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Division President's Message

Dennis Mulligan



President's Message

Worthy Hibernian Brothers

March was a wonderful month; it was great to be Irish and Hibernian! The Church Hill Irish Festival was a beautiful two days. Saturday was a bit cold and rainy, but Sunday was a beautiful and sunny day. Saturday was the day of the parade and it started to rain. We got a bit wet but it was OK. We had full coverage at our Booth throughout for two days. We saw the success of our raffle ticket sales at the Church Hill Irish Festival. Brother Jack Simila did a tremendous job as chairman. We all owe him a debt

gratitude for a great job and for all our brothers for their efforts in selling tickets. Check out the photos at the Festival that Sunday., that are posted on Page 5 in this issue.

John O'Toole did another great job for us at our St. Patrick's Dinner. It was a smaller party but, as usual, we had a good time.

I hope to see many of you at our monthly meeting on April 13, 2023 at St. Joseph's 828 Buford Road Richmond VA. 23235 At 7pm.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Dennis Mulligan, President
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Sláinte mhaith agat!

Final Raffle Ticket Results

Jack Simila reports that the Kelly Division sold a total of 385 tickets, raising a total amount of over \$1,800 for our Division! We owe a big thanks to Jack for organizing, chasing down tickets and handling the money for this event. Please see Jack's summary in his report that was emailed to all members on April 1th. Thanks again, Jack. And the Raffle winner for 2023 was Renee Connell.

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 April 13, 2023

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

A Little Irish History

Dun Aengus Fort

It is not known exactly when Dún Aonghasa was built, though it is now thought that most of the structures date from the Bronze Age and Iron Age. T. F. O'Rahilly surmised in what is known as O'Rahilly's historical model that it was built in the 2nd century BC by the Builg following the Lagenian conquest of Connacht. Excavations at the site indicate that the first construction goes back to 1100 BC, when rubble was piled against large upright stones to form the first enclosure. Around 500 BC, the triple wall defenses were probably constructed along the fort's western side.

The 19th-century artist George Petrie called Dún Aonghasa "the most magnificent barbaric monument in Europe" Its name, meaning "Fort of Aonghas", may refer to the pre-Christian god of the same name described in Irish mythology, or the mythical



king, Aonghus mac Úmhór. It has thus traditionally been associated with the Fir Bolg. The fort consists of a series of four concentric walls of dry

stone construction, built on a high cliff some one hundred metres above the sea. At the time of its construction sea levels were considerably lower and a recent Radio Telefis Eireann documentary estimates that originally it was 1000 metres from the sea. Surviving stonework is four metres wide at some points. The original shape was presumably oval or D-shaped but parts of the cliff and fort have since collapsed into the sea. Outside the third ring of walls lies a defensive system of stone slabs, known as a *cheval de frise*, planted in an upright position in the ground and still largely well-preserved. These ruins also feature a

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The Way to the Trean B&B. Co. Donegal

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huge rectangular stone slab, the function of which is unknown. Impressively large among prehistoric ruins, the outermost wall of Dún Aonghasa encloses an area of approximately 6 hectares (14 acres).

The walls of Dún Aonghasa have been rebuilt to a height of 6m and have wall walks, chambers, and flights of stairs. The restoration is easily distinguished from the original construction by the use of mortar.

There is a small museum illustrating the history of the fort and its possible functions. Also in the vicinity is a Neolithic tomb and a small heritage park featuring examples of a traditional thatched cottage and an illegal poteen distillery.

Invite from the Irish-American Society

The Richmond IAS will have a meeting Saturday, April 22, 2023 1:00pm at Gayton Library--- Not Tuckahoe Library--- on the **Irish in the Civil War**. Our meetings are open to anyone interested in the subject.

Thanks Dan Begley

Sick and In Memorium Notices for the Newsletter

Brothers, if you have anyone you would like to have entered in the Notices, please contact Sonny Dorish-Standing and Compassion Committee, and he will notify the Editor.

Sick List

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

Carol has almost complete recovery.

Thanks fo all your prayers!

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

Photos from Co. Donegal, Ireland



A Beautiful Evening



Looking West

More Great News!

2023 Central Virginia Celtic Games

We are excited and honored to announce that the Richmond Highland Games are scheduled for the weekend of November 4th and 5th, 2023. We are very happy to share that our new location will be at beautiful Dorey Park, located at 2999 Darbytown Road, Henrico, Va. 23231. We are working with the County of Henrico getting ready for this great event, and we look forward to seeing all of our friends. We will keep everyone updated with the schedule of events, Heavy Athletics, Piping and Drumming, Dance, Fiddle and Harp, Clan and Society Registrations, and all that we do! Thanks again for your continued support!



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Photos from the 2023 Church Hill Irish Festival



The Parade is On!



Larry & Dan



Jack & Carol Simila



Sonny Dorish on the Sell



We're Getting Busy



Dennis-Sell Those Tickets!



Booth Manned & Ready



Br. Hibernians from Dooley



Dennis at Work!

In Memorium

Brothers and Spouses

Joyce, Spouse of Brother Daniel Harrington
Irene, Spouse of Brother Mike McGee
Brother James Calpin
Glenda, Spouse of Brother Frank King
Brother William Murphy
Brother George and Spouse Kathleen Rodenberg
Brother Micheal Dougherty



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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.