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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN





As we head down the home stretch of the year, the 98th Biennial National Convention is now history. By all accounts, it was a successful event.

The next quarterly state board meeting will be September 17, 2016, at Holy Cross Academy, 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Major Degree exemplification will follow the meeting, if there is

sufficient interest. I the Chesterfield highly commend the county Library's experience to any brother who has not yet taken the opportunity. It the Chesterfield County Library's LaPrade Brach, 9000 Hull Street Road, at 7:00 pm. The room h

The Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games are scheduled for their usual venue, the Richmond International Raceway, on October 22-23. More information is being posted at http:// vacelticfestival.com. We should have more about the location for our booth and signing up for shifts by the October meeting.

The following week, on October 25, 2016, Dr. John Gordon will return to speak on the Great Famine and the impact on Irish emigration. We will be in Room A of

County Library's LaPrade Brach, at 9000 Hull Street Road, at 7:00 pm. The room holds 36. so we need to get the word out for a successful turnout, especially at the Celtic Festival. We will need volunteers to organize some soft refreshments and for room setup. Thanks to Brother Dan Harington for his work setting this up with Dr. Gordon.

As ever, we need to keep on the lookout for opportunities to invite new members. We have no new recruits these past few months, and many good Irishmen need only an invitation to join us. I know you will be welcoming to all the future members we will meet.

Meeting Schedule

- NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Church on Sept. 8th, 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.

Upcoming Events

- Quarterly State Board Meeting-September 17th.
- Central Virginia Celtic Festival-October 22nd-23rd.
- History Presentation-October 25th.

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A Little Old History

The Shankill Butchers

The time of the "Troubles" began in Derry, Northern Ireland, about 1968 and continued on for many years until a settlement was reached at the Good Friday Agreement on April 10, 1998. During this period, Catholic (Republicans) and Protestant (Loyalists) demands created strong tensions and violent confrontations between the Provisional IRA and the RUC, UVF and other Northern Ireland paramilitary groups and the British Army. Probably the more notable conflicts were the "Battle of the Bogside" during August 12-15, 1969 and "Bloody Sunday", on January 30, 1972, both in Derry. During this period, there was another loyalist gang, the Shankill Butchers, running loose in Belfast. The Shankill Butchers was led by Lenny Murphy, a member of the UVF from the age of sixteen. He committed his first murder in September 1972, imprisoned and later released from Crumlin Road prison in May, 1975. After his release, he assembled a paramilitary group of ten members headquartered on the Shankill Road in Belfast, that was meant to act with autonomy from the UVF leadership. The group then went on a murder spree, shooting and killing four Catholics.

During November 1975, the group changed their tactics, becoming infamous far beyond Belfast. After at least five more murders by beatings and knifings, the group earned the name "Shankill Butchers" from their method of killing.

More Catholics were murdered during 1976 until Murphy's arrest and imprisonment on attempted murder charges. William Moore, one of the gang, later became the day-to-day commander and ordered three more cut-throat murders. A police undercover operation, led by an Inspector Nesbitt, eventually seized most of the gang. After trial, eleven men were convicted of nineteen murders and fortytwo life sentences were handed out, the most in a single trial in British history. Murphy was in jail at the time and not part of the trial. He was later released in July 1982 and continued on a killing spree. He was later assassinated by a Provisional IRA hit squad in November 1982.

"My Lenny could not have killed a fly" said his mother, Joyce.

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIUM

Prayer List

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

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

Brian McLaugh- lin's parents Martin and MaryAnn.

Rick Brennan's wife.

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

Dan Harrington—Undergoing chemo for leukemia

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



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 children 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.



Links

AOH National Irish Museum-DC

AOH Virginia The Wild Geese

AOH Kelly Irish Times

AOH Dooley Irish Echo

<u>Irish Culture and Customs</u> <u>Sew Fabulous Embroidery</u>

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