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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AN "IG" REPORT ON OUR STATUS

As we come to the half-way point in the third year of our existence as a Hibernian division, it would be appropriate to pause and consider what we have become. In the military, one way to evaluate a unit's status is to conduct an Inspector General's inspection. In such an inspection, virtually everything about the unit and its people is analyzed. With that thought in mind, I'll go over an IG review on our status.

Membership - We currently have 23 members on our roster. We started with 36 individuals when we first formed in Jan 2010. Since that time, we've had 11 suspensions (two just recently), five resignations and three out-of-state transfers. In that same period we have had six brothers join our ranks.

Leadership - We have managed to fill all eight officer positions with good

individuals and have one **regular committee** chairman, Mike McHugh. Mike graciously took over that responsibility just in the nick of time for several needs that arose in the division.

Finances - We are managing to both pay all our bills and increase our treasury account. We are proceeding to expand our program and our ability to fund new ideas and efforts.

Division Operations - We have held St. Patrick's Celebrations each and every year of our existence and have established our image (speaking for my parish of St. John Neumann) as a creditable organization. People there know we are Irish and we're for real. In the process we've accumulated a lot of experience how to plan, coordinate and carry out a special event. We've also put that experience to use in participating

in the Irish Festival in March and the Celtic Festival in October. Not stopping there, we have established a Division Christmas Party in December. For all those of you who haven't been to our gathering at O'Toole's you have missed out on a great time. We have gone even farther and instituted a division party during the summer. We will be following up on this during this summer as well, so stay alert for further developments. We made notable contributions to and rendered voluntary support to the state Hibernian Convention here in Richmond last year.

Morale (Unit Involvement & Cohesion) - Our business meetings have shown a consistent attendance of about half or more of the division membership. In comparison to every other organization that I've been a member of, that is impressive. [\(continued\)](#)

Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on June 14th at 7 PM.

National Hibernian Convention will be held in upstate New York State in July.

Division Party-upcoming in August

NOTE: Paul Kiniry and Jerry Kiernan are checking out the possibility that we may gather together at an Irish Pub. Date TBD. More details to follow.

Kelly Division Identity-a work in progress

[Hibernian Night at the Diamond](#)

Happy Father's Day!

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

**Remember-
We break for
July and August!**



A POT O' GOLD

We have currently sold \$265.00 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. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. The Pot o' Gold ticket drawing for the winners will be drawn at our JUNE meeting.

Make sure you're there!

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

We are active in parish support duties (lector, usher, etc.) and contribute to various church and worthy charities.

Logistics - (Equipment, Supplies & Arrangements) Logistics is a military word which basically means do you have all the stuff to carry out all that you claim you do. We have a big (slightly bruised) statue of our patron saint, the American & Republic of Ireland flags and flag stands, our very own division web site, our very own division banner,

our Kelly division business cards, and various posters and signs for recruiting and fund raising. We also have trifolds for recruiting and have established various places at the three parishes in our area to publicize our presence. We have established a bank account, compiled with all legal requirements to the IRS and have established a convenient meeting place for our business meetings.

Summary - That is where we are and what we have become. You could call it our

IG REPORT on our status. IG is this case meaning IRISH GROWTH.

If a friend, neighbor, co-worker or fellow parishioner asks you about the Hibernians, tell him about our IG Report. We've accomplished a lot and come a long way in a relatively short space of time. My personal thanks to each and every one of you. It could not have been done without your support and cooperation.

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

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

- Paul Kiniry, awaiting medical test results
- 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

Note: Mike Dougherty had surgery on May 22nd. Diana says he is recovering at home. Get well and best wishes Michael. As the Irish say, slanthe (good health).

In Memoriam

Charles Kelly, father of our Msgr. Charles Kelly

Elwanda Cart-Mother of Glenda King

Andy Jennings He helped get the AOH started in Richmond.

God grant them eternal rest



"This Irish soda bread recipe was passed on to me by a dear friend of my mother's who was born and raised in Ireland. It's the best Irish soda bread I have ever had. It is much higher, lighter and softer than most other recipes I have seen. It has an excellent flavor and texture, as well. "

Chef Steve, Long Island, NY

IRISH ROSIE'S IRISH SODA BREAD

Ingredients:

1. 3 1/2 cups flour
 2. 1/2 cup sugar
 3. 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 4. 2 teaspoons baking powder
 5. 1 teaspoon salt
 6. 1 pint sour cream
 7. 2 eggs
 8. 2 tablespoons caraway seeds (optional but I always use them)
- 3/4 cup raisins

Directions:

1. Combine dry ingredients together in a large bowl.
2. In a small bowl beat eggs and stir in sour cream.
3. Add the egg and sour cream mixture to the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon.
4. Batter will be very thick.
5. Add the raisins and caraway seeds and stir well with wooden spoon or

- knead in with your hands.
 6. Place batter in a greased 9 inch springform pan.
 7. Dust the top with enough flour so that you can pat the batter like a bread dough evenly in the pan without it sticking to your hands.
 8. With a knife make a shallow crisscross on the top.
- Bake for 50 minutes in a preheated 350°F oven.



Thomas Moore
"The Poetry and Song
of Ireland"

SONG OF INNISFAIL

They came from a land
beyond the sea,
And now o'er the western
main
Set sail, in the good ships,
gallantly,
From the sunny land of
Spain.
"Oh, where's the Isle we've
seen in dreams,
Our destined home or
grave?"
Thus sung they as, by the
morning's beams,
The swept the Atlantic

wave.
And lo, where afar o'er
ocean shines
A sparkle of radiant green,
As though in that deep lay
emerald mines,
Whose light through the
wave was seen.
"Tis Innisfail - 'tis Innisfail!"
Rings o'er the echoing
sea,
While bending to heaven,
the warriors hail
That home of the brave
and free.

Then turn'd they unto the
Eastern wave,
Where now their Day-
God's eye
A look of such sunny omen
gave
As lighted up sea and sky.
Nor frown was seen
through sky or sea,
Nor tear on leaf or sod,
When first on their Isle of
Destiny
Our Eastern fathers trod.

Thomas Moore 1779-1852



THE ROUND TOWERS OF IRELAND

The Round Towers of Ireland are remarkable among the world's ancient monuments; one author has called them 'Elegant, free-standing pencils of stone.' Today, 65 survive in part or whole. Hand-crafted in native stone and cemented with a sand, lime, horsehair and ox-

blood mortar - a technique imported from Roman Britain - it's said by many historians that they were built by monastic communities to thwart Viking invaders. And yet, there's reason to believe that the towers were built long before Christianity came to Ireland. Whatever their ori-

gins, monasteries did indeed flourish where the round towers existed. And why not. These imposing edifices provided a watch tower, a keep and a refuge.

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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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website:

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

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up..."

"Senate Bill to Restore Con-
science Rights..."

2012 AOH & LAOH National
Convention

And more...

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Hibernian Night

Richmond Braves

Join the Dooley Division for
Hibernian Night at the Dia-
mond, Saturday June 16th at
6:35 p.m. to watch the Flying
Squirrels take on the Portland
Sea Dogs. We have 50 seats
along the first baseline in the
lower level. The first 2500 fans
receive a Parney Bobblehead
doll, celebrating the birthday of
the VP and COO. Tickets are
\$10. Send a check made out to
AOH Dooley Division to Pat
Naughton, 12400 Perrywinkle
Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059.

They have twenty-five seats
already sold.

Wear your AOH shirt!

A FINAL THOUGHT:

We have currently sold
\$265.00 worth of tickets on
our Pot O' Gold. For our new-
est 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. Raffle tickets cost
\$5.00 each or three for \$10.00.
The Pot O' Gold ticket draw-
ing for the winners will be
moved to JUNE. Fund raising
options will be on the agenda at
our next meeting.

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