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Jack Simila
Division President

I would like to wish all our members a happy and cheerful New Year! Last January, we started with high hopes and excitement with the start of a new year. Then the pandemic hit. After the year we had, it's only natural to go into this year with a little hesitancy. Once again, I look forward to working with you. We're not sure what's in store for us, but I know that whatever comes up, the Kelly Division will rise to the occasion.

Last year I wrote about the importance of brotherhood and giving back to our community. The pandemic put a damper on our efforts to raise money for Charity. Still, it did not deter us from using our treasury to donate much-needed funds to The Little

Sisters of the Poor and, and of course, our Christmas contributions to the parishes that we serve. Hopefully, this year things will go back to normal. We can get back into the business of helping our community through the charitable work that the Kelly Division is always happy to perform.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 7 pm. This meeting will be via video conference. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This meeting will be a good opportunity for us to catch up and make plans for the new year. Look for an invite in your email. Remember, if videoconferencing is not for you, there is an option to join the audio-only meeting. If you do not have access to a computer, please call me on the number below.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous 2021, and I hope to see you all soon.

Please be safe,
IOM
Jack Simila
919-730-7394

Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on January 14th, 2021 at 7 PM.

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.

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2021 Dues are payable starting this month. 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



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A BIT OF IRISH HISTORY

Dolmens

Dolmens, properly called Portal Tombs, mark burial places in a very distinctive way, with large capstones, as shown below, elevated at an angle and held up by huge standing stones. They were created between 3000 BC and 2000 BC and are generally held to be tombs, though they may also have had a ritual significance.

The stones we see now would have originally been covered in earthen mounds, with the area below the capstone forming an entrance leading to the tomb proper. Hence the correct name of Portal Tombs.

There are more than 100 dolmens scattered throughout Ireland, in various states of repair.

Quite how the people of the time manipulated the truly massive capstones into place is unknown, but the fact that so much of their work still stands some 4,500 years later is a testament to their evident skill.

Seen following are some examples of dolmens .

Poul nabrone Dolmen Co. Clare



Figure 1: Poul nabrone Dolmen

The Poul nabrone Dolmen is one of the finest remaining dolmens in Ireland. It is also one of the most visited, so unless you arrive early in the morning you are likely to find quite a few people around. Poul nabrone means "hole of the sorrows" and in 1986, when the area around the dolmen was excavated, the remains of 16 adults and children were found to have been buried there, over a period of perhaps 500 years. The region where the dolmen stands – the Burren – is a treasure trove of stone age remains, with some 70 tombs and about 500 circular stone structures or forts.

Ballykeel Dolmen Co. Armagh



Figure 2: Ballykeel Dolmen

Ballykeel differs from many dolmens in have three portal

stone, so is of a type know as a tripod dolmen. It is known locally as 'The Hag's Chair'. The 3 metre long capstone was at one time on the ground, but in 1965, following excavations carried out at the site, it was replaced. There are quite distinct remains around the dolmen of a stone structure which was at one time part of the tomb.

Carrowmore Dolmen Co. Sligo



Figure 3: Carrowmore Dolmen

About 30 megalithic tombs can be seen at Carrowmore, spread over an area of 1.5 sq miles, making it the largest such site in the country. There are several dolmens in various stages of preservation, all of them quite small compared to those found elsewhere but nonetheless impressive. The remains here are among the oldest known, over 700 years older than those at Newgrange and yet the site is not anything like as frequently visited.



Prayer List

-**Mike Dougherty** and also his wife, Diana, who is being treated for spinal stenosis; Mike's brother-in-law James Cramsie with incurable leg infection

-**Mike's** sister, Maryellen, suffering from multiple strokes

-**Chuck Mulherin's** wife, Vera, diagnosed with cancer

-**Jim Calpin**, Neuropathy Pain and irregular heart beat

In Memorium

-**Mike Norton's** sister, Mary Bracken

-**Mike Norton's** niece, Debbi Rossi

God grant them eternal rest

CLOSING THOUGHT/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 chil-
dren 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.

For Further Information:

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THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Take into consideration all those on our prayer list as well as those among the faithful departed. We are supporting the Knights of Columbus at St. John Neumann parish with their rosary tabulation (one million rosaries is the K of C goal). As our past state president used to encour-

age us, "Pray the Rosary." We have a LOT to pray for and pray about. In addition to those mentioned above we have **a lot at stake in this upcoming election in November**. I hope the US Constitution and the part about religious freedom still applies.



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