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Jack Simila
Division President

First, I want to thank you for putting your confidence in me to be your Division President for the 2021 calendar year. 2020 has been a trying year for all of us; let's hope we can start getting things back to normal soon.

I also want to thank our elected officers for accepting their nominations and taking on the various responsibilities to run our Division. Please keep the Division officers in your prayers as we face our new fraternal year's upcoming challenges.

The year 2021 will also present some unique challenges for us. Due to Covid restrictions and our obligation to help end the pandemic and keep our community safe, we may

not be able to do some of the events we look forward to each year. I can see in-person meetings starting this year; it could be as early as this Spring, or it may be in the fall when we return from our Summer sabbatical. Having meetings and any social event relies heavily on the vaccine distribution, state or federal restrictions, and, of course, each person's comfort level as we come out of the pandemic.

Please continue to be safe during the pandemic. The coronavirus has affected many of our brother Hibernians and their families, as well as our community. If you know of any brother Hibernian in need, please contact me.

If you need to reach me, please call or send a text message to my number 919-730-7394. An email will also work, but sometimes I can't check my email for a few days, and my response may be delayed. I hope to hear from you and see you during our meetings and activities.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 14, 2021, starting at 7 PM. This meeting will be via video conference. I will send an email out to the Division with the invitation to join our meeting. As al-

Business Meetings

NEXT Business Meeting at St. Joseph Church on February 11 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 Au-

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AOH Msgr. Kelly
Division

at:

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ways, if video conferencing is not for you, you can join by audio. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we continue our new year of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Please be safe,

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Jack Simila

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A BIT OF IRISH HISTORY



Figure 1 Skellig Michael

The History of Skellig Michael

Skellig Michael is the site of a Monastic Settlement dating back to the 6th century; however, one can find legendary accounts of Skellig Michael which date to pagan times, back in 1400 BC. Skellig Michael is the most westerly sacred site in Europe and it also finishes the line of ancient pilgrimage places in Europe. This line runs from Ireland through to France, Italy, and Greece and on to Palestine. This line is known as the Apollo/ St Michael axis, as it is believed to

be known thousands of years before Christianity.

Skellig Michael, off the coast of Co. Kerry, was also a place of refuge for numerous Catholics during penal times, as their rights and beliefs were being suppressed by the powers that be of that time.

The monks of St Fionan

Skellig Michael was the home to the monks of St Fionan. These Skelligs monks led very simple lives out here in the wild Atlantic, living in stone beehive shaped huts called clochans. Although the huts were round-shaped on the outside, they were rectangular on the inside. They were carefully built to prevent a single drop of rain from penetrating their interior.

The Skellig monks spent their days praying in the church, while dedicating some of their time for studying and tending to their gardens. Archaeological evidence would suggest that the rock was the permanent home to approximately 12 monks. These monks vacated the Islands in the 13th century, where they reportedly moved to the mainland in Ballinskelligs; from then on, it became a place of pilgrimage. Skellig Michael is a World Heritage Site.

In December 1996 the World Heritage Committee (WHC) granted Skellig Michael the title of World Heritage site and classified it as one of outstanding universal value. This accolade has catapulted the Skellig rocks into world recognition. As a result of this pres-

tigious honour, thousands of visitors descend on the Skelligs every year.

Skellig in Star Wars

The Skellig Michael scenes from the most recent Star Wars film Episode VII "The Force Awakens" were filmed at the islands in 2014 and again in 2015. The Skelligs features prominently at the end of the movie where the audience is reintroduced to Star Wars' original hero Luke Skywalker.

Visiting Skellig Michael

People visit the Skellig Michael and the Small Skellig for different reasons; some due to their religious beliefs, some may be bird lovers and others to enjoy one of the natural wonders of the world: this bare rock jutting out of the wild Atlantic, defiantly standing there. Irrespective of what prompted you to visit us, we can assure you that here, at Skellig Michael Cruises, you will be left inspired and of awe of the great Skellig.

Living on Skellig Island

Read an [account](#) of someone who lived on the island for three months.



Figure 2 Skellig Michael
Beehive Huts

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Prayer List

-**Mike Dougherty** being treated for Chron's disease; 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

All those who have health problems

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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