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Division President's Message

Dennis Mulligan



Worthy Brothers

Let's start this month with a **Happy Veterans Day** reminder for November 11th, and thank all our Veterans for their service.

This fall season is the time for our division to vote on our slate of officers for 2024 and, also, to vote on the approval of our charitable donations for 2024. Email Larry

Kelly with any suggestions for charitable donations. Your input would be greatly appreciated at our meeting on November 9th. Also, we will discuss our Christmas Dinner, coming up on December 10th, to be held at O'Toole's, Forest Hill.

Please pray for Recording Secretary Mike Norton on the loss of his wife Christine, Brother Jim Dunn and Brother Sonny Dorish. All three are recovering from surgery.

Also For Rick Brennan on the loss of his wife, Helen.

Finally, please click on page 3 below for additional info on ordering Irish attire similar to what I wear to Division meetings..

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**Thank You, Brothers
President, Dennis J. Mulligan
Msgr. Charles A Kelly Jr.
Division No. 44P001**

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 November 9, 2023

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

Richmond Highland Games

Check out the photos at the Highland Games on Sat. & Sun., Nov. 4th & 5th. Found inside on pg. 5 & 6.

Report-State Quarterly Meeting Held on October 21st at St. Mary's Church

Your Kelly Division Editor attended the State meeting and reported on our current activities on recruiting, raffle ticket sales prep and 2024 Officer selection.

It was proposed in the meeting that a toy "Teddy Bear" could be used for Division sales or raffle ticket prizes, maybe in the \$15-\$20 range.



Here's a quick photo of the bear that was passed around. It could have various AOH symbols attached, similar to what is shown.

More information will be available later.

He's a cute looking guy!

A Little Bit of Irish History

Part I:

Not all the ships that transported Irish emigrants from their homeland to Canada and America were coffin ships. The term 'coffin ship' is reserved for those that set sail during the Famine of the 1840s, often unseaworthy and uncrowded and nearly always with inadequate provisions of drinking water, food and sanitation.

This is not to say that those vessels which carried their human cargo across the Atlantic prior to the Famine would have been comfortable, hygienic or safe. After all, the history of transatlantic passage weighs heavy with disasters of all kinds, from shipwrecks in storms to starvation and dehydration in becalmed conditions.

The Ocean has always been a dangerous place.

But at the time of the Famine, when desperate and malnourished people were trying to flee poverty and starvation, the coffin ships represented the depths to which some people could stoop - whether through cynical disregard for life, pure greed or uncaring ignorance.

In 1845, potato blight seriously affected the potato harvest. For the majority of Irish people, this was catastrophic because the potato was their main, if not only, food.

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relief'. The latter was a two-pronged scheme. It created work for labourers so that they earn enough to feed their families with food other than potatoes. And it provided for workhouses to be built to house the absolutely destitute.

Important Links/
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- ▶ [Coffin ships – 1846/7](#)
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- ▶ [Grosse Isle](#)

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The gentry were more than a little alarmed since they could see this taxation level, which they considered onerous, continuing for years. Some decided to bring a conclusion to their local problems by removing the burden altogether: by shipping their tenants to North America. They calculated that the cost of transporting each individual was considerably less than supporting that person in the workhouse for a year. And so the first ships were commissioned and set sail, loaded with human cargo, for British North America (Canada). Many of these vessels were overloaded. Each held an average of 300 persons, some two or three times the number that would have been allowed by a port in the USA, and some were not seaworthy.

From: [Coffin Ship History](#)

Part II to follow.



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Call to Action: Ask Your Congressional Representative to Support H. RES. 596 and Democracy in Northern Ireland

Brother Hibernians:

H. RES. 596, introduced by Hibernian Brother Mike Lawler, calls for the restoration of power-sharing in Northern Ireland. It is a critical step in addressing the ongoing political stalemate and maintaining the progress to peace in the north of Ireland, started 25 years ago by the Good Friday Agreement.

The devolved Stormont Assembly has been in collapse since February 3, 2022, denying the people of Northern Ireland their democratically elected voice in their local government. Unconscionably, the reason for this rift is an internal party dispute between the current British government and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) over the implementation of Brexit. The DUP supported Brexit, despite the broader Northern Irish Community rejecting it by 56% at the polls. Now, the DUP is cynically holding democracy in Northern Ireland hostage over 'buyers regret' on its implementation by their allies in Westminster.

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Recent In Memorium

Christine Norton Spouse of Mike Norton

Helen Brennan Spouse of Rick Brennan

Prayer List

Brother Dan Harrington: Being treated monthly for Lukemia, CKD, etc. Dan's brother, Kevin, has contracted an infection during wiring of a broken jawbone.

Brother Chuck Mulhern: in nursing home and is bedridden

Brother Frank King: moved to Bickford Assisted Living and is on dialysis three times a week

Brother Rick Brennan: Has undergone successful bypass surgery and is recovering.

Helen Brennan: Spouse of Rick, broke her hip and undergoing surgery. **Rick's son** having knee replacement in early October.

Brother Ray Olson and wife Loraine:

Brother Mike McGee's son-in-law: Undergoing surgery this month for advanced bladder cancer.

Brother Jim Dunn-Jim suffered a stroke and, fortunately, is home recovering. He expects to be unavailable for a few months.

Sonny Dorich-Leg Surgery

Richmond Highland Games

A warm and beautiful weekend sure brought out the crowds! Here's a few photos of our Kelly booth including raffle ticket buyers, visitors dropping by for a little craic with the guys and some four-footed greyhounds.



Richmond Emerald Society



Camber Toss



The Boys



Lots to Buy



Men at Rest



We're Getting Busy!

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The Sword Dancer



Busy Selling Raffle Tickets



And This is Where ...



Our 4-Legged Visitors



Some of the Boys

In Memorium

Deceased 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

Brother Robert Cavanaugh

Christine, Spouse of Brother Mike Norton

Helen, Spouse of Brother Rick Brennan



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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.

