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# THE KELLY NEWSLETTER

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## 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

### 2023 Business Meeting Schedule:

*Our next regular Division Meeting is March 9, 2023*

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

2023  
Division President's Message

## **Dennis Mulligan**



### President's Message

#### **Worthy Hibernian Brothers**

Happy March 1st. March is St Patrick's month for all Irish and non-Irish people alike. President Biden and Governor Youngkin continue the tradition of declaring March as Irish-American Heritage Month.

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This is also a great time for Irish Catholic men to join our Division.

The Dooley Division has invited us to join them on St Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, for the 9am Mass at St Patrick's Catholic Church on Church Hill at 213 North 25th St, Richmond VA. Immediately following the Mass, there will be refreshments and coffee in the church basement. Bring your green blazer if you have one.

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, our St. Patrick's Dinner will be held at O'Toole's Restaurant at 4800 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond VA. 23225. I hope to see you all there. A reminder to sign up will be sent soon, and thanks to those who have already signed up.

And, of course, the Church Hill Irish Festival will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. We're looking for a great turnout to help run the booth and recruit new members and to sell raffle tickets!

And a special thanks to Brother Jack Simila, who has done a great job as

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## **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

## Great News!

### The 2023 Church Hill Irish Festival Will be Here Soon!

March 24th, 25th and 26th, 2023 - The Church Hill Irish - Street Festival will be held in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street and on Broad Street and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

We'll need volunteers to help set up our tent, talk with visitors, recruit new members and, most importantly, sell raffle tickets, so stay tuned for the sign-up in your mail!

### Remember the 2019 Festival?



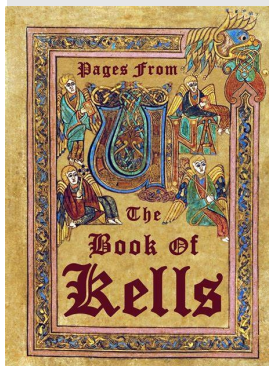
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chairman for our annual Raffle Tickets sales.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Dennis Mulligan, President  
Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Division  
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Div. No. 44P001

### A Little Irish History

The **Book of Kells** (Latin: *Codex Cenannensis*; Irish: *Leabhar Cheanannais*; Dublin, Trinity College Library, MS A. I. [58], sometimes



known as the **Book of Columba**) is an illuminated manuscript Gospel book in Latin, containing the four Gospels of the New Testament together with various prefatory texts and tables. It was created in

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institutions from each of these areas. It is believed to have been created c. 800 AD. The text of the Gospels is largely drawn from the Vulgate, although it also includes several passages drawn from the earlier versions of the Bible known as the Vetus Latina. It is regarded as a masterwork of Western calligraphy and the pinnacle of Insular illumination. The manuscript takes its name from the Abbey of Kells, County Meath, which was its home for centuries.

The illustrations and ornamentation of the Book of Kells surpass those of other Insular Gospel books in extravagance and complexity. The decoration combines traditional Christian iconography with the ornate swirling motifs typical of Insular art. Figures of humans, animals and mythical beasts, together with Celtic knots and interlacing patterns in vibrant colours, enliven the manuscript's pages. Many of these minor decorative elements are imbued with Christian symbolism and so further emphasise the themes of the major illustrations. The manuscript today comprises 340 leaves or folios; the recto and verso of each leaf total 680 pages. Since 1953, it has been bound in four volumes, 330 mm by 250 mm (13 inches by 9.8 inches). The leaves are high-quality calf vellum; the unprecedentedly elaborate ornamentation that covers them includes ten full-page illustrations and text pages that are vibrant with decorated initials and interlinear miniatures, marking the furthest extension of the anti-classical and energetic qualities of Insular art. The Insular majuscule script of the text appears to be the work of

### Sick and In Memoriam Notices for the Newsletter

Brothers, if you have anyone you would like to have entered in the Notices, please contact Sonny Dorish-Standing and Compassion Committee, and he will notify the Editor.

### **Sick List**

**New update from Jack Simila about his wife Carol's condition:**

**Carol has almost complete recovery.**

**Thanks fo all your prayers!**

**Dan Harrington-Being treated for Lukemia. Also, slowly recovering from COVID but with a few post-recovery issues.**

*Book of Kells cont.*

at least three different scribes. The lettering is in iron gall ink, and the colours used were derived from a wide range of substances, some of which were imported from distant lands.

The manuscript is in Trinity College Library, Dublin which usually has on display at any given time two of the four volumes it is now divided into, open to show a major illustration from one and a typical text page from the other, rotated frequently. A digitised version of the entire manuscript may also be seen online.

## More Great News!

### 2023 Central Virginia Celtic Games

We are excited and honored to announce that the Richmond Highland Games are scheduled for the weekend of November 4th and 5th, 2023. We are very happy to share that our new location will be at beautiful Dorey Park, located at 2999 Darbytown Road, Henrico, Va. 23231. We are working with the County of Henrico getting ready for this great event, and we look forward to seeing all of our friends. We will keep everyone updated with the schedule of events, Heavy Athletics, Piping and Drumming, Dance, Fiddle and Harp, Clan and Society Registrations, and all that we do! Thanks again for your continued support!



*Daniel Harrington*  
Photography



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### **Our Division History**

The Msgr. Charles Kelly, Jr. Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed in December, 2009 and conducted its 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.