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.President's Message October 2024

Dennis Mulligan



launch of this new endeavor. This is our first-ever sales competition, and it's a great opportunity to support our division and have some fun along the way.

Stay tuned as we discuss this at the next meeting.

Highland Games was canceled for November of this year.

We have a lot to discuss before the year end, working on a slate of officers for 2025. I will stay on as Presi-

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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 October 10, 2024.

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

.President's Message

Worthy Brothers:

Now that the very, very hot summer is behind us and the cool fall weather is approaching, we will be preparing for our annual raffle ticket fundraising. As you know, this generally will be preparing for the Celtic Festival, which is on March 16 and March 17, 2025, so please help.

Subject: Get Ready for the First-Ever Kelly Division Sales Contest!

We're excited to announce the

National Convention Summary

Orlando, FL

For those of you who may not have already heard, the campaign to elect our own Brother Jay McCarthy, Past State President, to a National Director position was unsuccessful.

The outcome of the election was not as desired but certainly not due to a lack of effort. Brother Jay ran a great campaign and was well received by a number of AOH delegations and officers from across the country. Unfortunately, the delegate numbers were simply not in our favor and most of the candidates elected had previously served in national chair positions or on committees with greater exposure.

I wish to sincerely thank all of our Vir-

ginia officers and brothers who

Attended the national convention. It is no small undertaking of time, effort, and expense to attend such an event but it is a vital part of our Order's mission and purpose to help continue the good work of the AOH and assure strong leadership moving forward.

dent for 2025. We will need to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2025. Also, our annual Christmas Dinner is on December 8, 2024 at O'Toole's Restaurant on Forest Hill Avenue. I hope everyone will come to our dinner, and being your significant other to enjoy the night out .

Brothers, I would like our members to come to our upcoming meeting on October 10, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Thank You,

Division President Dennis J. Mulligan

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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](#)

Upcoming Events

- **October Meeting-Oct. 10th**
- **October 19th. Meetings-State Board AM and Major Degree Exenplification PM. Sign up for the Major Degree below:**
- **Major Degree Signup**
- **November Meeting Nov. 14th**
- **Division Christmas Dinner, Dec. 8th, and Short Meeting**

A Bit of Irish History

Early Christianity in Anglo-Saxon Northumbria

Lindisfarne is intimately connected with the history of Christianity in Britain. In 635 the Northumbrian king, Oswald (reigned 634–42), summoned an Irish monk named Aidan from Iona – the island-monastery off the southwest coast of what is now Scotland – to be bishop of his kingdom. Oswald granted Aidan and his companions the small tidal island of Lindisfarne on which to found a monastery.

Following the general collapse of Roman military rule in the early 5th century, Britain had fragmented into numerous small kingdoms, many ruled by Anglo-Saxon warlords. By the 7th century Oswald's Northumbrian kingdom dominated Britain. Northumbria consisted of two parts: Deira, centered on the old Roman city of York, and Bernicia further north. Oswald's accession in 634 focused Northumbrian power in Bernicia, around the royal palaces at Yeavinger, Maelmin (Milfield) and Bamburgh.

Oswald's gift of Lindisfarne, 6 miles up the coast from Bamburgh, to the monks from Iona enabled them to establish a monastery and a bishopric in the political heart of the Northumbrian kingdom. The ultimate success of the monks' mission, together with the long-term wealth of their monastery, was founded on their proximity to the royal dynasty of Bernicia.

The Vikings

On 8 June 793 Lindisfarne suffered a devastating raid by Viking pirates – their first significant attack in western Europe. The raid caused horror across the continent. Alcuin, a York scholar working at the court of King Charlemagne in Francia, wrote to the Northumbrian king and the bishop of Lindisfarne:

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Pagans have desecrated God’s sanctuary, shed the blood of saints around the altar, laid waste the house of our hope and trampled the bodies of saints like dung in the streets ... What assurance can the churches of Britain have, if St Cuthbert and so great a company of saints do not defend their own?

The raid was physically and psychologically devastating: one of England’s holiest shrines had been attacked by pagans, and St Cuthbert had not intervened to stop them.

In response to the threat of Viking raids, the documentary sources say that the Lindisfarne monks retreated inland to Norham during the 830s and that in 875 the decision was made to leave Lindisfarne for good. After seven years of wandering, the community – carrying St Cuthbert’s coffin and the treasures of Lindisfarne – settled at Chester-le-Street, building a church in the middle of the old Roman fort.

A Christian community survived at Lindisfarne, however. At least 23 carved stones found here date from the late 8th to the late 10th centuries, showing that the Christian burial ground remained in use throughout the period of instability when Viking armies ravaged Anglo-Saxon Northumbria.

In 995 St Cuthbert’s relics were moved again and eventually enshrined at Durham, where they remain. The prosperity of the Durham monastic community was based on its ability to attract pilgrims to the shrine



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View to the west from northern Donegal

Recent In Memorium

Christine Norton Spouse of Mike Norton
Helen Brennan Spouse of Rick Brennan-
Brother Charles Mulherin
Michael Manning-Nephew of Dan Harrington

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.

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

MICHAEL MANNING, NEPHEW OF BROTHER DAN HARRINGTON



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|------|-------------------|
| 2010 | Mike McGee |
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| 2014 | Larry Kelly |
| 2015 | Conor Shiel |
| 2016 | Matthew Dullaghan |
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| 2018 | Matthew Dullaghan |
| 2019 | Jack Simila |
| 2020 | Jack Simila |
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| 2026 | |

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