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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# MATT DULLAGHAN



I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy this wonderful Spring weather. Next month will be our last regular meeting until September. But before we adjourn for the summer, we have one final task remaining. We have agreed to host the spring meeting of the State Board at

St. Joseph's on June 10. (Memorial Day notwithstanding, it's still "spring" until June 21.) We'll have sign-up lists going out to help with the arrangements. The meeting runs from 10 to noon, and we will need to set up the meeting rooms and set out coffee and noshes before. After, we'll need to set up for lunch and re-set the main room for the Major Degree program. For any brothers who have not yet received the Major Degree, you'll never have a more convenient time. The details are, of course, a matter of strictest confidence, but I can highly commend the experience to any brother who has not yet taken the opportunity. Please

let me know this week if you are interested so the team can have an accurate count.

Looking ahead to the summer, it seems the Richmond Squirrels are courting Irish cheer. Friday, June 23 is "Irish Heritage Night," with a free t-shirt to the first 1,000 fans. On Saturday, June 24th, the Dooley Division is sponsoring a Family Game Outing at the 6:05 PM game against Akron. Please call Tim McDonnell at 678-9764 for ticket info for the 24th.

Until we meet again,

Sláinte mhaith agat!

## Division Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Church, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235 on May 11th at 7 PM.

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



**NOTICE: Annual dues of \$40.00 or, if over 75 it's \$20.00, are now payable for 2017. Please mail your check to our Financial Secretary Larry Kelly, 1711 Bellevue Ave. D1216, Richmond, Va. 23227**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 25** Fourth Thursday, Sports Page Bar and Grill, 14245 Midlothian Turnpike
- June 8** Division Meeting
- June 10** AOH State Board Meeting,
- June 23** Richmond Squirrels vs. Akron Rubber Ducks. It's Irish Heritage Night (free t-shirt to first 1,000 fans)
- June 24** With the Dooley Division at Richmond Squirrels vs. Akron Rubber Ducks.

### *Put it on your List*

Let's join the Dooley Division on Saturday, June 24th at 6:05 PM at the Family Game Outing with the Richmond Flying Squirrels vs. Akron. Please call Tim McDonnell (678-9764) for ticket info.



- Sept. 14** First fall meeting

## PRAYER LIST AND IN MEMORIAM



*Please notify Brother Mike Dougherty to add or change the prayer or In Memorium 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 Memorium**

Irene McGee—Wife of Mike McGee

Stephen Dougherty — son of Diana & Mike Dougherty

Division Treasurer — Bill Murphy

*God grant them eternal rest*

## CURRENT HISTORY

### Irish Census says Ireland is less Irish

The academics may find more recent data, but a Pew Research Center study in Washington last year reported that the percentage of people living in the U.S. who were born outside the country reached 13.7 percent in

percent figure that has already been reached in Ireland. And our 17 percent has been reached without any of the angry debates and demonstrations that have taken place in the U.S.

The statistics from Britain, where immigration was the main issue underlying the shock Brexit

cultural island country on the edge of Europe like Ireland, a country with no history of immigration. You might also think that Britain, as a great colonial power with ongoing connections to its former colonies, would be more accepting of immigration than Ireland.

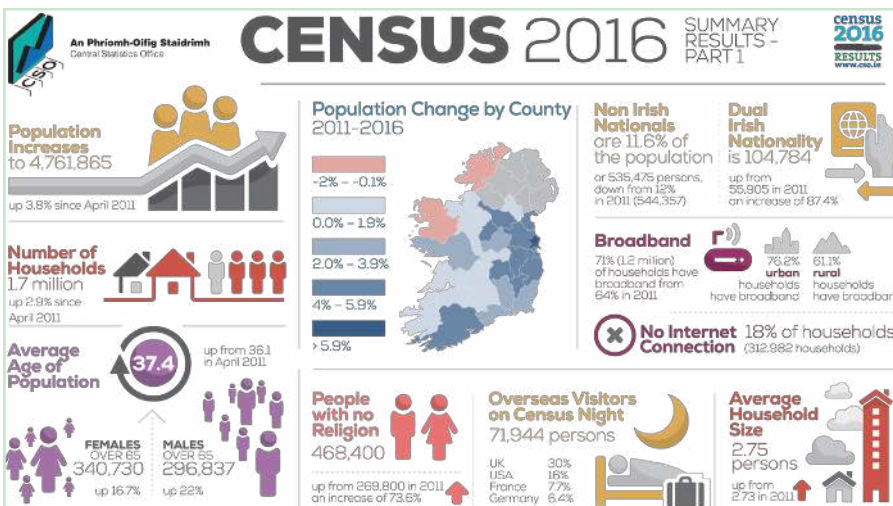
Yet the reverse seems to be the case. Immigration control was probably the most important single issue in getting Donald Trump elected. And in the U.K., immigration was probably the main factor behind the British referendum vote that is now taking the U.K. out of the EU, a step with enormous consequences.

Yet here in Ireland, far higher and much faster level of immigration over the past 20 to 30 years has caused barely a ripple of discontent. So what's going on? Are the Irish more tolerant? Or less aware of what is happening? Or just less caring about the possible long-term implications?

What kind of Ireland do we want, and will that be affected by such a high level of immigration?

This is a debate which can quickly become very emotional.

More details: [Irish Central](#)



2015. You will notice that this is some way behind the 17 percent figure that has now been reached in Ireland.

The same Pew report said that the number of foreign-born people in the U.S. was projected to hit a record 14.9 percent in 2025, breaking the country's previous high of 14.8 percent set in 1890 when waves of Irish, Italian, Polish and other immigrants were arriving in the U.S.

But even that is well behind the 17

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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.

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*Dues can also be paid at our monthly meetings.*

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