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President's Message

Next Meeting on November 8 at 7 pm at St. Paul's (annex building). Remaining 2011 meetings: December 11th (Christmas Party and 2012 Officer Installation). **Lessons of the Motto (Shamrock Degree) will be conducted at the beginning of the meeting,** please plan to attend if you haven't received our 1st Degree. **Gael of Year-** nominees presented by our Division Board of Officers

Congratulations to Jerry Gorman – Jerry was voted into AOH National Lifetime Membership by the NAOH Board for his many years of service to the AOH (Past State President, Division President, Division Founder, etc.). Jerry was one of only 2 Virginians honored (along with Pat Troy) and one of only 10 nationwide. We'll recognize Jerry at our next meeting.

One tough Irishman – Tom McGranahan had successful brain surgery week of festival and had successful cancer surgery a few months ago but that didn't keep him from attending and working Celtic Festival on Sunday. Truly an inspiration!!! Tom thanks everyone for their prayers. Truly exemplifies what being an AOH brother is all about.

Thanks for your service- AOH Rugby Jerseys awarded at last meeting to JP Carroll (active member and JP Carroll Breakfast on St. Patrick's Day is for his many years of service serving breakfast) and at next meeting to Hugh Naughton (Fin Sec for many years) and Mike Sweeney (Treas for many years) for their many years of service to our division.

State Board Thanks Dooley Division – Mike Strutton attended the State Board Meeting on Oct 23 and our division was recognized and hosting the very successful State AOH Convention this past July. We helped to raise over \$4,000 for the state. Thanks again to everyone who was a part of this success. We were also recognized for the growth of our membership.

Big Dan

Prayer List

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our brother **Richard Landers** he returned to his God whom he loved so much and served so well, on October 1, 2011. All who met him found a truly loving, caring and generous man. Dick was a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, a Policeman for Henrico County for 9 years, and later employed by J. M. Smith Corp. He was an active member of St. Benedict Catholic Church and had a deep devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and made many Pilgrimages to Marian Shrines in the United States, Canada, Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. His smiles, jokes, and endearing personality will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention:

Betty Strutton, cousin of Bob Strutton, is battling lung cancer. . **Michael Maynes**, son of member Ed Maynes, is battling a brain tumor, **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, **Charlie Kelly**, **Jessie Naughton**, **Dick Moore**, **Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn. **Marge Cassells**, wife of **Jack Cassells**, **Mike Hayes**, brother-in-law of **Jack Griffin** and **Don Reilly**.

Please pray for the members of our Division who are serving in the Military. **Father David McGuire**, is serving as Chaplain at the Hill Air Force Base in Utah. **CW2 David Bulger**, US Army has been deployed to Iraq with "B" Co. of the 5/159th Aviation Regiment.

Rose of Tralee contest- there is a Rose of Tralee contest in Washington, DC (<http://washingtondcrose.com/BetheRose.htm>) at the end of April 2012 (date TBD) and the winner is sent to Ireland (all expenses paid) for the Rose of Tralee International Contest (<http://roseoftralee.ie>) August 17-21, 2012. We would take applicants for our own contest to be held at the Irish Festival on March 24-25, 2012 and would sponsor the winner to go to DC (\$400 entry fee plus expenses). We will discuss and vote on this at our November meeting.

Raffle Committee – 2012 Annual Raffle (10th year)
- We kicked off our Raffle ticket sales at the Celtic Festival and sold close to 100 tickets (great way to start with only 1 good day of sales). Thanks to Chad Costello and Tim McDonnell for agreeing to co-chair again. We're hoping to duplicate or improve on our sales in 2012. Fairly soon they'll be mailing out books of 10 tickets for each of our members to purchase for \$100. This will waive your \$30 dues (so

you're getting 10 tickets for \$70). You can buy all the tickets yourself or sell to family and friends. Also, you're encouraged to sell another book of 10 if you can. Let Chad (costellocw@yahoo.com , ph (804) 708-0044) or Tim (tmc1918@verizon.net , ph (804) 678-9764) know and they'll send or give you an extra book at the meeting. Remember the success of this raffle determines how much we can give to charity (over \$30,000 donated in past 9 years of raffle) and helps fund our events.

Help Needed for Richmond Christmas Parade, Dec 3rd

Looking for a way to help the community and wear your green jacket to promote AOH? See below if you can help AOH Brother Patrick Knightly and the Jaycees at the Richmond Christmas Parade, Dec 3, 2011, Saturday at 10 am, <http://richmondparade.com/>
Per Patrick: We're looking for volunteers to help with the parade again this year, so I figured I would pass along the opportunity to the AOH. If you know any Knights or Knight Councils that may be interested, please feel free to pass along the info. I am serving as volunteer coordinator again this year, so people can just contact me (804-687-3868; pjknightly@yahoo.com).

The Christmas Parade needs volunteers in the following areas:

Banner Carriers (Middle school ages)

Balloon Handlers (18 and up, must be able to walk 2+ miles holding onto a large helium balloon cable)

Division Marshals (needed to help keep parade moving (Can probably wear Green jackets, etc.) - Walk along the parade route with the parade and make sure parade units move forward and keep gaps from forming

Parking lot volunteers/traffic assistants (keep unauthorized people out of parking lots,etc).

Recent AOH Dooley Events

October 29-30, 2011 – Celtic Festival, Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

(<http://www.meadowceltic.com/>) ; We kickoff the selling of 2012 Dooley Raffle Tickets and the Recruiting of New Members at Double Booth. Thanks to all of the brothers who worked the booth, especially those who braved the Nor'easter on Saturday. Sunday was a great day and we sold close to 100 tickets, helped people find the county in Ireland based on their surnames, talked about the Rose of

Tralee and recruited new members. More importantly we had a good time.

Words are Important

St. Patrick's Day



St. Paddy's Day



St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 2012 (Saturday).

Our State Board has asked us to refer to this as St. Patrick's Day and not St. Paddy's or St. Patty's Day. Put St. Patrick back into St. Patrick's Day.

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- **November 8, 2011, Tuesday at 7 pm – Monthly AOH Business Meeting;** St. Paul's Church, 909 Rennie Ave, Richmond, VA (off Chamberlayne Ave.). Please plan to join us.
- **December 11, 2011, Sunday at 1 pm (St. Mary's Church, 9505 Gayton Rd, Henrico, VA) – Family Christmas Party (Family Event)/** Dooley Division Officer Installation for 2012; Party will be held in Parish Hall (Gym) at end of school building opposite side from church. Mike Muldowney will be chairing the event and we'll sign up for number attending and what dish (side dish, appetizers, salads and desserts) you'll be providing. If you can't attend our November meeting please email Mike at michael.muldowney@morganstanley.com. We'll also need volunteers to set-up, registration, bartend, serve food and clean-up (sign-up at meeting and follow-up email). Please feel free to invite prospective new members. Also, events that we'll most likely repeat from last year – Santa visit, arts & crafts, games, Cornhole, talent contest, etc.

Other AOH Items of note:

- **Got an AOH Name Badge, AOH sash or Ireland green cap?** If you need an AOH name badge, sash or cap please **email Mike Muldowney** at

michael.muldowney@morganstanley.com or phone at 364-3935 with the name you'd like on your name badge and/or if you need a cap or sash.

- **AOH Rugby Shirt -Looking for an AOH Rugby shirt?** A few of us wore these at the Celtic Festival and they look really good. Check it out http://irelandontheroad.com/product_info.php?products_id=719{2}9
- **Need a Green Sportcoat?** If you need a green sportcoat go to the Men's Wearhouse. Cost is very reasonable (around \$70). Tell them it's for AOH. It takes about 6 weeks for the special coat orders to arrive at the store. If you don't have one, please order ASAP so you'll have by the St. Patrick's Day Events and Irish Festival Parade in March. www.menswearhouse.com 10911 West Broad St # A, Glen Allen VA - (804) 346-0604, across from Innsbrook
- **Ireland Green Caps-** interested in buying additional caps that we sell at a discount to every new member (part of our uniform with the green sportcoat and sash) go to: <http://www.shopirish.com/Ireland-Caps--Green-Cap>
- **All things Irish-** check out this website for all things Irish straight from Ireland, including Irish dirt and seed to grow your own Shamrock by St. Pat's Day, <http://www.blarney.com/>

2012 Dooley Division Officers Nominated at October Meeting (1 year term starting 1/1/12)

Matt Costello (Past Div Pres) and the nominating committee presented the following slate of 2012 Officers. It's not too late to be nominated at our November meeting. Jack Griffin would like to step aside as Sentinel (check in at meetings), so if you'd like to serve please let me know. We'll vote on our 2012 officers at our November meeting and they'll be installed at our December 11 Christmas Party:

President – Jim Whelen
Vice Pres- Mike Strutton
Financial Secretary – Mike Sweeney
Treasurer- Conor Shiel
Recording Secretary- Mike Smith
Standing Committee- Pat Shea
Marshall- Tim McDonnell
Sentinel- Jack Griffin.

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Dooley Division donates \$500 to Commodore John Barry Memorial U.S. Naval Academy

Commodore John Barry, the founder of the U.S. Navy under the Constitution, will soon be a person of prominence at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

The Barry Memorial, also depicted to the left, will be developed as the second stage and will feature a 28 inch circular bronze relief of Commodore John Barry on its front. Below it is an exact enlarged copy in bronze of Barry's Commission Number One signed by President George Washington. Below this is a bronze plaque giving the naval career highlights of Commodore Barry. The area surrounding the memorial and gate will be named "Barry Plaza."

"The Barry Memorial will bring to the forefront the decisive role Commodore Barry played in founding the American Navy under the Constitution at the direction of President Washington. With the Barry Gate and Memorial, future officers of the Navy will know who Commodore Barry was in our nation's great naval history. This memorial will become the pride of the Navy and of Irish Americans.

In the future, midshipmen, officers, and visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy will routinely say, "Let's meet at Barry Gate" and in the process will learn about Commodore John Barry, a great Irish American Revolutionary War naval hero and the founder of the U.S. Navy under the Constitution.

