



# THE KELLY NEWSLETTER

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Division President's Message

**Matt Dullaghan**



## President's Message

We missed having the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games at their usual venue, but a little bird tells me that next year they will be back at Dorey Park. The festival had been the traditional kickoff for our raffle ticket sales, but the same little bird tells me that we should have the 2023 tickets before the end of the month. Plenty of time to buy some stocking stuffers!

On November 9, 2022, Dr. John Countryman returns to speak about the history of "Ireland's Alcatraz," Spike Island in Cork Harbor, Ire-

land. There are more details elsewhere in [this newsletter](#). Dr. Countryman will speak at 6:30 pm at the Clover Hill Branch of the Chesterfield County Library, 6701 Deer Run Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23112, with refreshments and discussion to follow. As always, all are welcome. Also, please invite family and friends, since this presentation is also open to the public.

The nominating committee has been hard at work planning for next year's officers. The proposed slate is as follows:

President:	Dennis Mulligan
Vice-President:	(vacant)
(volunteers are welcome)	
Recording Secretary	Mike Norton
Financial Secretary	Larry Kelly
Treasurer:	John Frampton
Sentinel:	Jim Dunn
Marshall:	Bob Cavanaugh
Standing Committee	Sonny Dorish
Webmaster:	Dan Harrington

We have tentative plans to have the **Annual Division Christmas Party** at O'Toole's on December 11. Invitations will be going out in the next few weeks, but we plan on the customary "Kelly" menu. I hope to see you then.

But I especially look forward to seeing all of you this week, on the 9<sup>th</sup>. And the 10<sup>th</sup>.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
**Matthew Dullaghan, President**  
Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Division,  
Ancient Order of Hibernians

## 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:

*Our next regular Division Meeting is November 10, 2022*

**Socials at O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114 on the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 5PM.**



**Spike Island from the air**



# The Ancient Order of Hibernians The Msgr. Charles A. Kelly, Jr. Division

*Is Sponsoring a History Presentation on*

## The History of Spike Island

ON NOVEMBER 9, 2022, JOHN COUNTRYMAN, PH.D., EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF FINE ARTS AT BERRY COLLEGE, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF "IRELAND'S ALCATRAZ," SPIKE ISLAND, IN CORK HARBOR, IRELAND.

IN THE LAST 1300 YEARS SPIKE ISLAND HAS BEEN HOST TO A 6TH CENTURY MONASTERY, A 24-ACRE FORTRESS, AND THE LARGEST CONVICT DEPOT IN THE WORLD IN VICTORIAN TIMES. THE ISLAND'S RICH HISTORY HAS INCLUDED MONKS AND MONASTERIES, RIOTERS AND REDCOATS, CAPTAINS AND CONVICTS, SINNERS AND SAINTS. IT WAS MOST PROMINENTLY A GARRISON AND PRISON DURING THE IRISH WAR OF INDEPENDENCE. DR. COUNTRYMAN WILL SPEAK AT 6:30 PM AT THE CLOVER HILL BRANCH OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY LIBRARY, 6701 DEER RUN ROAD, MIDLOTHIAN, VIRGINIA 23112, WITH REFRESHMENTS AND DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW. THE PRESENTATION IS SPONSORED BY THE MSGR. CHARLES A. KELLY DIVISION OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, AMERICA'S OLDEST IRISH CATHOLIC FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, AS PART OF ITS MISSION TO PROMOTE IRISH CATHOLIC HISTORY AND HERITAGE. ALL ARE WELCOME.



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## A Bit of Irish History

Micheál Martin, born 1 August 1960, is an Irish Fianna Fáil politician who has served as [Taoiseach](#) since June 2020 and as Leader of Fianna Fáil since January 2011. He has been a Teachta Dála (TD) for Cork South-Central since 1989. He served as Leader of the Opposition from 2011 to 2020 and held various Cabinet offices under Bertie Ahern and Brian Cowen.



Born in Cork, Martin initially worked as a teacher before entering politics. He was elected to Cork City Council in 1985, and served as Lord Mayor of Cork from 1992 to 1993. In 1989, he was first elected to Dáil Éireann for Cork South-Central, a seat he has represented ever since. After the victory of Fianna Fáil at the 1997 election, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern appointed Martin to the Cabinet as Minister for Education and Science. In 2000, Martin was appointed Minister for Health and Children in 2000. In 2004, during his time as Health Minister, Martin was notable for introducing a ban on tobacco smoking in all Irish workplaces, making Ireland the first country in the world to introduce a full workplace smoking ban. In the same year, Martin established the Health Service Executive. He served as Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment from 2004 to 2008, before being appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs by Ahern's successor, Brian Cowen. In 2009, Martin became the first Irish Foreign Minister to travel to Latin America, during which time he also made the first official visit to [Cuba](#) by any Irish minister. Martin also visited Khartoum during his time as Foreign Minister, following the kidnapping of Sharon Commings and Hilda Kawuki.

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## In Memorium



*Brother Mike Dougherty* passed away on August 6th. Mike was the Compassion Committee and Standing Committee Chairman of the AOH Kelly Division for many years.

Diana says, "He was a Wonderful Husband" and she misses him dearly! Diana wanted all of us to know how much our Prayers and contributions meant to her.

## Sick List

New update from Jack Simila about his wife Carol's condition:

*Carol is getting stronger and her balance is getting better. Her short term memory is slowly improving, too, but is still giving her problems. It is improving, but not as fast as her physical recovery.*

*Please continue to hold Carol in your thoughts and prayers. They're working!*

Dan Harrington-Being treated for Lukemia

## **2022 Division Officers**

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In January 2011, Martin resigned as Foreign Minister in protest at Cowen's leadership. Following Cowen's own resignation as Leader of Fianna Fáil, Martin was quickly elected to replace him. Just weeks later, at the 2011 general election, Martin led Fianna Fáil to the worst result in its 85-year history, with a loss of 57 seats and a popular vote of just 17.4%. He nevertheless remained in the leadership, becoming Leader of the Opposition, with most party members choosing to blame Cowen rather than Martin for the result. At the 2016 general election, Fianna Fáil's performance improved significantly, more than doubling their representation in the Dáil. Martin continued as Leader of the Opposition and led his party through the 2020 general election, which led to Fianna Fáil becoming the largest party in the Dáil by just one seat.

### **Our Division History**

The Msgr. Charles Kelly, Jr. Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed in December, 2009 and conducted its 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.