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Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr. Division



JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

ATHBHLIAIN FAOI MHAISE DAOIBH
"happy new year"

Our Goals for January

- * Honor our Patron Saint
- * Recruit Members

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Upcoming Events

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

State AOH Meeting- January 21-Richmond

Thanks to Father Novokowsky - Thanks for allowing us to meet at St. Joseph's. We wish you best of luck as the new pastor of St. Joseph's

Check out your Division website:
www.aohkelly.org

President's Message

HOW ARE THINGS IN GLOCCA MORRA ?

That phrase from a musical play brings to mind memories of sweet dreams and fond wishes that never happened but that the character singing the song wished would have happened. We all share to some extent that nostalgic element in our soul. What a perfect world this would be if things worked out EXACTLY as you wanted them. As we start our third year as the "Kelly Division" Irish, we need to focus our efforts, choose our goals and make as many of them as we can a reality. The goals we need to achieve are: Recruiting, Raffle Ticket Sales and our support for a Rose of Tralee contest. Let's call them our three "R's".

For the present we will function as parish teams depending upon which parish you belong to. I will lead the St. John Neumann team, while Frank King will lead the St. Edward team and George Rodenburg will lead the St. Joseph team. Each of us (Frank, George and myself) have coordinated with their Parish and arranged for specific dates to conduct our 3 "R's" campaign. I ask each of you that go to your church for Mass to give your utmost support and cooperation to your team leader on the various weekends that we will be in operation. **(Please see the next page**

for our tri-parish schedule of weekends).

I ask all those brothers who go to other parishes to please attend a weekend Mass at one of the three parishes during one or more of those weekends so you can lend your support to our division's campaign.

This time of the year (especially as we get nearer to March 17th) is vital for Kelly Division Recruiting and fund raising/Raffle Ticket sales. In addition to our other recruiting tools (refolds, forms, signs, etc) we now have some very professional looking business cards to catch peoples' attention. Please wear your green coats, sashes, Irish shirts, hats, etc. whenever you are involved in this year's campaign. We need to show our colors!

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 if you sell them the winning ticket. That, in a nutshell, is our three "R's" game plan to accomplish our goals and make our Glocca Morra a reality.

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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
St. John Neumann	7th & 8th	4 & 5th, 11th & 12th	3rd & 4th, 17th & 18th
St. Edward the Confessor	14th & 15th	25th & 26th	10th & 11th
St. Joseph	14th & 15th		

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>

A Gaelic Note for Your New Year

My profound thanks to Dan Harrington for this:
 ATHBHLLAIN FAOI MHAISE DAOIBN (Gaelic)
 Ah vice ihn fwee Wah shuh Heev (pronounced)

You have a prosperous New Year (plural, when said to 2 or more people)

Our Hibernian Brothers in Action

Whenever I have recruited for any organization, people have always asked me, "What do you do?"

Upon attending mass recently at St. John Neumann I noticed that the usher, Larry Kelly, at a Christmas Mass and Ray Olson at another Mass were wearing their Kelly Division AOH nametags. Well done guys. When we recruit, people won't have to ask about the Hibernians and what they do, they will have already seen them doing it.

Remember in Your Prayers

- 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