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Division President's Message

Dennis Mulligan



President's Message

Worthy Hibernian Brothers:

I'd like to start this message by thanking you for voting for me as your new President of the Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Jr. Division.

I hope each of you had a very good Christmas and New Year's holiday with your family,

We have elected a strong slate of officers again this year, who will be formally installed at

Our next meeting in January

This year I will need your help to organize our annual membership drive. I will talk about this very important subject at our January meeting. Also, Past President Jack Simila will bring us up to date on the status of raffle tickets.

The Church Hill Irish Festival is scheduled for the first weekend after St. Patrick's Day this year. There is no information regarding the Central Virginia Celtic Festival Games at this time.

For upcoming events:

January 12 Monthly membership meeting, St. Joseph's, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235

January 26 Fourth Thursday, O'Toole's Restaurant, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114

January 28 State Board Meeting, Father Corby Division, St. Mary of Sorrows Worship Center, Fairfax

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Dennis Mulligan, President
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Sláinte mhaith agat!

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

2023 Business Meeting Schedule:

Our next regular Division Meeting is January 12, 2023

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

A Bit of Irish History

One theory of the origin of the term "Black Irish" is that these people were descendants of Spanish traders who settled in Ireland and even descendants of the few Spanish sailors who were washed up on the west coast of Ireland after the disaster of the Spanish Armada of 1588.

It is claimed that the Spanish married into Irish society and created a

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new class of Irish who were immediately recognizable by their dark hair and complexion. There is little evidence to support this theory and it is unlikely that any significant number of Spanish soldiers would have survived long in the war-torn place that was 16th century Ireland.

It is striking, though, how this tale is very similar to the ancient Irish legend of the Milesians who settled in Ireland having traveled from Spain.

The theory that the "Black Irish" are descendants of any small foreign group that integrated with the Irish and survived is unlikely. It seems more likely that "Black Irish" is a descriptive term rather than an inherited characteristic that has been applied to various categories of Irish people over the centuries.

One such example is that of the hundreds of thousands of Irish peasants who emigrated to America after the Great Famine of 1845 to 1849. 1847 was known as "black 47." The potato blight which destroyed the main source of sustenance turned the vital food black. It is possible that the arrival of large numbers of Irish after the famine into America, Canada, Australia, and beyond resulted in their being labeled as "black" in that they escaped from this new kind of black death.

Immigrant groups throughout history have generally been treated poorly by the indigenous population (or by those who simply settled first).

Derogatory names for immigrant groups are legion and in the case of those who left Ireland include "Shanty Irish" and almost certainly "Black Irish." It is also possible that within the various Irish cultures that became established in America that there was a pecking order, a class system that saw some of their countrymen labeled as "black."

The term "Black Irish" has also been applied to the descendants of Irish emigrants who settled in the West Indies. It was also used in Ireland by Catholics in Ulster Province as a derogatory term to describe the Protestant Planters.

While it at various stages was almost certainly used as an insult, the term "Black Irish" has emerged in recent times as a virtual badge of honor among some descendants of immigrants. It is unlikely that the exact origin of the term will ever be known and it is also likely that it has had a number of different iterations, depending on the historical context. It remains, therefore, a descriptive term used for many purposes, rather than a reference to an actual class of people who may have survived the centuries.



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Irish American Society History Activities

The Richmond Irish American Society will have a meeting on 1/28/2023 at Holy Comforter Church, 4819 Monument Ave (Monument and Staples Mill on the corner) at 1PM to discuss the Northern Ireland City of Derry, its rich history and culture. Refreshments will be provided along with a slide show. Meetings are open to all interested parties.



The Peace Bridge in Londonderry was intended to connect the once predominately-Protestant east bank of the city to the mostly-Catholic west.

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's Carol's condition:

Carol is doing exceptionally well. Her short term memory is greatly improved, too, as well as her physical recovery.

Thanks for all your prayers.

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

Dan Harrington-Being treated for Lukemia. Also, slowly recovering from COVID but with a few post-recovery issues.

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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 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.