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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THOUGHTS ON BUILDING A WINNING TEAM

If there is one common interest among the Irish it would seem to be an active interest in sports. Men and women of any age, boys and girls, it makes no difference, we all love sporting events, games, contests, races, etc.

I remember watching several dozen kids from northern Ireland coming to stay with various families here. Their American hosts took the kids to a swimming pool for an outing and they ALL took to the water like Olympic athletes. There is no better feeling in sports than to be on the winning team or if you're a senior citizen like me, to see your team win the BIG game.

I went to Toledo Central Catholic High School and our school name, believe it

or not, was "The Fighting Irish." My Freshman year, we did not do so well, but things turned around completely my Sophomore year. We got into a winning habit in football, basketball and other sports. It was great fun going to the big game Friday night *expecting to win*. The whole attitude of the school magically changed. Both boys and girls sports were great fun. When I made varsity, our football team was rated among the top 20 high school teams in the state for two consecutive years. There's just something special about being part of a winning team. It does not matter what position you play or what your individual contribution was, EVERYBODY SHARES IN THE TRUMP. That even includes

those who are cheering the team on. Just ask anyone who is a New York Giant fan from the last Super Bowl.

Taking aim at a goal and achieving that intended goal is a great feeling. The Giants did not have such a great season, 9 wins and 7 loses. However, they hung in there and WON THE BIG ONE.

As I look back at our Operation GLOCCA MORRA and all our efforts and activities of the last three months that is exactly what we did. We came together, hung in there and won Big! A magnificent performance, well done KELLY DIVISION IRISH!! I'll let the following reports on our various activities speak for themselves.

Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on April 12th at 7 PM. Hope to see you there.

Check out your Division website:

www.aohkelly.org

If you see a recruit, give him our business card!

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NOTICE: Annual dues (\$25.00) are now payable for 2012. Please send your check to our Financial Secretary Ray Olson, 2621 Glenalmond Ct., Powhatan, VA 23139. Dues can also be paid at our next meeting.

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

A POT OF GOLD



We have currently sold \$120.00 worth of tickets on our Pot O Gold. For our newest members, this is a first time effort for us to diversify our fund raising activities. The first prize of our Pot o Gold will be a gift card worth \$100.00 that can be used at any state ABC store.

The second prize will be a gift card worth \$50.00. So ticket purchasers have two chances to win and the winners can choose whatever golden liquid they prefer. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. The Pot o Gold ticket drawing for the winners will be in May. This

change is necessary to allow us a little more time to manage this effort.

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

TRIP TO IRELAND RAFFLE TICKET REPORT

Our sales record last year was 258 tickets sold. This exceeded our initial goal by 250%!!! In January we sold about 90 tickets. Coordinating with the Major Dooley raffle ticket chairman, Tim McDonnell, he told me that ticket sales were down from last year. February turned out to be a slow month but we managed another 90 tickets. Going into March it looked like we had an outside shot at matching our record. A final push at all three parishes plus Frank King and

Larry Kelly doing ticket sales at O'Toole's Pub, plus **WE MANAGED TO SELL 74 TICKETS DURING THE IRISH FESTIVAL WEEK-END DESPITE RAIN (IRISH SUNSHINE) ON SATURDAY AND A COLD WIND ON SUNDAY. OUR FINAL TOTAL WAS 307 TICKETS SOLD. WELL DONE KELLY TEAM !!!**

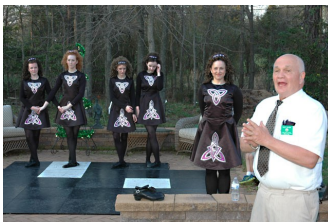
Congratulations to Frank and his St. Edward's team and George Rodenburg and his St. Joseph's team as well as all

those who bought 10 raffle tickets and those who bought 5 raffle tickets. I don't know how the Major Dooley Division did as their final tally but I'm tremendously proud of all of you and your efforts.

A final note: if any of your ticket purchasers who may be after you wanting to know why they didn't win. I witnessed this year's drawing of the winning ticket.

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ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION-MARCH 17TH



Mike does the introductions!

CELEBRATION We had the best St. Patrick's party ever at the residence of brother Kevin Walsh and his wife Shannon and their family on March 17th. We enjoyed Irish music and the Crossroads Dance Troupe. The food was great and we played "Irish" Jeopardy. We had **SIX WINNERS**. We truly have

some knowledgeable folks among the division and among the wives. Congratulations to Frank King and all those who assisted him on his committee and a sincere thanks to Kevin and Shannon for their hospitality. Congratulations also to the winners. Prizes will be awarded at our April business meeting.



Some of our crowd watching the dancers!

IRISH FESTIVAL REPORT-MARCH 24TH & 25TH



described as raining on our parade, but that's what we did anyway. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, we carried our Kelly Division Banner taking our place as a separate Hibernian organization. Con-

gratulations to Dan Harrington, Mike McHugh, Larry Kelly and Frank King who represented us in the parade. Brother Dan Anderson took several pictures of our team for posterity sake. Dennis Donahue came on for the Saturday afternoon shift and Jim Dunn and Bill Murphy worked the Sunday duties. One additional piece of good news is that Stokes McCune, the chief coordinator for the Irish festival has stepped forward to take over the Celtic festival in October, so that opportunity is not lost. God Bless Stokes. We also have a possibility of two new recruits that may join



Mike McHugh braved the rain while the rest of stayed somewhat dry.

We made history. Both at the beginning and at the end of the Festival we made new "Firsts" in our Division achievements. The weather could be best

described as raining on our parade, but that's what we did anyway. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, we carried our Kelly Division Banner taking our place as a separate Hibernian organization. Con-

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

Please notify Mike McHugh to add or change the prayer list.

- Frank King's mother, Emma
- Brian McLaughlin's father, Martin and mother Maryann
- Michael Dougherty and his brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

- Kevin Walsh's mother, Bonnie
- Dan Harrington & Special Intention
- Bill Murphy's father.

In Memoriam

Elwanda Cart-Mother of Glenda King

Hal Roach - A remarkable Irishman

MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ON MARCH 17TH

Congratulations to brothers Dennis Donahue and Bill Murphy and those representing our Division at this important mass on our patron saint's feast day. Dennis is

recovering from eye surgery. Dennis, it is good to see you. I remember how good I felt coming back and recovering from hip replacement surgery. Our division was well

represented along with the Major Dooley Division and the lady Hibernians. You could even call it an Irish family reunion.

THE STORY OF ST. PATRICK



PATRICK GAINED THE RESPECT, TRUST AND ADMIRATION OF THE IRISH AND WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF ALL IRELAND.

Note:

This is a reprint from an earlier newsletter for the benefit of our recently initiated brothers.

Our saint was born in the late fourth century in Britain, a part of the Roman Empire. His father, Calpornius, was a land owner, probably with slaves. His son, was called Patricus, a Latin name meaning "noble of the patrician class." The family was, according to most sources, of Celtic origin and had risen in prestige in the local society.

Patrick was captured by local

raiders and transported to Ireland as a slave. He was given the task of watching over a herd of sheep for a local chief. In the depth of his misery he heard a voice calling him. That voice sustained him in all his trials. After a few years of servitude he escaped and made his way back to his home. He was a completely changed individual. He entered religious life and studied in France. Again, he heard the voice telling him to go back to Ireland. His knowledge of the Irish and their culture stood him in good stead as he developed his apostolate in Ireland. Patrick's big breakthrough came when he lighted an Easter fire in honor of the Savior's resur-

rection and in so doing he violated the Druids order prohibiting all fires until they offered their ceremony to the pagan gods. Patrick gained the respect, trust and admiration of the Irish and was appointed the first archbishop of all Ireland. He died on March 17th about the year 461AD. Most patron saint's feast days honor the date when they were called into eternity. His origin? Oh yes. Patrick's original (celtic) name was, Maewyn Succat. That sounds Welsh to me. You can draw your own conclusion. It's ok because the Irish share our one day per year with everybody.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK



Our Lady of Knock

On August 21, 1879, Mary McLoughlin, the housekeeper for a small parish church in County Mayo, went to visit a friend. As she walked by the chapel

she noticed a bright light illuminating what looked like three figures that she assumed were new statues that the priest had purchased. After a short visit, Mary and her friend Mary Byrne walked back to the rectory in the rain. As they approached they saw not statues but three actual people whom they identified as the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. John. Our Lady was looking toward heaven with her hands slightly raised. Mary Byrne

left her friend there and ran to tell her family. A total of eighteen people ranging from 6 to 70 years old came and witnessed the vision. Mary was in the center wearing white with a large crown on her head. St. Joseph was on her right and St. John was on her left with his hand raised as if giving a blessing. St. John was dressed as a bishop. There was a lamb resting on an altar behind the Blessed Mother and her companions. The apparition lasted for a period of time in a driving rain. After the apparition had ended the ground under the location where the three figures had been, was found to be perfectly dry. The next

day the villagers went to the priest and reported the apparition. Word spread and pilgrims arrived in Knock by the thousands. In 1880, a statue of our Lady of Knock was erected. Many cures have been reported and the church acknowledged the apparition in 1971. In 1976, a new church was dedicated to our Lady of Knock and in 1979, Pope John Paul II made a pilgrimage to Knock. She is also known as Our Lady of Silence.

Thanks to Tammy Vosberg for this information on Our Lady of Knock. Please keep her father, Frederick, and her husband, Patrick in your prayers.



Slemish Mountain
The legendary first home
of st. Patrick.

SLEMISH MOUNTAIN

Slemish Mountain, the first known Irish home of St. Patrick is in Co. Antrim. The mountain rises about 1500 feet (437 metres) above the surrounding plain, and it is actually the central core of an extinct volcano. Following his capture and being brought as a slave to Ireland, Patrick worked as a shepherd at Slemish

Mountain for about six years, from ages 16 through 22, for a man named Milchu (or Miluic). It was during this time that Patrick turned to frequent prayer as his only consolation in his loneliness. In a vision he was encouraged to escape and return home. He did, became a priest and returned to convert the

Irish. The rest is history. His own real conversion took place while on Slemish out in all weathers communing with nature and praying continuously. Slemish Mountain is open year-round, and on St. Patrick's Day large crowds hike to the top of the mountain as a pilgrimage.

[Reference](#)

THE LAKE ISLE OF INISFREE

When Erin first rose from the dark-swelling flood,
God bless'd the green island,
He saw it was good.
The Emerald of Europe, it sparkled, it shone,
In the ring of this world the most precious stone!
From the poem "When Erin First Rose" by Dr. William Drennan, who is credited with being the first to refer to Ireland in print as "the Emerald Isle." To read the poem in its entirety, please click:
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I will arise and go now,
and go to Innisfree.
And a small cabin build
there, of clay and wattle
made.
Nine bean-rows will I
have there, a hive for
the honeybee,
And live alone in the
bee-loud glade.
And I shall have some
peace there, for peace
comes dropping slow,

Dropping from the veils
of the morning to
where the cricket
sings;
There midnight's all a
glimmer, and noon a
purple glow,
And evening full of the
linnet's wing.
I will arise and go now.
For always night and
day
I hear lake water lap-

ping with low sounds
by the shore;
While I stand on the
roadway, or on the
pavement gray,
I hear it in the deep
heart's core.

W.B. Yeats 1892

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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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The Major Dooley Division raffle team (Go to page 6) took the tickets up onto the stage that was being used by the bands to play Irish music. The tickets were contained in a revolving drum. They picked a little girl to come up and draw the winning ticket in front of the large crowd in attendance. The ticket winner was a Dave Symonds with a local Richmond address. I was so hoping that it would have been a Kelly Division ticket that was the winner.

One further sad note to add that I learned at the Festival; Mike McHugh advises that the Irish Comedian Hal Roach, recently passed away. We have lost a really great comic talent. I am adding his name to our prayer list. He represented the very best in Irish humor. God rest his soul.

REMINDER: KELLY

DIVISION IDENTITY

In March, I handed out to everyone in attendance, a AOH patch and asked everyone to look at your clothing and consider some article of your wardrobe to attach your AOH patch so that we might have a distinctive identity among other Hibernian divisions. Check out brother Larry Kelly's rain hood with a Hibernian patch on it. It looks like a great idea considering all the rainy weather we sometimes have to contend with.

EASTER MESSAGE

As you already know, Easter has great importance to Catholics as well as historic significance to the Irish. The Savior rose from the dead to inspire His apostles to spread the good news of redemption. The Irish rebels paid a heavy price to make their statement of a free Irish republic. May we all stay true to the Faith of our Fathers in Almighty God and cherish and preserve our heritage as Irish Americans. I wish you and your families a happy and most blessed Easter.

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