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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT LIES BEYOND A WINNING TEAM?

In the two years and four months that we have been in existence as a Hibernian division, we have accomplished a number of goals and come a long way. The part that I'm proudest of is the WAY we've accomplished our goals and met various challenges. We've worked together making important contributions to achieve successful results. Each brother involved did his part. That is indeed the essence of a winning team. So.....where do we go from here?

In our newsletters over the past few months, I've been leading up to this. What does lie beyond becoming a winning team? Our National Constitution says that we are a fraternal organization. The way I look at it, we are aiming at being

much more than just a group of men who work together and share a common heritage. We are becoming a **close knit family**. We have fun together, associate together, pray and worship together, and we take an active interest in each other. We support each other during times of need and celebrate a brother's good fortune (luck of the Irish kind of thing).

Consider the old movie classic, "The Fighting Sullivan's." It was a story about an Irish family in the Midwest with five brothers who enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the start of 1942. They were lost when their ship was sunk in one of the desperate naval battles for Guadalcanal. The movie is a rousing story about how these five boys grew up

together in a close knit family and stuck together in everything. Anyone who harassed any one of the Sullivan boys found that he was facing all five. That close relationship they had was why they wanted to do their military service together on the same ship. The way I see it, working together is fine, but forming a close bond and enjoying each other's company is better yet. It is the ultimate fringe benefit that you will get from ANY fraternal organization. That close knit family atmosphere is what separates the very best organizations from the rest of the pack. That Kelly brothers, is where I see us taking aim at.

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Upcoming Events

Funeral Mass, St. Paul's at 10:15 AM on May 5th.

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on May 10th at 7 PM.

Virginia State Officers Meeting , May 12th.

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

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NOTICE: Annual dues (\$25.00) are now due 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 O' GOLD



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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 moved to JUNE. Fund raising options will be on the agenda at our next meeting.

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Praying for each other during times of sickness and medical concerns, sharing news, Irish history, humor (particularly Irish), sending each other St. Patrick's day cards (after all that is our one special day of the year) is proof that we IDENTIFY with each other. On Saturday, I visited a

brother Kelly Hibernian to discuss some division business. I now realize that part of the reason of my visit was because I enjoy his company. He (and indeed each one of you who are actively involved) are FAMILY to me. Remember the first two words of our motto, Friendship and Unity. That is what Family is all about. Being a

member of our Kelly AOH Family is one of the most important benefits of your membership.

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

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

- Paul Kiniry, awaiting medical test results
- 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

Charles Kelly, father of our Msgr. Charles Kelly

Elwanda Cart-Mother of Glenda King

Hal Roach - A remarkable Irishman

God grant them eternal rest



Aerial view of Newgrange, located in the Boyne Valley, County Meath, Ireland

NEWGRANGE

The Megalithic Passage Tomb at Newgrange was built about 3200 B. C. The kidney-shaped mound covers an area of over one acre and is surrounded by 97 kerbstones, some of which are richly decorated with megalithic art. The 19 meter-long inner passage leads to a cruciform chamber with a corbelled roof. It is esti-

mated that the construction of the Passage Tomb would have taken a work force of 300 at least twenty years.

The passage and chamber of Newgrange are illuminated by the winter solstice sunrise. A shaft of light shines through the roof box over the entrance and penetrates the passage to

light up the chamber. The dramatic event lasts for seventeen minutes at dawn on the Winter solstice and for a few mornings either side.

For further details, visit:

[Newgrange Information](#)

“DIGGING” BY SEAMUS HEANEY

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:
[Irish Culture and Customs.](#)

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
To drink it, then fell to right away

Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
Over his shoulder, going down

and down
For the good turf. Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould,
the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.

Between my finger and my thumb

The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.

from "Digging", *Death of a Naturalist* (1966)

To read more about Seamus Heaney, visit:

[Seamus Heaney](#)

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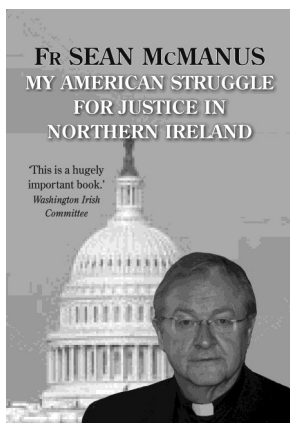
By now, all members should have received a mailing from the Irish National Caucus announcing the launch of the American Edition of Fr. Sean McManus' memoirs, "My American Struggle for Justice in Northern Ireland".

The event will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2012 from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Phoenix

Park Hotel, 520 N. Capitol St. N. W., Washington, DC.

Admission is free.

For further information, please visit [Irish National Caucus.](#)



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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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www.aohkelly.org

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

IN MEMORIAM:

A sad note that I must pass on to you is that Charlie Kelly Senior, the father of Msgr. Charles Kelly, who is our division namesake, has recently passed on. A funeral mass will be held at St. Paul's Church on May 5th at 11 am. Any brother interested in attending the mass please let me know.

REMINDER:

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DIVISION IDENTITY

A presentation will be made at the May meeting.

A FINAL THOUGHT:

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