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President's Message April 2024

Dennis Mulligan



President's Message

Worthy Brothers:

March was a wonderful month for all Irish and Hibernians, and I hope everyone had good Easter Sunday with your family and loved ones, and also enjoyed the wonderful spring weather. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and efforts over the past several weeks, promoting our Irish heritage and Hibernians in our Division.

Our Virginia State Board Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 9:30 am. And will be using the big

meeting room. Our Division is the Host, so we will need help to set up, take down and clean up for this meeting. All our members are welcome to this meeting. The meeting will be over at 12 30 pm. We expect to have around thirty-five to forty Hibernians attending lunch.

About fifteen Lady Hibernians will also have their State Meeting and will use our regular meeting room.

For the Church Hill Irish Festival, I will like give a "Big Thank You" for the coverage of our booth throughout the two days. We saw the success of our raffle ticket sales at the Festival. I'd also like to give a "Big Thank You" to Jack Simila for his tremendous job as chairman. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for a job well done and for our brothers for their efforts in selling tickets.

John O'Toole did another great job for us at our St. Patrick's Dinner. We had about 15 members with there wives and everyone had a good time.

I hope to see many of you at our monthly meeting on April 11, 2024 at St Joseph's Church, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, VA, 23235, at 7pm.

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

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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 April 11, 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

**Selling Raffle Tickets at O’Toole’s on Saturday,
March 16th, In front of O’Toole’s– Midlothian**

Check out Page 4 for a few photos taken over the St. Patrick’s Week Dinner and the Church Hill Festival. The weather was great and the attendance was huge.

This year we also had a small table set up on Saturday for the first time, selling raffle tickets at O’Tooles-Midlo, which worked just fine, thanks to Tom O’Toole. Maybe next year, too? Workers were Dan H., son Terence and grand-daughter Nicole from Atlanta. Nicole really brought them in to sell raffle tickets.!

Upcoming Events

Kelly Division Meeting–April 11th @ St. Josephs

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Host VA State Board Quarterly Mtg - May 4th at St. Joseph’s

**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

The Hanging Gale

This month, the Newsletter’s Irish History Article will have a slight change in appearance as described below.

'The Hanging Gale' (R15+) is a [four-part TV mini-series](#) set in Co. Donegal against the backdrop of Ireland's Great Famine in 1846.

It follows the story of a family's struggle to hold their farm when the potato blight struck their harvest for the second year in a row. The narrative is well-balanced, offering perspectives from both land agents and tenant farmers, and provides valuable insights for those of us curious about what our ancestors might have faced.

The title of the series, "The Hanging Gale," refers to a historical practice in Ireland in the time of our ancestors. A 'hanging gale', was when landlords gave new tenants a 6-month grace period on rent payment (with the expectation that the rent owed would be paid when the land's crops were harvested and sold)

to market and for taking stock of what they needed to sustain themselves until the next harvest. As you can imagine, Gale Day was the bane of most tenant farmers' lives, especially during years of poor harvests.

Check it out here ["The Hanging Gale"](#)

Forgotten Patriot: The Courageous Story and Legacy of Commodore John Barry

Did you know that the first flag officer and founder of the United States Navy was an Irishman? His name was John Barry and Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, said in his eulogy at Barry's graveside, "*He was born in Ireland, but America was the object of his devotion and the theater of his usefulness.*" Barry was born in Co. Wexford, Ireland in 1745 and grew up with a great love for the sea. As a young man, he emigrated to the Crown colonies in America and by 1760, he was employed in a shipbuilding firm in Philadelphia. In 1766, at the age of 21, he went to sea as Captain of the ship, *Barbados*. The young Irishman seemed destined for a prosperous career in the colonies, but his integrity and sense of justice led him to risk all in a dangerous venture.

In 1775, years of smoldering unrest erupted in open rebellion as the American colonies declared their independence from the Crown. As England prepared to regain control, the colonies formed the Second Continental Congress to establish a military force and defend their recently declared independence, but experienced men were hard to find. Captain John Barry, an early champion of the patriot cause, promptly volunteered his service. With nine years experience as a seagoing Captain and five successful commands to his credit, the young Irishman was warmly welcomed, and given command of a ship under the authority of the Continental Congress. On Dec. 7, 1775, Captain John Barry took the helm of a new 14-gun vessel aptly named, *Lexington*. He quickly trained a crew and began the task of supplying and supporting Washington's ground forces.

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Just a Few Photos From All our St. Patrick's Weekend Celebrations



Dinner at O'Toole's on March 10th.



Tents Set Up for Eating at O'Toole's Pub in Midlothian



Terence, Nicole, Dan and Dan Jr. Selling Raffle Tickets at O'Toole's in Midlothian



Nicole, Mike Wanamaker And Nicole's Dad, Terence Harrington at Church Hill.



Some bikers dropped in for lunch at O'Toole's on their Harleys. Sounded like they were having a great time!

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.

Recent In Memorium

Christine Norton Spouse of Mike Norton

Helen Brennan Spouse of Rick Brennan

Brother Charles Mulherin

Michael Manning-Nephew of Dan Harrington

Prayer List

Brother Dan Harrington: Being treated monthly for Lukemia, CKD, etc. Dan will also be hospitalized at Chippenham on April for a procedure to insert a Pacemaker.

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 and looking well.

Brother Ray Olson and wife Loraine

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

Sonny Dorish: Back Problems

Div.Prez Dennis Mulligan: Recovering from shingles.

Brothers, if you know more Division members or family members needing prayers, please notify the Newsletter Editor.

IN MEMORIUM

JOYCE, SPOUSE OF BROTHER DANIEL HARRINGTON
IRENE, SPOUSE OF BROTHER MICHAEL MCGEE
BROTHER JAMES CALPIN
GLENDA, SPOUSE OF BROTHER FRANK KING
BROTHER WILLIAM MURPHY
BROTHER GEORGE AND SPOUSE GEORGE RODENBERG
BROTHER MICHEAL DOUGHERTY
BROTHER ROBERT CAVANAUGH
CHRISTINE, SPOUSE OF MIKE NORTON
HELEN, SPOUSE OF BROTHER RICK BRENNAN
BROTHER CHARLES MULHERIN



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2017	Matthew Dullaghan
2018	Matthew Dullaghan
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