be our coordinator and will be sending information to the Division as it is available. Stay tuned for this exciting event.

St. Augustine Parish

The Kelly Division has been invited to set up a recruiting and raffle ticket table at their annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance on March 14th. At our last February meeting, Past President Larry Kelly and

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Prayer List

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.

Yolanda Savelli, sister of Diana Dougherty, who is in critical condition.

Brian McLaughlin's parents Martin and Maryann. **Kevin Walsh's** mother Brother Rick Brennan described our new innovative ideas for fundraising for our Division that will be shown that night at St. Augustine's, including on-line ordering of Irish apparel from <u>Sew Fabulous Embroidery</u>, raffle ticket sales, a slide show of Irish interest and Kelly Division activities and Division recruiting.

Recent Events

On February 12th, a special Hibernian Memorial service in memory of George Rodenburg's wife, Kathleen, was held before our regular monthly meeting. Thanks to Mike McGee for investigating and organizing the AOH ceremony and to all those who were present to pay their respects. Also present were George's daughters Monica Durette and Ann Schlicher and grandson Matthew Schlicher.

Raffle Tickets

Our Past-President and Raffle Ticket Coordinator, Mike McGee, reports that we are on schedule with sales as compared to last year with a total of 203 tickets sold so far. Our next big effort will be at the Irish Festival. And don't forget, they make great gifts!

Our Newest Member



Vice-President Jack
Simila (right)
congratulates our
newest member, Matt
McGuire, at our
February meeting. Jack
is a teacher at the

Governor's School and is looking forward to working with our Division in our projects.

Welcome Matt!

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 in need
of our prayers or to update a
listing

In Memorium

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

Ray Olson's sister

God grant them eternal rest



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.

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 "Irish Culture and

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Ongoing Events



Seventeen 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.

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