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## Nollaig Shona Daoibh

**President's Message  
 December 2024**

***Dennis Mulligan***



**President's Message**

Worthy Brothers:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family and friends. And now, we're into December, and Christmas and the New Year are quickly approaching. How fast time moves!

This past weekend, the Division held its annual Christmas Dinner at O'Toole's. As usual, there was much craic about family and the past year's events. It's always an enjoyable night out.

I traveled to Ashville, North Carolina, back in October with a friend, a North Carolina State Policeman, who was asking for help with local area recovery. He showed me the heavily damaged hurricane areas, and said what was most needed were funds, water and canned food.

I'd like to thank Brother Matt Dullaghan's motion for the Kelly Division to donate

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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**

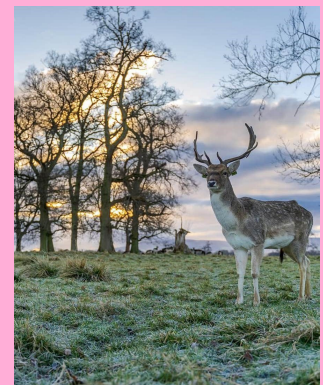
***Our next regular Division Meeting is January 9, 2025.***

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

### Christmas in Ireland



Glendalough, Co. Wicklow



Phoenix Park, Dublin

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\$200.00 to St. Lawrence Parish, a motion which was passed.

I am the Faithful Navigator for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus, and they also donated \$1,600.00. I also asked both Kroger for a truck load of dry goods and canned food, and Walmart, for a truckload of water, which were generously donated, too.

By the way, I have eight AOH Teddy Bears needing new homes! Please see me to bring home one or more for \$20.00 each! Yes, they'll make great holiday mementos.

Thank you!

**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..*

## Recent Dinner Event

**The Division Christmas Dinner, held on Dec. 8th at O'Toole's Pub, was a fine time for all attendees!**

## A Bit of Irish History

**Gaelic Ireland** (Irish: *Éire Ghaelach*) was the Gaelic political and social order, and associated culture, that existed in Ireland from the late prehistoric era until the 17th century. It comprised the whole island before Anglo-Normans conquered parts of Ireland in the 1170s. Thereafter, it comprised that part of the country not under foreign dominion at a given time (i.e. the part beyond The Pale). For most of its history, Gaelic Ireland was a "patchwork" hierarchy of territories ruled by a hierarchy of kings or chiefs, who were chosen or elected through tanistry. Warfare between these territories was common. Traditionally, a powerful ruler was acknowledged as High King of Ireland. Society was made up of clans and, like the rest of Europe, was structured hierarchically according to class. Throughout this period, the economy was mainly pastoral and money was generally not used. A Gaelic Irish style of dress, music, dance, sport and art can be identified, with Irish art later merging with Anglo-Saxon styles to create Insular art.

Gaelic Ireland was initially pagan and had an oral culture maintained by traditional Gaelic storytellers/historians, the *seanchaidhthe*. Writing, in the form of inscription in the ogham alphabet, began in the protohistoric period, perhaps as early as the 1st century. The conversion to Christianity, beginning in the 5th century, accompanied the introduction of literature. In the Middle Ages, Irish mythology and Brehon law were recorded by Irish monks, albeit partly Christianized. Gaelic Irish monasteries were important centers of learning. Irish missionaries and scholars were influential in western Europe and helped to spread Christianity to much of Britain and parts of mainland Europe.

In the 9th century, Vikings began raiding and founding

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## A Bit of Irish History (.cont)

settlements along Ireland's coasts and waterways, which became its first large towns. Over time, these settlers were assimilated and became the Norse-Gaels. After the Anglo-Norman invasion of 1169–71, large swathes of Ireland came under the control of Norman lords, leading to centuries of conflict with the native Irish. The King of England claimed sovereignty over this territory – the Lordship of Ireland – and the island as a whole. However, the Gaelic system continued in areas outside Anglo-Norman control. The territory under English control gradually shrank to an area known as the Pale and, outside this, many Hiberno-Norman lords adopted Gaelic culture.

In 1542, the Lordship of Ireland became the Kingdom of Ireland when Henry VIII of England was given the title of King of Ireland by the Parliament of Ireland. The English then began to extend their control over the island. By 1607, Ireland was fully under English control,



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

## 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.



# Christmas in Ireland Cont.



Phoenix Park, Dublin

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Connemara, Galway

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## 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:** Broken vertebra from a fall and currently hospitalized.

**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

GLENDIA, 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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## 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
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2023	Dennis Mulligan
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