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# THE KELLY NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message February 2024

**Dennis Mulligan**



## Worthy Brothers

### President's Message February 2024

Worthy Hibernian Brothers:

It's February, and time to talk about the raffle ticket sales season. It's underway and if you want tickets, send an email to Jack Simila.

We'll need help setting up for the Church Hill Irish Festival on Friday, March 15, 2024. Then, on March 16, 2024, man the booth, and on the last day, Sunday, March 17, 2024, help to take down the booth. Let's have a great turnout of volunteers so we have the booth covered to sell raffle tickets and

recruit for the entire Festival.

The date for the St Patrick's Dinner at O'Tooles Restaurant on Forest Hill Avenue has not been set, but everyone will get an email on this. The March 21, 2024 5pm to 6pm Social will be held at O'Toole's on Midlothian Turnpike.

I hope everyone had a good New Year's Eve 2024 and I also hope 2024 will be good Year for everyone!

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity:

Dennis Mulligan, President  
Kelly Division  
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Please click on [page 3](#) for additional info on ordering Irish attire similar to what I wear to Division meetings..  
Website: [13Stitches](#)

## Church Hill St. Patrick's Festival

The Festival will be here pretty soon!

A signup (SignUpGenius) will be sent to all brothers at the end

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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

### 2024 Business Meeting Schedule:

**Our next regular Division Meeting is February 8, 2024**

**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**

2024 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:

**MSGR KELLY DIV- AOH,**

at:

**Larry Kelly**  
120 Carriage Point Ln. Glen Allen  
Va. 23059

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of February. If you have a problem signing up, please call or contact me and I'll sign you up. Please sign up early so we know what shifts need more help.

## Upcoming Events

**Kelly Division Meeting**-February 8th @ St. Josephs

**Kelly Division Meeting**-March 14th @ St. Josephs

**Irish Festival**-March 15th to 17th @ Church Hill

**Division St. Patrick's Dinner** at O'Toole's TBD

**Kelly Division Meeting**-April 11th @ St. Josephs

## The AOH-LAOH Biennial Convention

The convention will be held this year in Orlando, FL. Dates are Aug. 7th to the 11th.

Check the link below for the Convention details:

[AOH-LAOH Biennial Convention](#)

## A Bit of Irish History

### Irish Monastic Schools

In Irish Medieval schools, we find the origin of the future European Universities and of the famous "Ratio Studiorum", the educational system of the

Jesuits, of the Renaissance time. After the fall of the Roman Empire, in 476, countless numbers of monks, philosophers, teachers and scribes, many of whom hailed from Ireland, brought a new wave of re-moral-cultural renaissance to a Europe, ravaged by barbaric invasions, droughts, decadence and the disappearance of moral values, generating a genuine spiritual improvement, as opposed to advancing colonisation per se. It in turn produced a healing and civic reunification of almost the entire European continent. In this epochal framework the Irish monks were the principal protagonists. By living their lives in the exemplary way they did, the monks, by example, proved that the power of the spirit and respect for values could be the catalyst to true and sustainable change.

### Irish Monastic Schools in Europe

According to the calculations of Sir James Ware the number of famous medieval schools in Ireland amounted to 164. The main monastic centres **Clonmacnoise**, Clonard, Clonfert and Bangor had over 3000 students and monks. According to *Professor Pdraig O Riain* in A Dictionary of Irish Saints:

*Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedication to saints in the form of churches in ru-*

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*(A Little bit of Irish History)*

*ins, holy wells and other ecclesiastical monuments.*

He has documented over 1,000 saints associated with over 1000 parishes in Ireland and over 500 places in Europe containing such information as feast days, localizations, chronology and genealogies. Many of the Irish Monastic Centers are on the UNESCO World Heritage List including Skellig Michael, St. Gallen, Regensburg, Wurzburg, Reichenau, Salzburg, Vienna.

### Irish Foundations on the Continent

In Netherlands: Namur, Liège, Gueldres, Fosse, Hautmont, Soignes.

In France: Remiremont, Lure, Besançon, Poitiers (f. 511), Bezieres, Romain-Moutier, Brezille, Cusance, St. Ursanne, Fleury (f. 629), St. Riquier (f. 625), Jouarre, Reuil, Rébais (f. 634), Faremoutier, St. Maur-des-Fossés, Lagny, Montier-la-Celle, Caudabec, Hautvilliers, Montier-en-Der, St. Salaberga, Meaux, St. Saens, Fontennelle, Jumieges, Stavelot (f. 656), Corbie (f. 662), Anegray, LUXEUIL (f. 599), Fontaines, Ferrières (f. 630), Peronne (f. 650) or Perrona Scottorum, Toul, Amboise, Beaulieu, Strasbourg.

In Germany and Switzerland: Hohenaug, Würzburg, Memmingen, Erfurt, Freyburg, Schuttern, Ettenheimünster, Mentz, Cologne, Nuremburg, Altomünster, Ratisbon or Regensburg, Constance, ST. GALL (f. 614), Mont St. Victor, Bregens (f. 610), Reichenau, Seckingen.

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*Remember to mention Dennis Mulligan's name when you want to get information or to place an order!*

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In Italy: BOBBIO (f. 612), Taranto, Lucca, Faenza, Fiesole.



**A tough day selling those raffle tickets.  
Time to relax!**



**Headed back after the Cattle Market in  
Abbeyfeale, County Limerick.**

## 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.

**Dan's Nephew Michael Manning**— Enduring colon cancer and recently underwent a second surgery to stop infection. Still in hospital due to continued problems.

**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.

**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

**Div. Prez Dennis Mulligan**—Recovering from shingles.

**Scott Nugent** PP Dooley Div. Suffered seizure and had tumor in brain removed.

# 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.

## Past Presidents

YEAR	NAME
2010	Mike McGee
2011	Mike McGee
2012	Mike McGee
2013	Frank King
2014	Larry Kelly
2015	Conor Shiel
2016	Matthew Dullaghan
2017	Matthew Dullaghan
2018	Matthew Dullaghan
2019	Jack Simila
2020	Jack Simila
2021	Jack Simila
2022	Matthew Dullaghan
2023	Dennis Mulligan
2024	Dennis Mulligan