



THE KELLY NEWSLETTER

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Division President's Message

Matt Dullaghan



Worthy Hibernian Brothers:

I hope each of you has had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish for each of us a prosperous and gratifying New Year. We have elected a strong slate of officers, who will be formally installed this Thursday.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to remember our brother Jim Calpin, who was also my neighbor for over 20 years. I was touched that so many were able to come to his visitation and funeral Mass, while others

were able to attend the service livestream. Jim was a hard working brother who also served loyally as Division secretary and treasurer. He embodied the spirit of AOH, taking pride in his heritage and his faith, and he was always ready to help out wherever he could. He will be greatly missed.

The core of our chapter, as always, is our members. Please continue to be alert to any opportunities to introduce Hibernians, and our Division, to many good Irishmen who often need only an invitation to join us. Each of us needs only to be welcoming to the future members we will meet.

Raffle ticket sales are officially underway, although we are still in search of a ticket sales chair. We will have new challenges balancing on-line sales with a possible return to live sales in the parishes.

I have enjoyed our Division's presentations on Irish history, and I am hopeful we will be able to continue both the formal talks and the briefer highlights at the monthly meetings. Please share any ideas you may have for further presentations, and we will make them happen.

Finally, I encourage all of us to help build the bonds of brotherhood in the coming year. Please attend our regular monthly meetings, they are

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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.

Meetings are held at:
St. Joseph's Church
828 Buford Road
Richmond, VA 23235

2022 Business Meeting Schedule:

December Business Meeting Cancelled

Our next regular Division Meeting is January 13, 2022

Regular socials are cancelled until January 27, 2022.

Dues Notice

2022 Dues are now payable. 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

A Bit of Irish History

The Celtic Cross

The Celtic cross is a form of Christian cross featuring a nimbus or ring that emerged in Ireland, France and Great Britain in the Early Middle Ages. A type of ringed cross, it became widespread through its use in the stone high crosses erected across the islands, especially in regions evangelized by Irish missionaries, from the ninth through the 12th centuries.

A staple of Insular art, the Celtic cross is essentially a Latin cross with a nimbus surrounding the intersection of the arms and stem. Scholars have debated its exact origins, but it is related to earlier crosses featuring rings. The form gained new popularity during the Celtic Revival of the 19th century; the name "Celtic cross" is a convention dating from that time. The shape, usually decorated with interlace and other motifs from Insular art, became popular for funerary monuments and other uses, and has remained so, spreading well beyond Ireland.

Ringed crosses similar to older Continental forms appeared in Ireland and Scotland in incised stone slab artwork and artifacts like the Ardagh chalice. However, the shape achieved its greatest popularity by its use in the monumental stone high crosses, a distinctive and widespread form of Insular art. These monuments, which first appeared in the ninth century, usually (though not always) take the form of a ringed cross on a stepped or pyramidal base. The form has obvious structural advantages, reducing the length of unsupported side arms. There are a number of theories as to its origin in Ireland and Britain. Some scholars consider the ring a holdover from earlier wooden crosses, which may have required struts to support the crossarm. Others have seen it as deriving from indigenous Bronze Age art featuring a wheel or disc around a head, or from early Coptic crosses based on the ankh. However, Michael W. Herren, Shirley Ann Brown, and others believe it originates in earlier ringed crosses in Christian art. Crosses with a ring representing the celestial sphere developed from the writings of the Church Fathers. The "cosmological cross" is an important motif in Coelius Sedulius's poem Carmen Paschale, known in Ireland by the seventh century.

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News For the Division

.At this time, the Central Virginia Celtic Festival is planning the 2022 event for October. As of now, no dates are available.

The Church Hill St. Patrick's Festival is also being planned but no dates are available yet.



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the heart of our fellowship. And watch this newsletter for notices of planned events, and especially our news about the possibility for a return of the Saint Patrick Church Festival and the heart of our fellowship. And watch this newsletter for notices of planned events, and especially our news about the possibility for a return of the Saint Patrick Church Festival and the Celtic Festival. Our divisional website at www.aohkelly.org. The website has information about our Divisional namesake, Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr., prayer lists, as well as upcoming and past events, including photos.

As always, please let me hear what you'd like the division to do, and what would inspire you to spend more of your valuable time in fellowship.

Until we meet again, I'll return to my father's favorite toast: **Sláinte mhaith agat!**

Matt

Celtic Cross (Continued from page 2)

It is not clear where the first high crosses originated. The first examples date to about the ninth century and occur in two groups: at Ahenny in Ireland, and at Iona, an Irish monastery off the Scottish coast. The Ahenny group is generally earlier. However, it is possible that St. Johns Cross at Iona was the first high cross; Iona's influence as a center of pilgrimage may have led this cross to inspire the Ahenny group as well as other ringed crosses in Pictish stones.

Continued: Wikipedia: [Celtic Cross](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celtic_Cross)

**Elected Slate of Kelly Division
Officers for 2022**

President-

Matt Dullaghan

Vice-President-

Dennis Mulligan

Recording Secretary-

Mike Norton

Treasurer-

John Frampton

Financial Secretary-

Larry Kelly

Chairman-Standing Committee-

Sonny Dorish

Marshall-

Bob Cavanaugh

Sentinal-

Jim Dunn

Prayer List

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

Brother Jim Dunn: Recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Michael Manning: Nephew of Dan Harrington who was just released from hospital after 21 days recovery from intestinal surgery. Diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer.

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

Mike Norton's wife Christine: Suffering from a C-dif infection

2022 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.



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