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Worthy 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 would like to give thanks to all our Division members for what we've accomplished so far this year.

Please, if you know any person who would like to join our Division, have them come out to our fall Division meeting on September 12, 2024, when we meet again at 7pm at St. Joseph's Church.

This fall season will be a busy

time of the year when we will be discussing nominating a slate of officers for the upcoming year 2025. Please get in touch with myself or Dan Harrington by email with the names of any prospects.

Also, in the fall months, we will be discussing our annual budget. The Richmond Highland Games is coming at Dorey Park but the date is not set. And don't forget, raffle ticket season will be here, too!

We will be planning our annual Christmas Dinner and year-end charitable donations.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our September Meeting!

Thank You.
Dennis J Mulligan
President
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Please click on [page 3](#) for additional info on ordering Irish attire similar to what I wear to Division meetings..

Website: [13Stitches](#)

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

2024 Business Meeting Schedule:

Our next regular Division Meeting is June 13, 2024.

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

2024 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:

MSGR KELLY DIV- AOH,

at:

Larry Kelly

120 Carriage Point Ln. Glen Allen Va. 23059

Upcoming Events

Kelly Division Meeting-May 9th @ St. Joseph's
 Kelly Division Meeting-June 13th @ St. Joseph's
 Summer recess.

The AOH-LAOH Biennial Convention

The convention will be held this year in Orlando, FL. Dates are Aug. 7th to the 11th.

Check the link below for the Convention details:

[AOH-LAOH Biennial Convention](#)



The AOH Teddy Bears

Check with Dennis Mulligan at our Division meetings to purchase your Bear/s for family gifts or for sale at Division events!

A Bit of Irish History

The Spanish Armada

And The BlackIrish

The Spanish Armada was a fleet of 130 ships that sailed from A Coruña in August 1588 under the command of the Duke of Medina Sidonia with the purpose of escorting an army from Flanders to invade England. It met with armed resistance in the English Channel, when a fireship attack off Calais broke its formation, and was driven into the North Sea after the Battle of Gravelines.

When the fleet entered the North Sea, 110 ships remained under Medina Sidonia's command. Many were damaged by gunfire or were running low on supplies, making them unfit for service in the Atlantic Ocean. Some had cut their anchors in the flight from the fireships,



English Fireships attack the Armada

which severely diminished their ability to navigate close to shore. Also, the Armada commanders made a large navigational error that brought the fleet too close to the dangerous Atlantic coasts of Scotland and Ireland.

The **Spanish Armada in Ireland** refers to the landfall made upon the coast of Ireland in September 1588 of a large portion of the 130-strong fleet sent by Philip II to invade England.

Following its defeat at the naval battle of Gravelines, the Armada had attempted to return home through the North Atlantic, when it was driven from its course by violent storms, toward the west coast of Ireland. The prospect of a Spanish landing alarmed the Dublin government of Queen Elizabeth I, which prescribed harsh measures for the Spanish invaders and any Irish who might assist them.

Up to 24 ships of the Armada were wrecked on a rocky coastline spanning 500 km, from Antrim in the north to Kerry in the south, and the threat to Crown authority was readily defeated. Many of the survivors of the multiple wrecks were put to death, and the remainder fled across the sea to Scotland. It is estimated that some 6,000 members of the fleet perished in Ireland or off its coasts.

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Black Irish 101 - The term Black Irish is Irish American slang for the dark haired/dark eyed/light skin genetic characteristics appearing in the descendents of west Irish peoples with ancient Fir Bolg (Original aboriginal people of Ireland, who were smaller in stature than the Gaels, and had black hair, dark eyes, and white skin) origins. These people are proven to be genetically related to the Basques (France and Spain), Berbers (North Africa), and some Amerindians of the east coast of North America. A key marker is found in the predominance of Type O Blood amongst these people. The survivors of the Spanish Armada most likely did not live long enough in Ireland to form relationships and father children. There is no genetic evidence that the survivors of the Spanish Armada left any legacy. The genetic markers present in significant levels throughout Spain (the exception being the Basque) simply do not occur in Irish populations.

Flight of the Earls

The Flight of the Earls was a watershed event in Irish history that took place in September 1607. Hugh O'Neill, 2nd Earl of Tyrone, and Rory O'Donnell, 1st Earl of Tyrconnell, along with about ninety followers, left Ulster in Ireland for mainland Europe. They hoped to get help from the king of Spain but never returned to Ireland. After the earls left, English laws and language took hold in Ulster.

The 400th anniversary of the Flight of the Earls was marked on 14 September 2007, throughout Donegal, including a regatta of tall ships, fireworks, lectures, and conferences. The President of Ireland Mary McAleese unveiled a statue by John Behan depicting the Flight at Rathmullan. There is a permanent exhibition dedicated to the Flight of the Earls and the subsequent plantation in Draperstown in Northern Ireland and at the "Flight of the Earls Centre" in the Martello tower at Rathmullan. There were also commemorative postage stamps issued by the Irish post office, featuring Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, and Rory O'Donnell, Earl of Tyrconnell, and based on original illustrations by Sean O Brogain, made as they were about to sail out of Rathmullan.

In 2008 there were also celebrations to mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Earls in Rome, with a celebratory performance by the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland in Sant'Ignazio Church in Rome.



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Remember to mention Dennis Mulligan's name when you want to get information or to place an order!



View to the west from northern Donegal

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.

Recent In Memorium

Christine Norton Spouse of Mike Norton
Helen Brennan Spouse of Rick Brennan-
Brother Charles Mulherin
Michael Manning-Nephew of Dan Harrington

Prayer List

Brother Dan Harrington: Being treated monthly for Lukemia, CKD, etc. Recovering from a heart catherization, followed a week later by a Pace-maker implant.

Brother Frank King: moved to Bickford Assisted Living and is on dialysis three times a week

Brother Rick Brennan: Has undergone successful bypass surgery and is recovering and looking well.

Brother Ray Olson and wife Loraine

Brother Mike McGee's son-in-law: Undergoing surgery this month for advanced bladder cancer.

Sonny Dorish: Back Problems

Div.Prez Dennis Mulligan: Recovering from shingles.

Stokes McCune – Brain surgery, heart issues, lung issues. Stage 4 cancer

Brothers, if you know more Division members or family members needing prayers, please notify the Newsletter Editor.

IN MEMORIUM

JOYCE, SPOUSE OF BROTHER DANIEL HARRINGTON

IRENE, SPOUSE OF BROTHER MICHAEL MCGEE

BROTHER JAMES CALPIN

GLENDA, SPOUSE OF BROTHER FRANK KING

BROTHER WILLIAM MURPHY

BROTHER GEORGE RODENBERG AND SPOUSE

BROTHER MICHEAL DOUGHERTY

BROTHER ROBERT CAVANAUGH

CHRISTINE, SPOUSE OF MIKE NORTON

HELEN, SPOUSE OF BROTHER RICK BRENNAN

BROTHER CHARLES MULHERIN

MICHAEL MANNING, NEPHEW OF BROTHER DAN HARRINGTON



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Past Presidents

YEAR	NAME
2010	Mike McGee
2011	Mike McGee
2012	Mike McGee
2013	Frank King
2014	Larry Kelly
2015	Conor Shiel
2016	Matthew Dullaghan
2017	Matthew Dullaghan
2018	Matthew Dullaghan
2019	Jack Simila
2020	Jack Simila
2021	Jack Simila
2022	Matthew Dullaghan
2023	Dennis Mulligan
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