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President's Message September 2024

Dennis Mulligan



President's Message

Worthy Brothers:

Welcome back from our long and very hot summer break! I hope you and your family had a rested and safe vacation.

Please join us on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at St. Joseph's Church, 828 Buford Rd. Richmond, Virginia 23835, for our regular Fall meeting to finish up business for the year 2024 and to prepare for the upcoming fiscal year.

The fall season is a critical time of the year for our division. I

would appreciate your input at our meeting to discuss nominating a slate of officers for our upcoming fiscal year 2025. We are looking for members interested in holding such positions. Please get in touch with me by phone or email if you're interested in taking an officer position or if you know someone who may be.

In the coming months, other upcoming business will be the annual budget, our Christmas Dinner and our annual Christmas donations. And as everyone knows, The Richmond Highland Games have been cancelled for this year.

Look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting.

Dennis J. Mulligan, President
Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Jr. Division
Ancient Order of Hibernians, # 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 September 12, 2024.

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

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on September 14, 2024



On the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children we visit the burial places of the unborn victims of abortion and other memorial sites dedicated to them. Join us at a prayer vigil near you.

Upcoming Events

- **October Meeting-Oct. 10th**
- **November Meeting Nov. 14th**
- **Division Christmas Dinner, Dec. 8th, and Short Meeting**

The AOH Teddy Bears



Check with Dennis Mulligan at our Division meetings to purchase your Bear/s for family gifts or for sale at Division events!

A Bit of Irish History

The Death of Michael Collins

The last known photograph of Collins alive was taken as he made his way through Bandon, County Cork in the back of an army vehicle. He is pictured outside White's Hotel (now Munster Arms) on 22 August 1922. On the road to Bandon, at the village of Béal na mBláth (Irish, "the Mouth of Flowers"), Collins' column stopped to ask directions. However, the man whom they asked, Dinny Long, was also a member of the local Anti-Treaty IRA. An ambush was then prepared for the convoy when it made its return journey back to Cork city. They knew Collins would return by the same route as the two other roads from Bandon to Cork had been rendered impassable by Republicans. The ambush party, allegedly commanded by Liam Deasy, had mostly dispersed to a nearby pub by 8:00 p.m., when Collins and



his men returned to Béal na mBláth but the remaining five ambushers on the scene opened fire on Collins' convoy. The ambushers had laid a mine on the scene, which could have killed many more

people in Collins' party, however they had disconnected it by the time the firing broke out.

Collins was killed in the subsequent gun battle, which lasted approximately 20 minutes, from 8:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. He was the only fatality in the action. He had ordered his convoy to stop and return fire, instead of choosing the safer option of driving on in his touring car or transferring to the safety of the accompanying armored car, as his companion, Emmet Dalton, had wished. He was killed while exchanging rifle fire with the ambushers. Under the cover of the armored car, Collins'

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body was loaded into the touring car and driven back to Cork. Collins was 31 years old; At the time of his death, he was engaged to Kitty Kiernan.

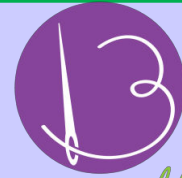
There is no consensus as to who fired the fatal shot. The most recent authoritative account suggests that the shot was fired by Denis ("Sonny") O'Neill, an Anti-Treaty IRA fighter and a former British Army marksman who died in 1950. This is supported by eyewitness accounts of the participants in the ambush. O'Neill was using dum-dum ammunition, which disintegrates on impact and which left a gaping wound in Collins' skull. He dumped the remaining bullets afterwards for fear of reprisals by Free State troops. Collins' men brought his body back to Cork where it was then shipped to Dublin because it was feared the body might be stolen in an ambush if it were transported by road. His body lay in state for three days in Dublin City Hall where tens of thousands of mourners filed past his coffin to pay their respects. His funeral mass took place at Dublin's Pro Cathedral where a number of foreign and Irish dignitaries were in attendance.

U.S. Representatives Urge PM Starmer to Repeal Legacy Act

tOn July 15, 2024, Congressman Brendan F. Boyle led a bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives in sending a letter to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, congratulating him on his election and urging the repeal of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023. The Representatives emphasized the need for justice for the victims of the Troubles and the importance of upholding the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement.

The Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 has been criticized for undermining the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and denying justice to victims of the Troubles by limiting investigations and prosecutions of past offenses. The Act betrays the accountability and reconciliation committed by Britain when it signed the Good Friday Agreement.

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View to the west from northern Donegal

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. Recovering from a heart catheterization, followed a week later by a Pace-maker implant.

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.

Stokes McCune – Brain surgery, heart issues, lung issues. Stage 4 cancer

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 RODENBERG AND SPOUSE

BROTHER MICHEAL DOUGHERTY

BROTHER ROBERT CAVANAUGH

CHRISTINE, SPOUSE OF MIKE NORTON

HELEN, SPOUSE OF BROTHER RICK BRENNAN

BROTHER CHARLES MULHERIN

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Past Presidents

YEAR	NAME
2010	Mike McGee
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2016	Matthew Dullaghan
2017	Matthew Dullaghan
2018	Matthew Dullaghan
2019	Jack Simila
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2021	Jack Simila
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