



# THE KELLY NEWSLETTER

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## Jack Simila *Division President's Message*

Worthy Brothers,

Welcome back from our summer break. I hope that this letter finds you and your families well, safe, and rested. Please join us this Thursday as we return to our regular meetings to finish up our business for the year and prepare for the upcoming fiscal year. Our monthly meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7 pm, at our regular meeting place St. Joseph's in Bon Air. I will send an email out during the week inviting all members to join.

I also have some great news to share with you; please welcome Bob Cavanaugh to our division. Bob is a transfer from the Joseph McGarry Division in North Myrtle Beach, SC. We also have a new applicant for membership, David Simcox, scheduled to be installed this Thursday evening at our meeting. I ask all officers to be present to help with the initiation.

The Virginia AOH State Convention happened in August, and a new slate of State Officers were installed during the convention. Please welcome our new State Officers: Brian Kiernan, President, Bob Fay, Vice President, Vince Eikmeier, Secretary, and Edwin Hanson, Treasurer.

The Fall season is a critical time of year for us, and our division would greatly appreciate your input at our meetings. One of the items we will be discussing at this meeting is nominating a slate of Officers for our upcoming fiscal year. We are also looking for members who may be interested in holding an Officer position in our division. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in taking a po-

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### Business Meetings

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

#### 2021 Business Meeting Schedule:

**St. Joseph's, Bon Air, on September 9, 2021 at 7 PM.**

**St. Joseph's, Bon Air, on October 14, 2021 at 7 PM.**

**St. Joseph's, Bon Air, on November 11, 2021 at 7 PM.**

**December to be determined.**

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sition or know someone who may be interested. Other items up for discussion in the coming months are the annual budget, The Celtic Festival, Our annual Christmas Dinner, and our yearly donations at Christmas time

I look forward to seeing you all this week.

Please be safe,

IOM Jack Simila

## A Bit of The Irish History of Music

The traditional music played by the Irish came to the country with the Celts 2,000 years ago. The Celts were influenced by the music of the [East](#) (which is why you may think you hear some resemblance of an Irish tune being played at Canal Street station) and it's believed that the traditional Irish harp may in fact have originated in Egypt.

The harp was the most popular instrument in ancient times with harpists employed to play for chieftains and to create music for nobles. This was until the Flight of the Earls in 1607 when native Irish chieftains fled the land under threat from invaders. With the flight of their patrons to mainland Europe, the harpists were left to travel the country and play where they could.

It wasn't until 1762 that tunes were officially written down for the first time and collectors began to travel the country compiling music that can still be viewed today. The tradition of collecting our music continues today in the Irish Traditional Music Archive in Dublin, the largest collection of traditional and folk music in the world.

As can be seen at events at Fleadh Cheoil, traditional music has traveled much farther than the 32 counties of Ireland. Our mu-

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## News from the Editor



### Our Raffle Winner

**Larry Kelly!**

Congratulations to our own "Trip to Ireland Raffle Ticket" winner, Larry Kelly, having just been handed the winning check by Dooley Division Treasurer, Fred Gerloff (below).



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sic has traveled all of the world thanks to our long history of emigration. It was during the time of the famine that vast numbers of Irish moved to the States, bringing their music with them.

raditional music saw a revival, especially in the States, in the 1920s when recordings of traditional music were taken for the first time and made available to the Irish living abroad.

The fiddle player Michael Coleman was one such player whose recordings in New York were to influence fiddle-players in the States and in Ireland for many years to come.

The style of music was thrown open to a wider audience still due to the influence of Sean Ó Riada. Ó Riada established the traditional music ensemble Ceoltóirí Chulainn who were heavily influenced by classical music forms. The group began musical arrangements of traditional music, something that had been previously unheard of. The influence of Ó Riada can still be seen in the creative grúpa ceoil (music group) competition at the Fleadh Cheoil.

Brothers: Please contact the [Webmaster](#) if you would like to have a family member or friend added to the Prayer List or in Memorium.

### Prayer List

**Brother Dan Harrington:** Being treated for Lukemia on a monthly basis.

**Michael Manning:** Nephew of Dan Harrington who was just released from hospital after 21 days recovery from intestinal surgery.

## News From the National AOH

### Hibernians Condemn U.K. The “Troubles” Amnesty.

July 14, 2021 By Neil Cosgrove

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the largest Irish American organization in the United States, condemns today’s announcement by Britain of its plans to create a special statute of limitations for “all Trouble’s Related Incidents” [sic]. A model of British understatement, such “incidents” including the murder of innocent civilians and numerous human rights violations by British forces.



### New US Ambassador to Ireland

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) welcomes the announcement that President Biden has nominated Massachusetts House Majority Leader Claire Cronin to be the United States Ambassador to Ireland. The alacrity in making this nomination shows an appreciation by the administration of the very “special relationship” that the U.S. and Ireland enjoy, a relationship that predates America’s independence. It is a relationship which George Washington paid tribute to when he said “*When our friendless standards were first unfurled, who were the strangers who first mustered around our staff, Erin’s generous sons. Ireland, thou friend of my country in my country’s most friendless days.*” Ireland is still a close friend to the United States today, allowing over 66,000 US troops to transit through Shannon Airport to the Middle East in 2020 alone.



## **2021 Division Officers**

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## **Our Division History**

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.



**The Road to Kinnegoe Beach, Donegal**

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