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Division President's Message

Matt Dullaghan



Worthy Hibernian Brothers:

Happy February! As I write this, Thursday is forecast to be partly cloudy with a high in the 50s, and I hope many of you will take advantage of the better weather and join us at our next monthly meeting on February 10. We hope to resume our Irish history highlights and look for a good audience for them.

Think ticket sales! We're getting underway, the tickets are back from the printer, and we hope to be able to visit several of the parishes.

We can always use help setting up, and selling!

Finally, the Church Hill Irish Festival (www.churchhillirishfestival.com) will be on us before you know it! March 26 is less than seven weeks away.

For upcoming events

February 24 Fourth Thursday, O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114

March 2 Ash Wednesday

March 10 Monthly membership meeting, St. Joseph's

March 20? St. Patrick's Dinner, O'Toole's Restaurant, 4800 Forest Hill Avenue

March 24 Fourth Thursday, O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114

March 26-27 Church Hill Irish Festival, 25th & Main

Until we meet again, *Sláinte mhaith agat!*

Matt

Business Meetings

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.

Meetings are held at:
St. Joseph's Church
828 Buford Road
Richmond, VA 23235

2022 Business Meeting Schedule:

Our next regular Division Meeting is February 10, 2022

Socials at O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114 on the fourth Thursday of the month starting at 5PM.

Dues Notice

2022 Dues are now payable. Dues remain at \$40 and, if 75 or older, dues are \$20.

Please pay at Division Meetings or mail check payable to:

**AOH Msgr. Kelly
Division**

at:

Larry Kelly
120 Carriage Point Ln. Glen Allen
Va. 23059

A Bit of Irish History

The late Paddy Moloney, the playful but disciplined frontman and bagpiper of the Chieftains, a band that was at the forefront of the worldwide revival of traditional Irish music, was an accomplished player of many traditional instruments. He mainly played the uilleann pipes (the national bagpipes of Ireland) and the tin whistle, but he also played the bodhran (a type of drum) and the button accordion. In addition, he was the band's lead composer and arranger.



Figure 1- Paddy Moloney with Uilleann Pipes

What are the uilleann pipes? The uilleann is the characteristic national bagpipe of Ireland. Earlier known in English as "union pipes", their current name is a partial translation of the Irish language terms *piobáí uilleann* (literally, "pipes of the elbow"), from their method of inflation. There is no historical record of the name or use of the term *uilleann pipes* before the 20th century. It was an invention of Grattan Flood^[3] and the name stuck. People mistook the term 'union' to refer to the 1800 Act of Union; this is incorrect as Breandán Breathnach points out that a poem published in 1796 uses the term 'union'.^[4]

The bag of the uilleann pipes is inflated by means of a small set of bellows strapped around the waist and the right arm (in the case of a right-handed player; in the case of a left-handed player the location and orientation of all components are reversed). The bellows not only relieve the player from the effort needed to blow into a bag to maintain pressure, they also allow relatively dry air to power the reeds, reducing the adverse effects of moisture on tuning and longevity. Some pipers can converse or sing while playing. The bag which the bellows fill is clamped under the other elbow, which squeezes the bag to control the flow of air to the reeds (which make the notes). The air goes from the bag to the chanter, drones, and regulators. The chanter is played with the fingers like a flute. The



Figure 2-Uilleann Parts

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News For the Division

.At this time, the Central Virginia Celtic Festival is planning the 2022 event for October. As of now, no dates are available.

The Church Hill St. Patrick's Festival is on March 26 & 27th.



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chanter has a range of two full octaves, including sharps and flats (because, unlike most bagpipe chanters, it can be overblown to produce the higher octave). The chanter is often played resting on the piper's thigh, closing off the bottom hole, so that air can only escape through the open tone holes. If one tone hole is closed before the next one is opened, a staccato effect can be created, because the sound stops completely when no air can escape at all. The three drones are simple open pipes; they constantly play three notes spread an octave apart. The three regulators are closed pipes. Untouched, they do not sound, but they have keys that can be opened by the piper's wrist action (or hand, if they take one hand off the chanter).^[5] Each regulator key sounds a different note when opened. The regulator keys are aligned so that several may be pressed simultaneously. These enable the piper to play simple chords, giving rhythmic and harmonic accompaniment as needed. There are also many *ornaments* based on multiple or single grace notes.

The tone of the uilleann pipes is unlike that of many other forms of bagpipes. They have a different harmonic structure, sounding sweeter and quieter than many other bagpipes, such as the Great Irish warpipes, Great Highland bagpipes or the Italian zampognas. The uilleann pipes are often played indoors, and are almost always played sitting down.

Brothers:

I call your attention to an article that appeared in the February 7th issue of the Catholic Virginian regarding the events of Bloody Sunday in which fourteen innocent and unarmed civilians were murdered by members of the British Parachute Regiment on January 30, 1972 in Derry, NI. It took until 2010 for then British Prime Minister David Cameron to admit the killings were "Unjustified and unjustifiable." Work still continues to build a shared vision for the future of the island and for lasting peace and reconciliation to heal the legacy of the shared past.

Archbishop Eamon Martin

In Memorium

Paul McFadden of the Dooley Division in January 2022.

Some of you old timers may remember Paul as the actual creator of the Msg. Kelly Division back in 2010. He organized everything I can remember and helped recruit new members for us in the local parishes in our early days.

More information is in the Dooley Division website.

Prayer List

Brother Dan Harrington: Being treated monthly for Lukemia.

Michael Manning: Nephew of Dan Harrington who was just released from hospital after 21 days recovery from intestinal surgery. Diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer.

Mike Dougherty being treated for Crohn's disease; also his wife, Diana, who is being treated for spinal stenosis; Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie with incurable leg infection

Mike Norton's wife Christine: Suffering from a C-dif infection

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New 2022 Officers Initiation Ceremony



At last month's Meeting our new Division Officers Ceremony was officiated by Brian Kiernan (center), Standing Committee Chairman for the Dooley Division.

Our 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 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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