



Major Dooley Division Richmond, Virginia

The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 30 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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President's Message Dan Caffrey

We missed our meeting in February because of weather. A few of the brothers met at Sine for an impromptu meeting that night. We are off to a great start for the new year and have a lot of exciting events planned for March and April. See the calendar of events with details elsewhere in the newsletter.

- **Irish Night at KofC 395** on

March 13 is a great chance to enjoy Irish music, dance and fellowship. Please let Daniel Caffrey know if you are planning on attending – kkcaffrey@hotmail.com or 804-512-6288

- Kickoff **St. Patrick's Day** on March 17 with Mass and Breakfast at St. Patrick's Church. Help is needed with the breakfast. Contact Mike Kane if you can help with the breakfast at mkanecr@gmail.com or 804-241-3412
- Kickoff the **Irish Festival** on March 20 with the Parade at 10 am, it would be great to have 50 or more members parading down E. Broad St. Let's plan on meeting at 8:30 am in front of the Fire Station at N. 24th St and E. Broad St. Please wear your green coat, sash and green hat.
- On April 24, we are hosting the AOH State Meeting and providing an opportunity for everyone to receive their **Shamrock and/or Tower Degrees** in Richmond. The next opportunity for the Tower Degree might not be until the State Convention in June of 2011.

Big Dan

January Meeting Highlights

We had a great meeting in January to kick off the new year. If you missed it you missed the following: Jack Cassells presenting an Irish/Dooley Division Trivia contest with 6 packs of Irish beers to the winners; Joe O'Brien presenting a tasting of less popular Irish beers (they were good); voting and approving the budget; discussing our outstanding calendar of events for 2010 and finally fellowship, food and beverage after the meeting with the 38 attendees. We had a great mix of new members (lots from St. Michael's) and older members.

Next Meeting March 9, 2010 at 7 pm at St. Paul's

Jack Cassells will regale us again on Irish History and we'll have a presentation from our Political Education Committee Chair Tom Murphy.

AOH Dues for 2010/Raffle Tickets – Bring Money/Stubs to March 9th, 2010 Meeting

Please bring your \$30 for dues or you can purchase 10 Irish Trip Raffle tickets for \$100, which includes your dues payment to the March meeting. If you can't be at the meeting, please mail in your \$30 dues payment or \$100 with the 10 raffle ticket stubs to Hugh Naughton, 9072 Coflestone Circle, Mechanicsville, VA 23116-5861 golferhvn@comcast.net (804) 550-1148. Please let Hugh know if you'll have difficulty paying your 2010 dues.

AOH Dooley Division Social Calendar Events

- **AOH Dooley Division Business Meetings at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of Month**, except for July, August and December, at St. Paul's Church, Chamberlayne and Rennie Avenues. 2010 Meeting Dates - 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9)
- March 13, 2010, Saturday Evening – **Irish Night** at KOC 395 Columbian Center, Pump Rd
- **March 17, 2010 St. Patrick's Day**, Wednesday, 9 am - St. Patrick's Day Mass/Breakfast – St. Patrick's Church, 213 N 25th Street. Richmond, Virginia 23223; After Breakfast head to Rosie Connolly's; 12 pm possible presentation to Governor Bob McDonnell's Wife of a Galway Crystal; Help Sell Raffle Tickets at various Pubs.
- **March 20 and 21, 25th Church Hill Irish Festival**, March 20, 2010, Saturday - St. Pat's Day Parade at 10 am (please attend and wear your green jackets, caps and sashes); volunteers needed for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at our Festival Booth
March 21, 2010, Sunday - Irish Festival – Recruit members and sell Dooley Raffle tickets– Irish Trip Raffle drawing at end of day (\$4,000 to winner).
- **April 24, Get Your Shamrock and/or Tower Degree** on Saturday, Host **AOH State Meeting** at 9:30 am (all welcome; officers expected to attend); Lunch at 11:30 am; Host Shamrock Degree and Tower Degree Ceremonies beginning at 12:30 pm for Shamrock and 1:30 pm for Tower at St. Mary's Church, 9505 Gayton Rd, Richmond, VA 23229 (if you haven't received your Shamrock and/or Tower Degree please plan to attend; if you've already received your degrees your attendance to support those receiving them would be greatly appreciated). Head to Rare Olde Times after degrees.

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Prayer List

Please pray for **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, **Dick Moore** and **Jack Polly**.

Those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention:

Charlie Kelly, Dick Moore, Margaret Zahn and Thomas Zahn, mother and brother of Father Zahn.

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. **Please keep us informed of family members that are receiving medical care and in need of our prayers.**

Political Education – Tom Murphy Chairman

It's a deal in Northern Ireland as Sinn Fein and DUP agree on way forward

From Periscop Nail Dowd February 04, 2010

Northern Ireland First Minister Peter Robinson reached a deal at midnight on Thursday with his party members to continue in government with Sinn Fein.

The British and Irish Prime Ministers, Gordon Brown and Brian Cowen, are expected in Belfast on Friday to witness the deal being inked. Both had flown to the North to take part in the negotiations late last week.

The deal will allow policing and justice powers to be devolved to Northern Ireland and a compromise has been reached on Orange parades marching through nationalist areas.

Peter Robinson stated his party had accepted the deal unanimously. Earlier in the week, 14 members of his 35-member assembly party were said to have rejected it.

However, a series of last minute negotiations were successful. Among them, apparently, was a decision by the British government to help unionists who invested in a church credit union that collapsed to get their funds back.

"We have had a very constructive meeting of our assembly group and I had the opportunity to put to them proposals which we have been working on," said Robinson.

"Everyone present believes that this is consistent with our election manifesto and pledges we have made to the people."

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams said the DUP's decision had come after "a lengthy stretch of negotiations."

Praising his own party's negotiating team, he added: "I believe that the Assembly and political institutions can now proceed on the basis of equality, fairness and partnership."

"They also have to deliver for all citizens, that is the collective responsibility of all the political parties."

Robinson felt that the deal was a good one for all members of the DUP.

"An essential element of the Democratic Unionist manifesto is the requirement for community confidence and we believe that this can be the basis of gaining that confidence," he said.

"It does more than dealing with devolving further powers. It deals with how we deal with the powers that we have."

The DUP decision was welcomed by Alliance Party leader David Ford, who is expected to be the new justice minister.

"This is what the people of Northern Ireland have waited so long to hear and it means that the Executive can get back to the real work of providing quality services and strengthening our economy," said Ford.

"We may face a few challenges in the coming months as regards the justice devolution process, but I am very hopeful that this will signal a new, more positive era for Northern Ireland."

However, Traditional Unionist Voice spokesman Jim Alistair described the DUP as "snowmen who had melted" under the pressure to get a deal.

Pub of the Month

At our last meeting I mentioned featuring an Irish Pub each month as a way to support our pubs and continue to build our unity and friendship (over a pint). Our goal is to have one event per month at the pub and to encourage our membership to frequent the pub that month with family and friends.

Pub for February was Sine, 1327 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219-4117 www.sineirishpub.com. Our own Bob McNulty is proprietor. Bob is Past President of our division and an active member. Please try to visit Sine to practice up for St. Pat's Day. When you visit ask for Bob.

Pub for March is Rosie Connolly's, 1548 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219-3678 www.rosieconnollys.com March 17, Wed after Mass and Breakfast at St. Patrick's. Proprietor Tommy Goulding.

Pub for April is Rare Olde Times, 10602 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA 23238 www.rareoldetimespub.com St. Patrick's Day afternoon (AOH members can go in back door) and April 24, Sat after the Tower Degree. Proprietor Andy Jennings. O'Tooles was our Pub in January (Lunch after Dooley Ceremony)

CELEBRATE IRELAND WITH CELTIC MUSIC Cultural Arts Center Glen Allen, Friday, March 5th, 7 pm

Kelly Kennedy & [Andy Cleveland](#) as well as [Albafaire](#) Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call 804-261-ARTS (2787) to order in advance.



IRISH NIGHT

Knights of Columbus 395 and the Dooley Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will host a night of Irish Music, Dancing and Entertainment

On Saturday, March 13, 2010

From 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

At the Columbian Center

2324 Pump Rd., Richmond, VA 23233

(between Ridgefield Pkwy and Church Rd)



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Admission (age 21+)

\$15 per person

Corned Beef, Cabbage and Soda Bread will be served,

You are welcome to bring your favorite Irish dish to share

Draft Guinness, Harp Lite Beer, Wines, Soda and Water are included with your admission.

Irish Entertainment

Irish Music, Performance by Irish Step Dancers and Group Dancing (you and your friends) lead by Ceili caller Carmel O'Rourke Tighe, A.D.C.R.G.

Tickets On Sale

You can either buy your tickets at the AOH Meetings on Feb 9 and March 9 or at the KOC 395 Meetings on February 15. Or call Daniel Caffrey at 804-512-6288 not later than March 11th to reserve your tickets.

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AOH Merchandise

JOVIC

JOVIC is husband and wife team in Chesterfield VA that specializes in Knight of Columbus apparel. They now have setup the AOH logo for embroidery. The logo can be personalized with the Dooley Division and your name. No minimum order and there is wide selection. Visit <http://www.jovicemb.com/1.html>

Men's Warehouse at

10911 W Broad St, Glen Allen - (804) 346-0604

**Is offering a special to the Dooley Division
Green Sports Coats for only \$79.99**

Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the AOH. The Division is also reimbursing members \$10 towards the purchase of a green jacket and tricolor sash. Email the treasurer Mike Sweeney with your receipt, see front page for email address.

Tri-Color Sashes

Now Available \$25

**Contact Mike Muldowney
360-3935**

Irish caps free to members

A small donation is requested

**Contact Paul McFadden
550-0347**