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**.President's Message
May 2025**

Dennis J. Mulligan



President's Message

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Worthy Hibernian Brothers

I hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather.

This next month will be our last regular Division meeting until September 11, 2025. On May 17, 2025, our Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by the Father William Corby Division in Fairfax Station, Virginia.

The location for this meeting is at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Center -- - Farrell Hall, 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, Virginia 22032.

At this meeting, we will be discussing and finalizing plans for the next AOH / LAOH Virginia State Convention to be held on August 1 & 2, 2025 at The Hilton Garden Inn at Innsbrook, Richmond, Virginia.

Upcoming events

May 11, 2025 Mother's Day
May 26, 2025 Memorial Day

Our next Regular Meeting is May 8, 2025 at St. Joseph's Church, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, Virginia 23235 (Time:7:00 pm)
I hope to see all of our members at this meeting.

Thank You,
President Dennis Mulligan
Msgr. Charles A. Kelly Jr. Division
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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 April 10, 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
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In addition:

Please click below for additional info on ordering Irish attire similar to what Dennis wears to Division meetings..

Website: [13Stitches](http://13Stitches.com)



[Statement from Sean Pender, National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, on the Passing of Pope Francis](#)

A Bit of Irish History

WW2 Éire Signs

This article is sourced from the archives of the Inishowen Maritime Museum, Greencastle, Co. Donegal. For reference, Inishowen is a peninsula in the north of County Donegal in Ireland, and is the largest peninsula on the island.

The World War 2 EIRE sign at Inishowen Head has been restored as part of a historical signage project undertaken by the Inishowen Maritime Museum.

The project was part-funded by Donegal County Council's "Small Tourism Works" grant scheme.

Directional signs for the museum and 8 historical information signs were researched, designed and installed around Greencastle Harbor and Inishowen Head.

The restoration works to the Eire sign was carried out by the landowner, David McLaughlin and his family.

The Coast Watching Service was established in September 1939 and the Army started to man existing lookout posts on the South coast and to set up new Look Out Posts on headlands around the coast, about 10 miles apart.

Their purpose was to monitor air and shipping traffic around the coast and report any movements to a central military control, in Athlone.

Eventually, eighty-three Look Out Posts (LOP's) were established around the coast, some in existing buildings, others in bell tents or sod huts.

The LOP's were numbered sequentially around the coast. LOP No 1 was at Ballaghan Point, Co. Louth, and LOP No 82 was at Inishowen Head. For some reason, LOP No 83 was out of sequence, being at Feaklecaly, Dingle.

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A Bit of Irish History (cont.)

The LOP's in Inishowen were at Malin Head, No 80, Glengad, No 81, and Inishowen Head, No 82.

By 1940, all LOP's were connected to the telephone system. The Inishowen LOP's reported to Fort Dunree for onward transmission to Athlone.

Later on, all LOP's were replaced with standard pre-cast concrete buildings.

By 1943, more and more aircraft were being ferried to Britain from the USA and Canada and planes were making landfalls all over the West coast of Ireland.

To alleviate the problem caused by planes overflying neutral Ireland, the government decided to have large white signs, EIRE, laid out close to each LOP to indicate to approaching planes that they were entering Irish neutral airspace.

Overflights increased from 700, in 1942, to over 21,000, in 1944. Crash landings and emergency landings in neutral Ireland were increasing and causing diplomatic problems.

At the request of the American government, the identity number of each LOP was added to each EIRE sign, effectively turning them into Air Navigation Marks.

For example, planes making a daylight landfall at a marked site, South of Donegal, could identify exactly where they were and turn to head North until they reached Donegal Bay and picked up the Aero-Radio beacon at Derrynacross, Co Fermanagh. They could then follow the beacon into the official "Donegal Corridor" and on into, or over, Northern Ireland.

There was an un-official agreement between Britain and Ireland allowing overflights of Inishowen, into, and out of, the airfields at Ballykelly, Limavady, Eglinton and Maydown.

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place an order!*

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A Bit of Irish History (cont.)

Air charts, marking the positions and ID numbers of the LOP's, were first given to the ferry pilots flying in across the Atlantic and were later given to operational pilots liable to be operating near Ireland. They were not provided to the Germans.

The Coast Watching Service was disbanded on 09 October 1945.



Since then, some of the EIRE signs and their identification numbers have been kept visible by local voluntary groups. All 3 Inishowen signs are still clearly visible.

(See LOP 80 above)

[Source](#)

Recent In Memorium

Christine Norton Spouse of Mike Norton

Helen Brennan Spouse of Rick Brennan-

Brother Charles Mulherin

Michael Manning-Nephew of Dan Harrington

Brother Ray Olson

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 Ray Olson: and wife Loraine

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

Brother Sonny Dorish: Broken vertebra from a fall and currently recuperating

Brothers, if you know more Division members or family members needing prayers, please notify the Newsletter Editor at (804)938-8238



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

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CHRISTINE, SPOUSE OF MIKE NORTON

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