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Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr. Division



## FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY ST. BRIGID'S DAY IN THE CELTIC CALENDAR.

### Our Goals for February

- \* Honor our Patron Saint
- \* Recruit Members

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### Upcoming Events

**NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church On February 12th at 7PM. Hope to see you there.**

St. Patrick's Celebration-March 17th.  
Irish Festival-Church Hill: Plans to be announced later

**Check out your Division website:**  
[www.aohkelly.org](http://www.aohkelly.org)

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

### President's Message

## Operation GLOCCA MORRA, our "HPS"

The Global Positioning System was a tremendous benefit to everyone who had difficulty reading a map or finding their way in strange surroundings. Just like the personal computer, GPS has made life easier for everyone. We Hibernians have our own system guiding us along, an HPS if you will. You can call it our HIBERNIAN PRACTICE SYSTEM. Right now, we're involved in operation Glocca morra, phase two. Our three R's (**Recruiting, Raffle Tickets and Rose of Tralee**) will shortly become 2 R's and an IBC. That's because the deadline for any entrants to the Rose of Tralee competition at the Major Dooley Division will end on Feb 14th. Oh yes, what is the IBC? That's our very own initiation of an **Irish Basket of Cheer**. We're beginning to diversify in our fund raising efforts. The more funds we raise, the more interesting things we can do. See the following page for more info on that.

The major emphasis and the direction that we are heading toward is to build the division (find other Irish Catholics who have an interest in their Irish heritage) and sell "Trip to Ireland" raffle tickets. since that is our primary way of

raising funds. Consider us just like St. Brendan, the Navigator, building his boat larger and putting more fuel on board. Who knows? Maybe St. Brendan carried a basket of cheer for his rowers on his original journey. Remember, for every raffle ticket you sell or buy, the Division gets \$5. This is our single biggest source of fund raising. Please think about selling them to family, neighbors, co-workers and friends. They'll be forever grateful to you if you sell them the winning ticket.

### **One additional thought, here.**

I can't over-emphasize how important it is for you to wear your Kelly Division name badge whenever you can, especially now when we are recruiting. I was shopping at Sam's Club recently and I was wearing a green sweatshirt with the Irish claddagh symbol on it. A African-American woman in the store remarked to me that she was Irish. No kidding guys, she said she was from Jamaica and that one of her parents was Irish. My point here is simply that when you wear your colors you never know who may identify with you. Don't keep the fact you are a PRACTICING IRISH CATHOLIC a secret.

**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.**



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## TRI-PARISH SCHEDULE OF WEEKENDS

PARISH	FEBRUARY	MARCH
St. John Neumann	4 & 5th, 11th & 12th	3rd & 4th, 17th & 18th
St. Edward the Confessor	25th & 26th	10th & 11th
St. Joseph	4th & 5th, 11th & 12th	3rd & 4th, 17th & 18th

I will advise you as soon as Fr. Gordon gives me the green (proverbially speaking) for us to Recruit and sell Raffle Tickets.

### New Item A Basket of "Irish Kelly Cheer"

This year we are starting up a raffle of a basket of "Irish" (actually predominantly Irish ) cheer. Not all of the details are finalized yet but this looks very promising as an addition to our HPS activities. So far, Frank King, our raffle ticket chairman, received the following donations for the **IBC** prize: a pack of Guinness, a bottle of Irish Whiskey, a Bottle of Irish Cream (Cordial) , a bottle of local (Virginia Gentleman), and a bottle of Rum. Here are some ideas if you are thinking about donating anything to the cause.

My understanding about this kind of thing is that a basket of cheer is like a group of beautiful girls dancing or singing. It only takes one or two to catch your interest. The more peoples' attention we can attract the greater our success will be in this effort. Things that might add to our basket would be:

- a bottle of Canadian Whiskey
- a bottle of Scotch
- a bottle of Kentucky
- a bottle of brandy
- a bottle of Vodka
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Who knows we might find someone who is Irish and Russian. We simply must find something to represent the Irish from Kentucky. Stay tuned as we firm up the details.

### THE MARCH FOR LIFE

#### **Congratulations to our Brother Hibernians in Action!**

Two bus loads of people left St. Joseph's church here in Richmond on Jan 23rd to participate in the March for Life at Washington DC. I'm proud to say our division had representatives on both buses. I can't even guess how many people turned out for the rally but the march itself was several miles long filling all six lanes of the avenue. It was important to send a pro life message to the politicians in Washington DC this year considering that it is an election year. My personal motivation for this march was our 3 month old granddaughter.



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## The Rose of Tralee

This year the Major Dooley Division is sponsoring a local competition in conjunction the National AOH "ROSE OF TRALEE" competition. Every candidate that is eligible to enter must be: (a) a legal resident of Virginia, (b) a young lady 18 to 28 years old, (c) never married, (d) Irish descent and (e) a practicing Catholic of good standing in the church. NOTE, the young lady does ***not*** have to be a daughter of a Hibernian. The winner of the Richmond (Dooley Division) competition will win a trip to Washington DC to compete in the National competition and the winner of the National competition will win an all expense trip to Ireland. The contest is a panel evaluation of an applicant's character, presence and intellect. The deadline for applications to this contest is Feb. 14th. The value of this new contest to us is twofold. First, it gives us another item to catch peoples' interest and second, if the winner should come from our area, we will have the honor of giving the good news to some local family. For further information, visit:

<http://www.washingtondcrose.com/betherose.htm>

## Remember in Your Prayers

*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

## In Memoriam

Elwanda Cart-Mother of Glenda King