

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# MATT DULLAGHAN



As we discussed at our last meeting, we are hosting the spring meeting of the State Board at St. Joseph's on Saturday, June 10th. Dan sent out a Sign-UpGenius link on June 2nd to organize breakfast and lunch shifts. Guests will arrive at 9 AM, with the official meeting starting at 10 AM until noon. We will need to set up the meeting rooms at 8:30 AM and set out coffee and

noshes before. Please check your email for the signup or, if you didn't see it, please look in your Junk Email folder.

I regret that, due to poor statewide interest, the Major Degree program will not be offered. Fewer than ten brothers statewide expressed interest. Our State President advises that the next opportunity for the Major Degrees in southern Virginia will be in connection with the State Convention in Virginia Beach on September 22-23, 2017. I will pass on more details regarding the convention as I receive them.

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.

Finally, some brothers have expressed interest in continuing our informal Fourth Thursday meetings over the summer. I ask our other brothers to let me know if you have some interest. If any significant number do wish to continue those meetings, I will be happy to continue scheduling them.

**Sláinte mhaith agat!**

## Division Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Church, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235 on September 14th at 7 PM.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 8** Division Meeting
- June 10** AOH State Board Meeting, St. Joseph's Church
- 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.
- September 22-23** State Convention, Virginia Beach

### *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.*

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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*

## SOME IRISH HISTORY

### Irish Dominate Medal of Honor List

We Irish can proudly note that five of the 19 fighting men who won a second Medal of Honor were born in Ireland. They are Henry Hogan from County Clare; John Lavery from Tyrone; Dubliners John Cooper, whose name at birth was John Laver Mather; John King; and Patrick Mullen. Three double winners of the Medal were Irish-Americans: the indomitable Marine, Daniel Daly; the U.S. Navy's John McCloy; and the fighting Marine from Chicago, John Joseph Kelly.



*The citation above is that for one of those, John King, who served in the U.S. Navy at the beginning of the 20th century.*

Over the years, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has had strong associations with the Medal. At least two AOH divisions have been named after Medal recipients, including Colonel James Quinlan Division #3 of Warwick, in Orange County, N.Y. Quinlan, a native of Clonmel, County Tipperary, was awarded the Home

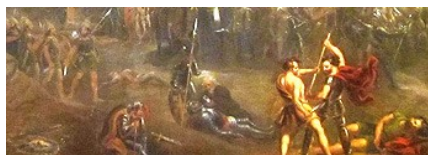
Medal for gallantry "against overwhelming numbers" while leading the Irish Brigade's 88th New York in the battle of Savage Station, Virginia, during the American Civil War.

Cite: [The Wild Geese](#) by John Concannon.

### Irish Myths and Legends

Ireland abounds with myths and legends of fierce warriors, strong women and fairy queens.

I refer you to a website, [Emerald Isle](#), that contains an excellent reference to a timeline of all those myths and legends we have heard about - ghost stories, fairy tales, historical and mythological tales of all sorts!



*The Battle of Clontarf*

The site is very well done; lots of color images and excellent, in-depth descriptions of these tales. It's a great summer read!

### Did You Know?

- The Popularity of Patrick as a Christian name in Ireland is due to the great 17th century general, Patrick Sarsfield, not our patron saint?
- The word íochtar (eek-tur) literally means lower part and is often used for the youngest child in an Irish family?
- George Bernard Shaw bequeathed one third of his estate to the National Gallery in Dublin, claiming that he received his education there?
- Guinness's fermenting vessel ferments 2,304,000 pints at one brewing?
- According to old custom, a piece of candle, a coin and a small quantity of wine or spirits should be placed next to someone who has died? The candle was to give the deceased light, the coin was to pay the fare over the river of death, and the liquor was to sustain him or her on their journey.
- Mass has been celebrated every Sunday at Ballintubber Abbey in Co. Mayo since 1216?
- Swallowing a live frog was an old Irish cure for a stomach ache?

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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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