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Division President's Message

**Dennis Mulligan**



## President's Message

### Worthy Hibernian Brothers

Welcome to the month of June and our last Division meeting before our summer break. I hope you and your family will have a safe and enjoyable summer! I'd like to give thanks to all of our Division members for what we've accomplished so far this year. Please, if you know any person who would like to join the Division, have them come out to our fall Division meeting on September 14, 2023, when we will meet again at 7PM at St. Joseph's Church, Bon Air.

### Yes, recruiting is a priority!

This fall season will be a busy time of the year for our Division, when we will be discussing nominating a slate of Officers for the upcoming year 2024. Please get in touch with me directly if you are interested in becoming a Division Officer, or by emailing me at: [mulligan.dennis@yahoo.com](mailto:mulligan.dennis@yahoo.com). Also, in the fall months, we will be discussing our annual budget, participation in the **Richmond Highland Games** on the weekend of November 4-5, 2023 at Dorey Park, 2999 Darbytown Road, Henrico, VA, 23231 (limited information available at [www.richmondhighlandgames.com](http://www.richmondhighlandgames.com)), our annual Christmas Dinner and year-ly donations at Christmas time. Again, I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Dennis Mulligan,  
President  
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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 September 14, 2023  
Socials at O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114 on the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 5PM.

## Final 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

### The Shane O'Neill Rebellion

The first of these rebellions, that of Shane O'Neill, fully exposed the weakness and later the folly of the government. O'Neill's father, Conn the Lamh (Conn Bacach), who as the "O'Neill" was head of a whole network of clans, had been made earl of Tyrone in 1541, and the succession rights of his illegitimate son Feardorchadh (Matthew) were recognized. Shane, younger but the eldest legitimate son, was elected O'Neill on his father's death in 1559, and soon afterward Feardorchadh was killed. O'Neill then battled against the Dublin government, demanding recognition according to the laws of primogeniture, and he insisted that neither of Feardorchadh's sons, Brian and Hugh, had claims to the earldom. Elizabeth invited O'Neill to London to negotiate, but the opportunity for a statesmanlike settlement was lost. O'Neill was to be "captain of Tyrone" and was encouraged to expel from Antrim the MacDonnell (MacDonald or MacConnell) migrants from Scotland. Returning to Ireland in May 1562, O'Neill routed the MacDonnells, as well as the loyal O'Donnells of the northwest, and attempted to secure support from Scotland and France. Eventually the government was saved from a serious situation only through the defeat of O'Neill by the O'Donnells and his murder in 1567 by the MacDonnells.

The lands of the O'Neills and even of loyal Gaelic lords were declared forfeit in 1569, and, in a wave of enthusiasm for colonization, various questionable adventurers were permitted to attempt substantial plantations in Munster, Leinster, and Ulster. The folly of this policy was seen when the government, despite its having declared the position of "O'Neill" extinguished, allowed the O'Neills to elect Shane's cousin Turlough Luineach as their chief. Butlers and Munster Fitzgeralds also combined forcibly to resist the plantations. The only gleam of statesmanship shown in these years by Henry Sidney, lord deputy (1565–71, 1575–78), was that he managed to avoid a major combination against the government's religious policy. The Butlers were induced to submit, the planters were given only limited support, and a head-on collision with Turlough Luineach was

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## From the National AOH

### Macte Virtute! – "Increase Excellence"

It's official, National Board transition is finished. Our AOH leadership team completed their second Digest article, several national board meetings, several committee meetings, multiple state president meetings, and several live virtual events, there are no rookies left. To borrow a term used often by YSU's president, Jim Tressel, "Macte Virtute!", a Latin phrase meaning "increase excellence." Our path to success through the trying times of COVID is for each and every Hibernian to increase your excellence. Our national board understands we must innovate to lead the AOH and Irish America into the future. .

The first area we must increase excellence is recruiting, from application to membership. Our only opportunity for success in recruiting is with commitment from each and every Hibernian. We are recruiting men who will help us in every aspect of our noble order. From Pro-Life to Political Education, from Freedom for all Ireland to Catholic Action, recruiting new Irish Catholic Brothers will make us stronger in Everything we do. Every time you recruit, you are recruiting the future leaders of Irish America. Our success in recruiting will strengthen the Voice of Irish America!

In closing, I want to remind everyone to check the website regularly for opportunities to participate in our live events. Each event will also be on our YouTube page for you to watch at a later time and date or even during, before, or after your division meeting. Remember, Macte Virtute, increase excellence. The excellent work you continue to do every day will help the AOH to increase excellence.

Danny O'Connell  
President

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averted. When the Ulster plantation plans could not be carried out against Irish resistance, the queen wisely decided that they should be dropped. The pardon of the Butlers pacified Leinster, and, although in Munster the earl of Desmond's cousin James Fitzgerald, called "Fitzmaurice," attempted to make the war one of religion, he, too, was eventually pardoned.

### The Desmond rebellion

Despite his pardon, Fitzmaurice fled to the European continent in 1575, returning to Ireland in 1579 with papal approval for a Roman Catholic crusade against Queen Elizabeth. Although neither France nor Spain supported the crusade and Fitzmaurice was surprised and killed in August 1579, the government was extremely apprehensive. Gerald Fitzgerald, 14th earl of Desmond, then assumed direction of the enterprise. As a military commander he was wholly deficient, and his mediocrity may well have kept outstanding figures in the north and west out of the movement. The rebels were defeated, and in November 1580 a force of Italians and Spaniards was massacred at Dún an Óir ("Golden Fort"), Smerwick Harbour, County Kerry. The end of the Desmond rebellion gave the government the opportunity to confiscate

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## InMemorium Notices

Brother Robert Cavanaugh

Glenda King—wife of Brother Frank 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**

**Brother Frank King**—On Dialysis

## Photos from Co. Donegal, Ireland



**A Beautiful Evening**



**Looking West**



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more than 300,000 acres (100,000 hectares) in Munster and initiate more stringent proceedings against Roman Catholics. But the plantation was not a success. A more statesmanlike attitude was displayed in regard to Connaught land titles. When Sir John Perrot was lord deputy (1584–88), a number of agreements were made with individual landowners and chieftains by which their titles were officially recognized in return for regular fixed payments. This was a step in the process of converting a great part of the country to English tenures. Perrot was less successful in handling the 1585–86 Parliament, in which the government’s anti-Catholic program was defeated by the opposition.

## 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!

Additional information can be found at:

[Festival | Richmond Highland Games | Richmond](#)



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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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### **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.