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Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Division November 2013 Newsletter



President's Message

Our big event during October was the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games held at the RIR on October 19th and 20th. This was also my 50th high school reunion. Tough choice, but with our outstanding leadership group I was able to attend my reunion in Mt Sterling, Ky. A big "Thank You" goes out to Mike McGee, Dan Harrington and Larry Kelly for spear-heading the event. This included the set-up on Friday, manning the booth on Saturday and Sunday, taking photos and participating in the march of the clans. Also, a big thank-you to the other brothers, Frank Flanagan, Jim Dunn, Bill Murphy, Ray Olson and Matthew Dullaghan, who manned the booth during the Festival. From the photos I have seen, it looked like the weather cooperated and a very pleasant time was had both days. Also, a special thanks goes to Larry Kelly for developing the **Holiday Gift Card** raffle program. Two gift cards, one for \$100 and another for \$50, will be given to some lucky people when the drawing is held at the November Kelly Division meeting.

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I received 250 tickets from Tim McDonnell from the Dooley

Division for the **Trip to Ireland Raffle**. Our ticket sales got off to a good start with 27 tickets sold. This represents a \$135 kick into the kitty. We also make \$20 on the **Holiday Gift Card** raffle.

We also acquired a new member who paid up on the spot! So welcome aboard Robert Donovan from Powhatan.

To the best of my knowledge, no one from the division entered any overly-strenuous activities or got too close to the blacksmith demonstrations and thus no trips to the ER!

The idea of singing an Irish-inspired song during each division opening ceremony was brought up at the October meeting for discussion. Basically, it was agreed upon so that we will start doing this. All we need are Irish song sheets and a few good voices!! All joking aside, I think this will be a fine addition to our opening ceremony.

I want to thank Bill Murphy for an interesting talk about the Irish that built a railroad tunnel under Afton Mt. It was started in 1846 and was finished in 1858, just before the War of Northern Aggression. That was some mighty tough and dangerous work and another good reason to be proud of our Irish ancestors!

GOD SAVE OUR COUNTRY

Pray the Rosary. We have a LOT to pray for and pray about. Religious freedom still applies. Pray also for all those threatened by the hurricanes and floods this spring.

Upcoming Events

Welcome back to to our new season of activities

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St. Edward's Holiday Craft Sale

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Recent Activities

Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Division goes to the 2013 Celtic Festival!

2013 Celtic Festival



Well, we had another great weekend at this year's **Celtic Festival**. There were lots of visitors stopping by to check on their names and family roots and to just talk about Ireland. Mike McGee's library was a great help, with himself working with our visitors to answer all their questions.

In the photo above, we lined up for the **Parade of Clans** at the **Celtic Festival** that Sunday morning. From the left, that's Larry Kelly, Bill Murphy, Dan Harrington and Mike McGee, holding the division Banner. **Make sure you visit [Celtic Festival](#) to see more photos.** You'll also see Jack McNamee's son, Patrick, tossing the caber.

Now's a good time to put our thoughts together for the **Irish Festival** on Church Hill in March, 2014. And a special thanks to Larry Kelly for leading this project and thanks to all who manned the tent to represent our Division!

Upcoming Activities

Religious Rights



On the subject of Religious Freedom, I forwarded an email from the K of C Council 6546 about the AOH's Religious Freedom Initiative. Much discussion has been generated at both at the K of C and the AOH. And it now looks as if we will hold off on any group purchases of material supporting the initiative but still some individual purchases will be made.

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[St. Edward's Christmas Craft and Gift Fair](#)

We will be participating in the St. Edward Holiday Craft Sale on November 9th, from 8 AM to 2 PM. Note that this will be before the November meeting. The sale will be held in the St. Edward community center, same place as the previous years. Set-up will be on Friday, November 8th, between 10 AM and 3 PM, so bring holiday items in particular and other items in general that we can sell. Mike McGee has donated a number of charming winter scene village cottages and stores. This type of item is especially good for holiday sales. Please attach a suggested price for the items.

This will also be a good time to sell raffle tickets for the **Trip to Ireland** and the **Holiday Gift Cards**. A separate email will be sent out asking for volunteers to man the set-up table on Friday for the sale hours on Saturday. Keep in mind that items not sold will need to be picked up after the sale or they will be donated to Goodwill or another charitable group.

The K of C will be selling food and drinks during the sale for your convenience or you can bring your own goodies.

Check your e-mail for Larry Kelly's message on signing up for available hours.

Our Friendship Motto

An important item I want to mention is a program to reach out to our past AOH members. Some have ask if they can come back or have expressed an interest in doing so. Several are members of the St. Edward K of C council. This needs to be discussed at the October meeting.

Prayer List

Kevin Hogan's parents are both in need of our prayers. His mother, Louise, has been the caregiver for Pat, and the role is exhausting. Also, **Kevin's** sister has just had knee surgery!

Mike Dougherty's wife, Diana, recovering from chemotherapy

Mike Dougherty and his brother James Cramsie

In Memorium

Michael Kelly-James Dunn's brother-in-law

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surgery	Brian McLaughlin's father, Martin and mother Maryann	Kevin Walsh's mother, Bonnie	Cart-Glenda King's mother	Recording Secretary Larry Kelly	Financial Secretary
Rick Brennan's wife	Note: Please notify Brother Kevin Walsh if you wish to add or change anyone's status on our prayer list.		Robert Broderick -Brother-in-law of Dan Harrington	Standing Committee Bill Murphy	Marshall
Twitter		Website	Seamus Heaney- (1939-2013) Irish Poet and more..., 1995 Nobel Prize in Lit.	Committee Mike Dougherty	Marshall Jim Dunn
			Ray Olson's sister	Sentinel Rick Brennan	Compassion Committee
			<i><u>God grant them eternal rest</u></i>	Kevin Walsh	

Division History

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 organize the Division. We later moved to our

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current meeting location at St. Joseph's Church.
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 committment to Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.



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