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**Jack Simila**  
**Division President**

Worthy Brothers,  
The month we all wait for is finally here. March has so much to offer, Spring is a couple of weeks away, and warm weather is coming in after the long cold winter. Saint Patrick's Day is only a week away. We usually would be planning our participation in the Church Hill St. Patrick's Festival along with our annual dinner to pay honor to Saint Patrick, our patron Saint of Ireland. Unfortunately, this year, we will need to adjust our celebration again a bit. The Church Hill Festival and our annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner may still be on hold for now, but we can always honor our patron Saint by attending Mass on Saint Patrick's Day. The Dooley Division is holding a Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Church Hill at 9 a.m. I believe some of our

Dooley Brothers are meeting at Rosie Connolly's after mass. Let's join them if possible. Please plan to attend and wear your Kelly Division badge and green jacket.

Other good news that March brings us is the **"Trip to Ireland"** raffle this year. The raffle is on! Both online sales and paper tickets will be available. The Dooley Division has once again invited us to participate in this event. If you are interested in obtaining hard tickets, give me a call, and I'll get the tickets to you.

To get raffle tickets online, click the link below and select Partner Groups. For our Division to get credit for the sale, remember to check the Kelly Division box when purchasing tickets.

**Raffle Ticket Link**  
<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/aohraffle>

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

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**Business Meetings**

NEXT Business Meeting is a video connect on March 11, 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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**AOH Msgr. Kelly Division**

at:

**Larry Kelly**  
120 Carriage Point Ln. Glen Allen Va. 23059



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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, March 11, 2021, starting at 7 p.m. This meeting will be via video conference. Depending on how things go and our members' comfort level, we may begin in-person meetings in April. We can talk more about this at our March meeting.

I will send an email out to the Division with the invitation to join our meeting. As always, 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**

### **The Battle of Clontarf**

The Battle of Clontarf is a key event in the history of the Vi-

kings, ending the power of the Vikings in Ireland as well as being the final chapter in the dramatic career of the Greatest High King of Ireland, Brian Boru.

The Battle of Clontarf took place at the break of dawn in Clontarf outside Dublin on Good Friday, 23 April 1014. The Battle of Clontarf is one of the most famous events and was the greatest battle in early Irish history. In this clash, Brian Boru and the forces of Munster together with Viking allies were pitched against the Viking armies of Dublin, Máel Mórda mac Murchada, King of Leinster and Viking mercenaries from Iceland and Normandy, the Orkney Islands and the Isle of Man.



Figure 1: Brian Boru

At this time, Brian Boru, also known as Bryan Boru, High King of Ireland, regarded as a national hero, was working his way to renew peace in Ireland and unite the unruly clans under his rule.

Brian Boru's enemies rose in revolt against him on Good Friday morning in 1014 as the Battle of Clontarf approached. Brian gathered his troops and

gave an inspiring speech before leading his men into battle. The battle ground consisted of many smaller battles, the fighting was fierce and brutal and lasted until the break of day.

The Battle of Clontarf claimed the lives of over 10,000 people. While praying for a battle victory, High King Brian Boru was slain in his tent by a passing Viking, Brodir of Man. He was triumphant on the day but he made the ultimate sacrifice in losing his own life.

The Battle of Clontarf was the watershed of all the rivalries and division that had consumed Ireland for centuries. A period of peace followed where the Celtic chieftains and the Vikings lived together in harmony, focusing on greater integration. The only surviving leader of the rebel side was Sytrygg of Dublin, who had sent his soldiers into battle while staying inside the walls of Dublin himself; he continued to reign in Dublin for another 30 years.

Brian Boru together with his son Murchad died, leaving no effective heir. His two remaining sons did not inherit the throne after the death of their father. Mael Sechnaill mac Domnaill, former High King of Ireland, ruled once again and regained his throne. From this point on the title of high king of Ireland was more of a token position and never again carried with it the power it was once held by The Great Brian Boru.

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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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