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MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY, JR. DIVISION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A BUSY SUMMER

I hope that you all had a very enjoyable summer. Summer is supposed to be the season when we plan vacations, family picnics and other recreational outings and take a restful break from the more frantic pace of spring and autumn activities. This summer has turned out to be pretty crowded as well.

I will include a short report on each event as part of this newsletter.

My last newsletter to you in June talked about a hypothetical Inspector General reviewing the status of our division. Our "IG" report showed several positive areas and a few areas of concern. For our newest brothers of the division, "IG" in this case stands for **Irish Growth**. I want to reconnect with that message in the last newsletter, bring in and comment on the summer's activities and focus on our upcoming goals and schedule for September thru November.

In June we initiated our newest brother, Rick Brennan and (thanks to Frank King) took advantage of an opportunity to participate in a yard sale at St. Edward's parish. Because of your efforts, we currently have twenty-four brothers in the division and our financial status/bank account is the best we have had in our existence. We are continuing to grow in membership and broadening our fund raising capability. In July, I represented our division at the Hibernian National Convention near Syracuse New York. It was quite an experience to interact with between 500 and 1000 men and lady Hibernians.

We were planning to have a summer party for the division in August when we received an invitation from the Major Dooley division to attend their summer party. I accepted their kind invitation and Larry Kelly represented us. Regretfully, the invitation did not

get out in time and many were busy that Sunday. I would like to take this opportunity to point out that it should be a goal of ours in the future to have a Richmond gathering of as many of us as possible together with our brothers and their families of the Major Dooley division and the ladies of the Adele Clark division at some social event, a **Hibernian family gathering of the Richmond Irish**. At all, the middle word in our motto is UNITY.

Looking ahead to the next three months, we need to continue to find and sign up good Irish Catholics, be proactive in fund raising opportunities and participate more fully in our parishes as Hibernians to make more people aware of our existence. I held an officer meeting during the summer to discuss our goals and our upcoming schedule.

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Upcoming Events

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on September 13th at 7 PM.

Gaelic Tiger Project-Stay tuned

Regular business meeting on October 11

Celtic Festival-Oct. 20 & 21

Recruiting Sunday @ area church, communion and breakfast

Regular business meeting on November 8

Election of Officers for 2013

Another St. Edward's Yard Sale?

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New Members

**Your Division
Name Tags have
arrived!**

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)

We can look forward to two **HUGE** opportunities to make more people aware of our existence. If and I emphasize the word IF, we can gather a sufficient number of brothers, we can plan a recruiting Sunday at St. Augustine parish.

That would expand our base of membership to four parishes in the area. The other opportunity will come with the upcoming Celtic Festival and we will have more financial ability than we ever had before to get really involved.

If we play our cards right, we have the opportunity to turn our hard work and efforts of the first half of the year and a busy summer, into a very productive and prosperous autumn. Here's looking to our future!

A POT O' GOLD



We sold over \$400.00 worth of tickets on our Pot O' Gold raffle! For our newest members, this was a first-time effort for us to diversify our fund raising activities. The first prize of our Pot O' Gold was a gift card worth \$100.00 that could be used at any state

ABC store. The second prize was 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 was drawn at our JUNE meeting.

Congratulations to Larry Kelly who was the first place

winner and the second place winner was none other than our state Vice President, Bruce Denault. This seems to be a winning design for other raffle efforts that we may hold.

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

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

Ray Olson's sister, who is terminal

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

Larry Kelly's wife Gayle, recently in 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.

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.



NATIONAL HIBERNIAN CONVENTION

From July 9th through the 12th, I attended our AOH convention. It was an impressive gathering of Irishmen and women from all over the country. At such times, we meet with our brother Hibernians from the District of

Columbia and Maryland. It was good to see those guys again. There were seven priests in attendance and we had daily mass before starting any activities. The weather was beautiful and the meeting place was a glamorous hotel,

convention center and gaming casino. There were all sorts of contractors there as well, with all kinds of Irish stuff. On a personal note I finally got myself a genuine Irish/Hibernian rugby shirt.



GLORIOUS NEWS

You've heard the phrase, "Long the King." We have an awesome event to celebrate in our division family. Frank King's mother celebrated her **100th** birthday on the 11th of August. She lives in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. She was a

school teacher for 35 yrs in the Kentucky School System. She had two sons, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren, all of whom were the at the family party. A good portion of the town was also at her party and she re-

ceived congratulations from the Mayor of Mt. Sterling, her state legislators, the Governor of Kentucky and Willard Scott of NBC. Hardest congratulations to her and Frank and all of the King family.



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 KofC 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 con-

stitution 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 KofC count of rosaries, *add some Hibernian rosaries to their effort.*



HIBERNIAN SUMMER PARTY

The Major Dooley division held a gathering at St. Paul's Church to honor Our Lady of Knock at the Sunday (Aug 19th) 11:00 am mass. After mass they held a pool party at a member's house. It was raining (Irish Sunshine) that

particular Sunday however they still managed to hold a pool party indoors over a pool table. I didn't realize how long it's been since I shot pool. Anyway, the food was great and so was seeing our guys from northern Rich-

mond. Paul McFadden is as enthusiastic as ever. God bless them all.



St. Kevin's Church and kitchen, located in Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

ST. KEVIN

His life is not well known, as no contemporaneous material exists. His Latin *vita* maintains that he was descended from a royal line and was related to the Dál Messin Corb. He was given the name *Coemgen*, which means "gentle one", was baptized by Cronan, and educated by St Petroc during that saint's sojourn in Ireland. He lived in

solitude at Disert-Coemgen for seven years, sleeping on a dolmen (now known as "Saint Kevin's Bed") perched on a perilous precipice, that an angel had led him to, and later established a church for his own community at Glendalough. This monastery was to become the parent of several others. Eventually, Glendalough, with its seven

churches, became one of the chief pilgrimage destinations in Ireland. His legend says that he lived to the age of 120.

For further information, please visit:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_of_Glendalough



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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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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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