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**President's Message  
January 2025**

**Dennis J. Mulligan**



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I Hope each of you had both a wonderful and an enjoyable Christmas and New Year 2025 holiday with your family. I would be remiss if did not take a moment to Thank You for voting in a strong slate of officers and voting me in for a third term as President. Our new Officers will be formally installed sometime in January 2025. I would hope to see all of our brothers at this

important meeting for the Division. The core of our Division is always our members, where we have the opportunity to talk about recruiting new Hibernians and the means to invites them to join us. We will also quickly cover updates to our website.

Help past President Jack Simila with raffle tickets. Jack will also bring us up to date on sales at the meeting. The Church Hill Irish Festival is scheduled for March 14, a Friday and we need help to set up on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16, the last day, and we need help to take to set up and take down the booth with Larry Kelly. A second SIGN UP GENIUS will be sent out by Daniel Harrington.

We need volunteers to sign up to run

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## Virginia State Board Meeting

St. Michaels Catholic School, 7401 St. Michaels LN, Annandale, VA 22003

Date: January 25th, 2025

Please click on the link above for additional detail,

## 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.

## **Dues Notice**

2025 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

**New Announce-  
ment**

**St. Patrick's  
Church Hill Irish  
Festival**

Setup, Friday, March  
14th

Saturday, March 15th &  
Sunday, March 16th,  
2025

25th & E. Broad Street  
in Church Hill, RVA

**Coming Up Soon!**



**A Bit of Irish History**

**The Irish Travellers**

In Ireland today there are about 30,000 people referred to as Travellers. Just over two years ago, the Irish parliament recognised Travellers as a distinct ethnic group within the Irish population. This was a hugely significant decision for Irish people who always regarded ourselves as homogeneous. It was also of course significant for the Travellers, because it went a long way to restoring their self esteem and pride in their heritage. Interestingly, the decision does not create new rights and has no implications for public expenditure.

So who are these people we call Travellers? They used to live mostly in caravans or mobile homes in which they travelled all over the country or into England. They have Irish surnames – Ward, Connors, Carty, O’Brien, Cash, Coffey, Furey, MacDonagh, Mohan. In recent times, some have moved into the settled community; the town of Rathkeale in Co Limerick, population about 2000, has about 45% Travellers.

That the Travellers are a distinct ethnic sub-group within Ireland has been recognised as a result of recent research. To summarise that research:

- The Travellers are not part of the Indo-European Romani groups found in Europe and the Americas.
- Genetic studies have shown that
- The Travellers are genetically Irish
- There are subgroups within them
- There is a suggestion of strong origins from the midland counties
- It used to be thought that the Travellers owed their

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## A Bit of Irish History (cont)

origins to the Irish Famine or to the Huguenots who came to Ireland from persecution in France and were able to buy out small farms, but the new studies suggest that



they go back much farther, as much as 1000 years.

- The most reliable evidence shows that this distinctiveness from the local Irish population goes back between eight and 14 generations. Taking 11 generations as a reasonable median, this has given a possible origin as following the Cromwellian era.

Another set of researches has shown that a particular allele (a variation of a gene) is found in 100% of Travellers, but in only 89% of the settled Irish population. This may be due to the long tradition of intermarriage within the community, but could also be interpreted as a sign of a possible 'Abraham' of all Travellers. [Continued](#)



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



## Some thoughts about Kelly Division donations at Christmas time next year.



AOH Kelly Division – Past President Matthew Dullaghan has the honor of presenting the annual Division financial contribution to Pastor Joe Wamala of St Edward’s Church.



Matthew Dullaghan also presented the annual Division financial contribution (rear) to Principal Justin Andrew and the students of St. Edward-Epiphany School.

**Brother Matthew Dullaghan is shown above presenting the Kelly Division’s annual Christmas donations to St. Edward’s Church (left) and St. Edward-Epiphany School (right).**

**Our contribution to all recipients brings a smile and thanks at the Christmas season.**

**Let’s get some more photos like this next year!**

the booth, recruit new members and sell raffle tickets. A special thanks to Brother Jack Simila, who has done a great job as Chairman of our annual raffle tickets sale.

AOH Virginia State Quarterly meeting will be hosted by the Msgr. Bradican Division on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at ST. Michael's Catholic Church School, 7401 St. Michaels LN. Annandale Virginia 22003 School all purpose room for the joint meeting. Time for the meeting 8:30am, Our Division Meeting for January 9, 2025 is at 7:00 PM.

Update on Ashville North Carolina, badly Damaged by the Hurricane. A big Thank You to our Division Vote to give St. Lawrence Parish \$250.00 and also Msgr. McMahon Assembly 4th Degree of Knights of Columbus, where I am Faithful Navigator. Member donation \$1625.00 cash, also a big Thank You to Walmart for donating a full truck load of water and Kroger, for donating a truck load of dry goods and canned food. All money went to St. Lawrence Basilica. If you would like to make a donation to the church, here is the address:

St Lawrence Basilica, P.O BOX 1850 Asheville NC 28802.

Location: 97 Haywood ST.  
Asheville NC.28801  
ATT. The Reverend Monsignor Roger K. Arnsparger ,VEP  
Phone#: 828-252-6042  
Website ( [saintlawrencebasilica .ogr](http://saintlawrencebasilica.org) )

## 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 Pacer-maker implant.

**Brother Frank King:** moved to Bickford Assisted Living and is on dialysis three times a week

**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 recuperating

**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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2018	Matthew Dullaghan
2019	Jack Simila
2020	Jack Simila
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2022	Matthew Dullaghan
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2026	

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