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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



April is always a good breather after the mad run up to the Church Hill Irish Festival – and the raffle sales that go along with it. As May leads in to summer with school graduation, I will be absent from this month's meeting to attend my nephew's college graduation.

We will have our usual meeting hiatus after June. In some years, we have held a division picnic over the summer. Please bring your ideas to this month's meeting so we can gauge the interest for a summertime get-

together.

Also this summer, the 98th Biennial National Convention will convene at Harrah's Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 12, 2016, with a reception on July 11. A block of room is available at Harrah's, either via a link on the AOH website (www.aoh.com/ac2016), or by phone (866-503-3904) with the reservation code SH07AH6. The room rate is \$126.98, including fees and taxes. Convention packages for the evening events and other information is also available online.

Looking forward to the fall, please mark your calendars for the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games, scheduled for their usual venue, the Richmond International Raceway, on October 22-23. More information is being posted

at <http://vacelticfestival.com>.

The fall will also see the return of Dr. John Gordon, who will speak on the "Great Famine" and the impact on Irish emigration. We will probably schedule his presentation for early November. Thanks to Brother Dan Harington for his work with Dr. Gordon.

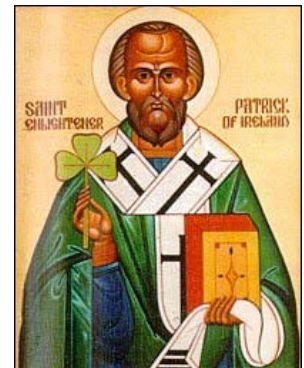
Finally, we need to keep on the lookout for opportunities to invite new members. We have had strong recruiting efforts the past few years, and many good Irishmen need only an invitation to join us. Be welcoming to all the future members we will meet.

**Until next we meet,
Sláinte!**

Meeting Schedule

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Church on May 12th, 2016 at 7 PM.

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.



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Division Activities

AOH Biennial Convention

The 98th Biennial National Convention, will convene at Harrah's Hotel & Casino, 777 Harrah's Blvd., Atlantic City, NJ 08401, on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. [Click here for further information.](#)

Division Picnic in July— Right now in the planning stage: We'll have further news at the next Meeting.

Celtic Festival—October 22-23 at RIR

Trip to Ireland Winners

Winners of the annual raffle for a "Trip For Two To Ireland" were Dooley members Ed Rossmore (Grand Prize of \$4,000) and Kevin Kitrick (our first ever '2nd prize' winner of \$750). No information on the Third Place prize.

German-American Dinner Dance

Note that tickets will not be sold at the door.

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Bishop Ireton Center
3300 Old Courthouse Rd
(ample parking is available)

The evening begins at 6:30 pm with cocktails, followed by dinner and dancing



\$20.00 per person
BYOB Setups provided
German and Domestic beers available at \$2.00 a bottle

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
Bishop Peter L. Ireton Council #6189

GERMAN-AMERICAN DINNER DANCE
Authentic German Menu Prepared and Served by German Chefs:
Wiener Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Red Cabbage, Sauer Kraut, German Chocolate Cake, Soft Drinks

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:
Whitley Keller @ 564-4724
Tom Hoof @ 748-8328
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NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!!

Live music provided by: Mike Surratt and his Washington Continentals



Hibernian Night at the Diamond

All members are again invited to attend the Richmond Squirrels game on June 18th at the Diamond against Portland.

A reminder to sign up will be sent later to check the level of interest.

History Presentation— Professor John Gordon will speak on "The Great Hunger"; date and location to be announced, probably in November.

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Top Sports in Ireland

Gaelic Football—Gaelic football and hurling have been arousing Irish passions for a long, long time.



Football became popular as early as the 16th century, when teams might have consisted of all the able-bodied men of a

town or parish. In those earliest days, the rather unorganized game would begin between the two towns and end when one side had managed to force the ball across a line into the other's territory.

The modern game plays like a mix of soccer and rugby. Fifteen-player teams battle across a pitch using a round ball slightly smaller than its soccer counterpart. The ball is carried for short distances, and passing is done with a kick or a "hand-pass," the ball struck with a hand or fist. The action is fast and furious, and play is rough. Protective equipment is nonexistent.

Hurling - Hurling is older than the recorded history of Ireland. It predates Christianity and some believe it has Greek origins dating back more than 3,000 years. It came to Ireland with the migrating Celts. Hurling is related to the Scottish game of shinty, and is also similar to cammag on the Isle of Man. From early Irish mythology the tale of the *Táin Bó Cuailgne* tells of the hero **Cú Chulainn** playing hurling at Emain Macha, where he went

to join the Red Branch Knights. Similar tales are told about Fionn Mac Cumhail and his legendary warrior band, the Fianna. The earliest written references to the sport in Brehon Law date from the fifth century.

As hurling entered the new millennium, it has remained as one of Ireland's most popular sports and the inauguration of the Christy Ring Cup and Nicky Rackard Cup gave a new dimension to the hurling championships for counties not as strong as those in the top tier and the opportunity to play in the hallowed grounds of Croke Park.

Although hurling is second to Gaelic football in terms of numbers playing the sport it remains truly at favourite in the hearts of Irish people and a symbol of their heritage.

The Bright Flames of May

by [Cormac MacConnell](#)

It was a May Day that I remember well, a long time ago now, and I was wearing a pair of short trousers and the warm wood of the First Class desk was warm against the backs of my thighs and the Mahon twins were standing in front of the teacher, Miss Rooney. Oona was in floods of

tears. Hughie was defiant, arms folded across his small gansied chest, but the tears were not too far away either. In between huge sucking kind of sobs Oona was looking deeply into her mother's cloth shopping bag.

To me it seemed to be filled with wadded pages of the local newspaper, The Fermanagh Herald, but everybody in the class

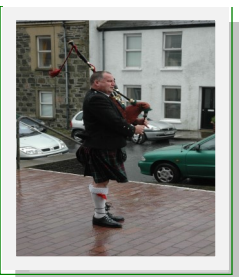
already knew what was down in there and the terrible thing that had happened ten minutes earlier at Keenan's Cross beside the school.

"What ails you Oona at all?" asked Miss Rooney, tall, gentle, spinsterish, cardiganed, permed, and in her final year in the school as the Assistant Teacher. Oona was quite unable to answer. She

looked deeply into the bag again and what she saw made her shudder all the way down to her wee sandals and the tears pattered down on the wadded newspaper.

"Our Oona was running fast because we were late for school", said Hughie, "and the Holy Lady just kinda jumped out of the bag by Herself and now the head... [Continued](#)

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIUM



Prayer List

Jim and Sherry Glover

Matt McGuire's father, Edward, diagnosed with Alzheimer's

Mike McHugh's son, Patrick, doing well after his recent hospitalization.

Mike Dougherty and also his wife, Diana. Mike's daughter-in-law Gale, who has heart disease and diabetes; also Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie

Brian McLaughlin's parents Martin and MaryAnn.

Rick Brennan's wife.

Greg Riley's wife Sandra, recovering from surgery

Frank King's mother Emma, who is 103 years old, having health issues

George Rodenberg- Now in a nursing home

Paul Kinnery-Recovering from a series of strokes

Tony Meyer-Recovering from shoulder surgery and still in pain

Kay Woods-

In Memorium

Irene McGee-Wife of Past

President Michael McGee

Yolanda Savelli-Sister of

Diana Dougherty

Emma King-mother of Past

Pres. Frank King, at the age of 103.

Stephen Dougherty, son of Mike and Diana Dougherty, died suddenly on Feb. 23, 2016

God grant them eternal rest

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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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.AOHKELLY.ORG



THE IMPORTANCE OF 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 encour-

age 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 November**. I hope the US Constitution and the part about religious freedom still applies.



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