



THE KELLY NEWSLETTER

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Division President's Message

Matt Dullaghan



Worthy Hibernian Brothers:

What a wonderful month it was to be Irish and a Hibernian! The Church Hill Irish Festival was blessed with beautiful weather and generous crowds. We had a double row of marchers in the parade and full coverage at our booth throughout. We saw the successful culmination of our raffle ticket sales at the Church Hill Irish Festival and came within a few dozen tickets our sales in our budgeted goal. Brother Jack Simila did a tremendous job as chairman. We all owe him a debt of thanks.

John O'Toole did his usual marvelous job for us at our St. Patrick's Dinner. It ended up a smaller party than some years, but the fellowship was splendid. See our short article on Page 2.

Our worthy State President, Brian Kiernan, has advised that the Brian Boru Team will be available to exempt the Major Degree following the May 7 State Board Meeting. Check in will be at 12:30 pm and the Degree will begin at 1:30 pm. Candidates should dress in sports coats and slacks and must present a valid membership card to attend. The cost to attend is \$25.00. It takes 20 candidates to conduct a proper program, so let me know as soon as you can if you are interested, or if you have any questions

I hope to see many of you at our next monthly meeting on April 14. Until we meet again,

Slainte mhaith agat!

For upcoming events:

April 14 Monthly membership meeting, St. Joseph's, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, VA 23235

April 17 Easter Sunday

April 28 Fourth Thursday, O'Toole's Restaurant, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114

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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:

Our next regular Division Meeting is April 14, 2022

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

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

May 7 AOH State Board Meeting, hosted by the Col. Thomas Cunningham Jr. Division at VFW Post 1177, 401 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA 20176

Thanks.
In our motto,
Matthew

St. Patrick's Day Festival, Church Hill

Despite the cool weather and breeze, our boys were up to the task to man our booth and march in the parade!



Above, Jack, Rick, Matt, Frank, John, Mike and Larry are preparing to march. Raffle tickets were a hot item, too, with lots of sales both days!

And as usual, our booth was visited by many friends, new and old, to do a little Irish research and, of course, buy raffle tickets!



Ticket sales were brisk, with Frank Flannagan and Mike Wannamaker handling the demand.

And to top off our sales effort, the winning ticket was sold by the Kelly Division!

Larry Kelly advises that the winner of the **\$5,000.00 Major Dooley Division Annual raffle** was **Liz Goodwin**. Liz is and has been the Music Director at St. Edwards Church for about 13 years and a member of the Parish for over 20 yrs. Her husband, Joe, purchased the ticket in her name after Mass in the Community Room at St. Edwards.



The ticket was sold by our own **Frank King**. The check was presented to Liz by Fred Gerloff, Treasurer of Major Dooley Division. This is the second year in a row that the winning ticket was sold by the Msgr. Kelly Division.

St. Patricks Dinner-O'Tooles

Yes, our dinner was a bit smaller this year but in spite of that, we all enjoyed the meal and the craic.



Jack, Rick and Matt enjoying some interesting tales.



Matt, Vera, Carol and Jack into some heavy craic.



Dennis Mulligan and wife Ellie

A Bit of Irish History

Almost half of Americans across the USA can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island...

Rural homes were usually made up of only 2 or 3 rooms, many with a roof of thatch and 2 or 3 front windows. Out-buildings also made up a family's holding and were often adapted to suit their needs. Many families kept pigs and cows in these out-houses. These farm buildings could also be used to store potatoes, hay or turf.

At that time, people married young and went on to have many children, making it increasingly difficult to sustain the family as it grew. The legacy of Penal Law meant that farm holdings were still very small in size and emigration was often a last resort in order to survive.

The poor year of 1879 resulted in a mini-famine which, together with the beginning of the Land League and tenant evictions in the parish and surrounding areas, continued the tide of emigration from the locality. Around this time there were two local shipping ticket agents in Tulla for example and others around Ireland, advertising passage on the a American Line to New York and Philadelphia. The impact of this movement of people from the local community can be seen in the 1901 Census, which states that emigration was the main cause of the 35% drop in population. For many emigrants, payment of the passage to America was one of the most significant events of their lives. Some who could afford it paid their own, but the majority of emigrants received the passage from a family member, usually a sibling who had already made the journey across the Atlantic, paving the way for younger brothers, sisters or even parents to follow.

The cost of passage in Steerage or Third Class remained steady at around £5 between 1880 and the start of World War I. At the time, this was the equivalent of about half the yearly earnings of a laborer.

Queenstown (Cobh) was the most practical port of departure for those leaving Ireland though Londonderry did offer passage for those in the north of the country. They would wait to hear news of the ship having been cleared for departure from Liverpool, and

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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.



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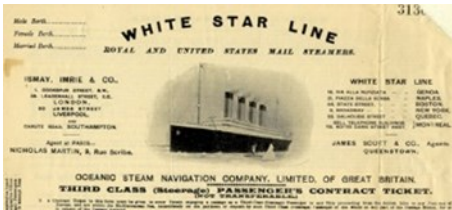
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then would make their way by train to County Cork. The majority of emigrants left as teenagers or in their twenties and many would never have needed to travel very far at all. The prospect of a move to America must have been monumental.

By the time the Ellis Island Immigration Station officially opened in 1892, transatlantic travel had come a long way when compared to the "coffin ships" of the famine exodus. At the turn of the century, the crossing was made on steam powered ocean liners, with journeys from Ireland lasting between 6 and 12 days. Steerage was increasingly referred to as "third class" and in 1907, The



White Star Line published its new brochure announcing "in former days, the accommodation consisted entirely of what might

be termed open dormitories, whereas now it includes good separate airy cabins; and the Third Class passenger is better off in most respects than the Intermediate of twenty years ago, while the fare is not more than was paid by his predecessor in the Steerage."

Passenger travel between Europe and North America had become a competitive business with ocean liner companies such as Cunard Company, White Star and American Steamship Company just some of those competing for the Irish share of the market. Modern marketing techniques were employed with glossy brochures and press advertising used to promote and differentiate their on-board facilities and services.

In Memorium

Paul McFadden of the Dooley Division in January 2022.

Some of you old timers may remember Paul as the actual creator of the Msg. Kelly Division back in 2010. He organized everything I can remember and helped recruit new members for us in the local parishes in our early days.

More information is in the Dooley Division website.

Prayer List

Brother Dan Harrington: Being treated monthly for Lukemia., CKD, etc.

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

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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.