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Division President's Message

**Dennis Mulligan**



## President's Message

Worthy Hibernian Brothers

I hope everyone had a good Easter Sunday with their family and loved ones and are now enjoying the wonderful spring weather that we are having.

The AOH National Convention will be held in Ohio in July. Details to be determined at a later date. I was on a Zoom meeting with Danny O'Connell and other Board members covering issues for the convention and discussing the change in I-9 acceptable documents. We also discussed recruiting new, younger members, which is

very important to keep the AOH going with younger members.

In April, we lost one of our Hibernians, Brother Bob Cavanaugh, who was our Marshal for the Division. He tried very hard to get new members for our division at St. Gabriel Catholic Church by speaking to the Knights of Columbus Council at every meeting and talking about the AOH all the time along with me, too. At the day of his funeral, his wife, Mary, wanted to say thanks to our AOH division for coming to his funeral and wearing the green jackets.

Also, Hibernian Brother Frank King recently lost his wife, Glenda. Please pray for the Bob Cavanaugh and Frank King family in your prayers.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Dennis Mulligan, President  
Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Division  
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Sláinte mhaith agat!

## 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 May 11 2023*  
Socials at **O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub**, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114 on the fourth Thursday of each 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 Little Irish History

## A Short History of the Molly Maguires in America

In the latter half of the 19th century, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, was an area rife with violence. Between 1861 and 1875, a series of violent assaults, arsons and murders was blamed on a secret society of Irish immigrants known as the Molly Maguires. The group had originally emerged in north-central Ireland in the 1840s as an offshoot of a long line of rural secret societies including the Whiteboys and Ribbonmen, who responded to miserable working conditions and evictions by tenant landlords with bloody vengeance.

Faced with the prospect of starvation during the Great Potato Famine, more than a million Irish emigrated to America, where a large concentration settled in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania



in search of work. Irish Catholics were routinely met with discrimination based on both their religion and

heritage and often encountered help wanted signs with disclaimers that read, "Irish need not apply." Accepting the most physically demanding and dangerous mining jobs, the men and their families were forced to live in overcrowded, company-owned housing, buy goods from company-owned shops and visit company-owned doctors. In many cases, workers wound up owing their employers at the end of each month.

When the Civil War broke out and miners were drafted to join what they perceived to be "a rich man's war," they began to rebel. "Coffin notices" threatening death, allegedly penned by Molly Maguires, were delivered to mining supervisors and scabs who planned to fill their roles during strikes, and as working conditions worsened in the 1870s, the violence escalated. In all, 24 mine fore-

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## AOH VA State Board Meeting

To be hosted by the Msgr Bradican Division on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The meeting will be held at: Saint Michael Catholic School 7401A St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, VA 22003

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and is expected to conclude by approximately noon. Lunch will be served after the meeting and there will be no Major Degree offered.

Please let Divisional President Peter Popic ([ppopeck@shamrockva.com](mailto:ppopeck@shamrockva.com)) and myself if you will be attending.



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men and supervisors were assassinated. In 1873, Franklin B. Gowen, president of the Reading Railroad, hired the Pinkerton Detective Agency to infiltrate and destroy the Molly Maguires, whose union organizing became an impediment to increasing railroad profits. Using the alias James McKenna, native Irishman James McParlan spent two and a half years living alongside the coal miners, eventually gaining their trust. Despite the conflict of interest, Gowen served as the chief prosecutor during the subsequent trials. Based almost entirely on McParlan's testimony, 20 men were sentenced to death—10 of whom were executed on June 21, 1877, also known as Black Thursday. Although the existence of the Molly Maguires as an organized band of outlaws in America is still debated, most historians now agree that the trials and executions were an outrageous perversion of the criminal justice system. In 1979, more than 100 years following his hanging, John Kehoe—the supposed “king” of the Molly Maguires—was granted a full pardon by the state of Pennsylvania.

## Sick and In Memorium Notices

**Brother Robert Cavanaugh**

**Glenda King**—wife of Brother Frant King

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

**Brother Chuck Mulhearn**-in nursing home and is bed ridden

**Brother Dan Harrington**-Being treated for Lukemia.

**Brother Mike McHugh**

## Photos from Co. Donegal, Ireland



**A Beautiful Evening**



**Looking West**

# 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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# In Memorium

## *Deceased Brothers and Spouses*

Joyce, Spouse of Brother Daniel Harrington

Irene, Spouse of Brother Mike McGee

Brother James Calpin

Glenda, Spouse of Brother Frank King

Brother William Murphy

Brother George and Spouse Kathleen Rodenberg

Brother Micheal Dougherty

Brother Robert Cavanaugh



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## **2023 Division Officers**

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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.