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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MATT DULLAGHAN



Happy March! This is our month. This is the month everyone wants to be Irish. President Trump has continued the tradition of declaring March as Irish American Heritage Month. We have St. Patrick's Day, the Church Hill Irish Festival, our St. Patrick's dinner, and the culmination of our raffle ticket sales, all in one

month. We are off to a great start for the year, and I hope to see many more of you at our next monthly meeting on March 9.

We do of course have a few hectic weeks of raffle ticket sales left. Brother Jack Simila had done a tremendous job stepping in as chairman, and I know he will look forward to any help you can give him in these last few days to man the churches and O'Toole's. Check the rest of the newsletter for more on our committee's progress and plans for continued good sales.

We'll have more details of our plans for the [Church Hill Irish Festival](#) at our next meeting. **March 25 is less than three weeks away.**

Until we meet again,

Sláinte mhaith agat!

A Bit of History

"Wild" Bill Donovan

CÉADAOIN (Wednesday)- On February 8, 1959, William "Wild Bill" Donovan, soldier, lawyer, politician and head of the Office of Strategic Services, died in Berryville, Virginia. Donovan was a key figure in the development of the United States intelligence service. His life reads like a Hollywood movie script. Born in Buffalo, New York, on Janu-

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Division Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on March 9th at 7 PM.

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



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DIVISION ACTIVITIES REPORT

Upcoming Events:

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day:

March 23: Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike

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

April 2: St. Patrick's Dinner, O'Toole's Restaurant
4800 Forest Hill Avenue

Raffle Tickets:

Parish Weekend Schedules:

St. Joseph's: 3/11, 3/18

Review— St. Patrick's weekend ticket sales

Please keep an eye on your email for the sign-up schedule for the Church Hill Irish Festival . This will be our last

chance to sell raffle tickets, so let's have a great turnout again, as usual!

Don't forget the new posters!

Note:

The AOHKelly.org website is back up and on-line after transfer of the domain hosting to iPower.com.



ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR PRAYER



Personal prayer is important in the promotion of our living relationship as children of God with our Father who is goodness itself, with Jesus Christ his Son and our Redeemer, and with the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier. A life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God

and in communion with him (cf. CCC, n. 2565).

Personal prayer promotes and improves our participation in liturgical and community prayers. If heart and mind are to be properly engaged in these two forms of prayer,

then personal prayer is very useful to help us internalize and make our own the liturgical and communal texts and rites. If this attention is not paid, these prayers for that one individual will be in danger of approaching words ritually recited, but not coming from the heart.

PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM

Please notify Brother Mike Dougherty to add or change the prayer or In Memoriam list.

Mike Dougherty and his wife, Diana. Also Mike's brother-in-law, James Cramsie.

Paul Kiniry, Recovering from a series of strokes.

Dan Harrington's wife Joyce and Dan, in remission-leukemia.

Rick Brennan's wife

In Memoriam

Irene McGee—Wife of Mike McGee

Stephen Dougherty — son of Diana & Mike Dougherty

Division Treasurer — Bill Murphy

God grant them eternal rest



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ary 1, 1883, Donovan earned his nickname "Wild Bill" for his bubbly personality. In truth, an examination of his life shows that he seldom acted in a way one would be likely to call "wild."

After flirting with the idea of the priesthood early in his life, Donovan became a lawyer, practicing in Buffalo. He also organized a cavalry unit in the N.Y. National Guard and took that unit to Mexico when General John "Black Jack" Pershing pursued Pancho Villa. On Donovan's return, he



was commissioned a major commanding the famous 69th New York Infantry. He commanded the regiment when the United States entered World War I in 1917. The Army redesignated the now federalized 69th as the 165th Infantry (though it remained the 69th to the men in it) and placed it in the Rainbow Division. Donovan distinguished himself in command of the 69th, winning the Medal of Honor. After the war, Donovan was appointed an assistant United States attorney. He ran unsuccessfully as the Republican candidate for governor of New York in 1932. Donovan was sent on a number

of diplomatic missions by President Roosevelt in the 1930s. When World War II began, Roosevelt named Donovan to head up the new Office of Strategic Services, or OSS. Under Donovan's leadership, the OSS proved itself a valuable asset in the American

war effort. Through his work organizing the OSS, Donovan laid the groundwork for the Central Intelligence Agency, which was formed in 1947. When Donovan died in 1959, President Eisenhower remarked, "What a man! We have lost the last hero."

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Robert Emmet

On March 4, 1778, Robert Emmet, one of the most famous revolutionaries in Irish history, was born in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. The Emmet's were a prosperous Protestant family; Robert's father was a physician. Robert attended Trinity College Dublin in the 1790s and there became involved with the United Irishmen. He quit the college in 1798 when students were forced to take a loyalty oath. In 1799 he traveled to France, where his brother, Thomas, exiled for his United Irish activi-

ties, joined him in 1802. Returning to Dublin that year, he began to organize another rising. With so many of the leaders dead or exiled, his plan had little chance of success, but on July 23, 1803, his small group rose up. Word never got to rebel leader Michael Dwyer in the Wicklow hills and the rising failed. Emmet might have escaped, but he would not go without his love, Sarah Curren, and this proved fatal. He was captured on August 25. Emmet had little hope of acquittal, and his lawyer is now known to have been a paid agent of Dublin Castle. He was found guilty and was hung on Thomas Street on September 20, 1803. His head was severed on the scaffold minutes after the hanging and held up to the crowd as "the head of Robert Emmet, a traitor." Though they had killed the man, in his trial they had given the fiery Emmet a rostrum, and, long after his death, his famous words live on.

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Deportation and the Illegal Irish US Residents

There are an estimated 50,000 Irish citizens living and working illegally in the United States - a tiny sliver of the 11 million undocumented population, but a considerable number for a home country of just 4.5 million people.

And the victory of President-elect Donald Trump in the Nov. 8 election has raised concerns in Dublin over their future status. Trump signaled his

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intent to deport millions of illegal immigrants once he takes office, causing ripples of disquiet for tens of thousands of undocumented Irish citizens in so-called sanctuary cities such as Chicago, New York and Boston, where police are not supposed to share information with immigration authorities.

"The issue of Irish undocumented has always been a concern, and I think in the light of [Trump's victory] it will continue to be," Ireland's European affairs minister, Dara Murphy, said earlier this week.

He went on: "We have very strong relationships with Irish American politicians in particular, and we will stress the point that

these people (illegal Irish immigrants) have made their homes in America and are in many ways American. They want to stay there and contribute to their country and their way of life."

The status of these undocumented Irish workers is an emotive issue at home. Skype phone calls and video conferences for funerals, weddings and other family events are now a familiar phenomenon in parts of Ireland, with relatives in the United States unable to leave out of fear of being barred re-entry.

Anne Anderson, Ireland's ambassador to the United States, told Politico earlier this year that undocumented Irish citizens "are in the shadows but they get on with their daily lives. But of course one of the biggest costs is that they can't travel back to Ire-

land."

Before the U.S. election, Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny deemed Trump's populist views "racist and dangerous." But he has been more circumspect in the wake of Trump's victory and was one of the first world leaders to speak with the president-elect. Kenny has no plans to meet Trump on a visit to the United States later this month.

Last week, Brendan Howlin, the leader of the social-democratic Labour Party, bemoaned the consequences of Trump's proposals.

"[Trump] said that one cannot obtain legal status or become a citizen of the United States by illegally entering that country," Howlin said. "He has said that he would deport ille-

gal immigrants from the United States within 100 days of taking office. That clock is ticking."

Irish Sen. Aodhan O'Riordain, another Labour politician, was more blunt with his criticism, denouncing the election of a "fascist" in the United States and arguing that Trump's success brought the world to "an ugly international crossroads." He also worried for the Irish undocumented across the pond.

"Washington Post"

History of Corned Beef and Cabbage

As children, we always had to give up sweets for Lent and it was always such a treat to be able to eat candy on St. Patrick's Day. The most affordable special dinner is cooked on that day.

It is not corned beef and cabbage, which is really an Irish-American version of the traditional bacon and cabbage dinner.

[More history...](#)

CLOSING PRAYER

*Hail glorious Saint Patrick,
we honor thy name*

*Tho' Erin may claim thee,
the world knows thy fame*

*The faith of our fathers is our
treasure too*

*How holy that faith that they
learned from you*

Through crosses and trials its

fires burn bright

*It shows us the way, the truth
and the light*

*Great Saint intercede, that we
always may be*

*Devoted and loyal true children
of our heavenly father*

And the Blessed Mother and thee

*Our faith and devotion be ever
like thine*

*Our thoughts be of Jesus, Our
hearts, minds and souls be his
shrine*

*And when to the end of life's
path we have trod*

*Be near and intercede for us
great bishop of God*

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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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Please make checks payable to "AOH Msgr Kelly Div".

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