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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*A HIBERNIAN SOS
THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS*

All of us have life changing events. For myself, old age arrived Saturday morning, September 1st, when my wife Irene had her stroke. I will keep you updated on her condition in separate correspondence. Suffice to say, each day has become very busy. My situation forces me to live each day, one at a time. With regard to the Division however, I need to talk to each of you about some long range concerns. In October, each Hibernian organization is supposed to form a nominating committee to identify the leadership at each officer and committee position for the next year with elections to be conducted in November. **Frank King** has consented to take my job as your president for 2013. In this regard I want each one of you to mentally walk with me through the next 12 months of the Hibernian year.

I ask each Hibernian first, to

give Frank the same fullest support and cooperation that you have given to me in the past two years and nine months and, secondly, that you seriously consider **stepping up and taking a leader/officer position for the division at this critical junction.**

Since this is football season, we all know what can happen to a team that loses its star quarterback (Indianapolis Colts) or their head coach (New Orleans Saints). On the other hand, the San Francisco 49ers went from Joe Montana to Steve Young and continued to be champions. I knew my tenure as your president would come to an end, I just didn't realize the circumstances would come on so quickly. Almost all of you know our yearly schedule of events and activities. Frank needs our best efforts to continue to march on to the events in October and November and be ready for

a busy three months, January to St. Patrick's Day and the Irish Festival. Next year we will also have a Virginia Hibernian convention in July. We have made impressive achievements in the short time (Jan 2010) that we have been in existence. We have established a calendar of events, an annual budget, a healthy bank account, division flags and banner, recruiting tools and diversified our fund raising efforts. The next step in this process of ours is to make our organization a dynamic one. That means new leaders, new ideas, new ways of doing things. That's where each one of you as Kelly Hibernians comes in. I ask you to contact me soonest with any interest you may have in becoming an officer for the upcoming year. I can tell you the requirements of the position and answer any questions you may have. In addition I will arrange for the officer currently holding

Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on October 11th at 7 PM.

Gaelic Tiger Project-Stay tuned

Celtic Festival-Oct. 20 & 21

Recruiting Sunday @ an area church, communion and breakfast after

Regular business meeting on November 8

Election of Officers for 2013

Another St. Edward's Yard Sale on November 10th.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

that position to give you one or more training sessions to learn the job. As for myself, I plan to be there and give all the support I can to each individual who takes the position of division president. I feel that I've invested too much in

our Kelly family to back away. As Frank takes over as our flag bearer lets all rally round him and his officers.

LONG LIVE THE KING!!!

ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR PRAYER

Taking into consideration all those on our prayer list as well as those among the faithful departed, I feel it is appropriate to mention that October is the month of the rosary. We are supporting the Knights of Columbus at St. John Neumann parish with their rosary tabulation (one

million rosaries is the K of C goal). As our past state president used to encourage us, "Pray the Rosary." We have a LOT to pray for and pray about. In addition to those mentioned above we have a **lot at stake in this upcoming election in November**. I hope the US

Constitution and the part about religious freedom still applies. Fr. Novokowsky mentioned that in a sermon and said that we will get the kind of government we deserve. If your local parish is maintaining a K of C count of rosaries *add some Hibernian rosaries to their effort*.



PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

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

The sister-in-law of Marie, a Lady Hibernian, is also terminal

Larry Kelly's wife Gayle, returned from the hospital

Mike Dougherty's wife, Diana, recovering from surgery

Paul Kiniry

Brian McLaughlin's father,

Martin and mother Maryann

Michael Dougherty and his brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

Kevin Walsh's mother, Bonnie

Dan Harrington & his brother-in-law, Robert Broderick.

My wife, Irene, who is recovering from a mild stroke (TIA) and will be in surgery October 9th.

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.

Hal Roach-gifted Irish comedian

God grant them eternal rest

PUT A CELTIC TIGER IN YOUR TANK



We're looking at another new initiative for fund raising. We would purchase two VISA gift cards, one for \$100.00 and one for \$50.00. The cards would be publicized at the various parishes as gas money for the family vehicle. The way the price of gas is going this could be a big hit. At least, no one at the various

parishes should be concerned as some were about the raffle of alcoholic spirits in the pot of gold raffle. The tickets and management concept would be virtually the same as the Pot O' Gold. Raffle tickets would be sold at the parishes at various Sundays in September and October and at the Celtic festival.

Congratulations to Frank King and his team (Mike Dougherty, Mike McHugh, and Kevin Walsh) for leading this effort. They accomplished over \$200.00 for the division in just one weekend at St. Edwards. Great job, well done.

THE CATTLE RAID OF COOLEY

Medb, the former wife of Conchobar mac Nessa, insisted that she be equal in wealth with her husband Ailill, and started the Cattle Raid of Cooley when she discovered that he was one powerful stud bull richer than her. She discovered that the only rival to Ailill's bull, Finnbennach, was Donn Cúailnge, owned by Dáire mac Fiachna, a vassal of Conchobar's. She sent messengers to Dáire, offering wealth, land and sexual favours in return for the loan of the bull, and Dáire initially agreed. But when a drunken messenger declared that, if he had not agreed, the bull would have been taken by force, Dáire withdrew his consent, and Medb prepared for war.

An army was raised including contingents from all over Ireland. One was a group of Ulster exiles led by Concho-

bar's estranged son Cormac Cond Longas and his foster-father Fergus mac Róich, former king of Ulster and one of Medb's lovers. It is reported that it took seven men to satisfy her, or Fergus once.^[4] Medb's relationship with Fergus is alluded to in the early poem *Conailla Medb míchuru* ("Medb has entered evil contracts") by Luccreth moccu Chiara (c. 600); it asserts that Medb wrongly seduced Fergus into turning against Ulster "because he preferred the buttocks of a woman to his own people".

Because of a divine curse on the Ulstermen, the invasion was opposed only by the teenage Ulster hero Cúchulainn, who held up the army's advance by demanding single combat at fords. Medb and Ailill offered their daughter Findabair in marriage to a series of heroes as payment

for fighting Cúchulainn, but all were defeated. Nevertheless, Medb secured the bull. However, after a final battle against Conchobar's assembled army, she was forced to retreat. Donn Cúailnge was brought back to Cruachan, where it fought Ailill's bull, Finnennach, killing him, but dying of his wounds.

Also, throughout the *Táin Bó Cúailnge* Medb has several encounters with Cúchulainn in which he kills either her pets or handmaidens and the place in which they were killed is then named after them, which illustrates the importance of landscape throughout the text of the *Táin Bó Cúailnge*. Examples of this occur when Cúchulainn "slung a stone and killed a pet stoat as it sat on Medb's shoulder by her neck, south of the ford. Hence the name Meithe Togmaill, Stoat Neck"^[5] and when he kills

Medb's handmaid: "He slung a stone at her from the heights of Cuincu and killed her on the flat place that bears her name, Reid Locha, Locha's Level, in Cualinge"^[6] Mebd's behavior further illustrates the importance of the landscape when she goes to great lengths to permanently alter it to show her contempt for Ulster. "She preferred to cross the mountain by leaving a track that would show forever her contempt for Ulster... to make the Pass of the Cualinge Cattle." Furthermore this scene also reveals much of Medb's character as a somewhat stubborn, scornful woman.

Please visit [The Cattle Raid of Cooley](#) for more information.



CLOSING THOUGHT/PRAYER

Hail glorious Saint Patrick,
we honor thy name

Tho' Erin may claim thee, the
world knows thy fame

The faith of our fathers is our
treasure too

How holy that faith that they
learned from you

Through crosses and trials its

fires burn bright

It shows us the way, the truth
and the light

Great Saint intercede, that we
always may be

Devoted and loyal true chil-
dren of our heavenly father

And the Blessed Mother and
thee

Our faith and devotion be
ever like thine

Our thoughts be of Jesus,
Our hearts, minds and souls
be his shrine

And when to the end of life's
path we have trod

Be near and intercede for us
great bishop of God

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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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OTHER

Irish Citizenship

Jay Simms was very excited to tell me that he and his brother were applying for DUAL CITIZENSHIP to be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland as well. I asked him to come to our upcoming meeting on September 13th to give everybody a briefing on this and answer any questions you may have. Also you may be interested to know that Jay speaks Gaelic.

Now, if only we can recruit an Irish tenor to lead us in traditional songs on St. Patrick's Day.

St.Edward's Yard Sale

This June we participated in this type of parish event for first time. It was a learning experience and we made almost \$200.00 for the division. Thanks to all who were involved. Just as important, it was a great chance for more people to get to know about us.

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