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Next Meeting - Tuesday September 11th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message



I hope everyone has had a great summer. After the multiple 100 degree days, many in a row, I for one, am ready for Fall! The Division did get together for a couple of our regular events during the summer break. many thanks to Pat Naughton for putting together another great AOH Squirrels game outing. We were oversubscribed on our usual 50 tickets and had to buy

more.

Along with the Ladies AOH, We gathered at St Paul's in August for mass to celebrate Our Lady of Knock- thank you to Fr Zahn for celebrating it and explaining to the congregation who all those folks in the green jackets were and what the Mass means to the Irish.

The rainy weather couldn't keep us from heading over to Tom Murphy's house after the Mass to have a fantastic time as always at the annual picnic he so graciously hosts each year. The kids who made it in the pool (along with a big kid or two) correctly pointed out "you're getting wet anyway!"

Big thanks to Mark Collins & Tom for being our "Grillmasters" , and Tom for sharing his home and Irish hospitality with us.

I was pleased to see in the most recent Hibernian Digest (online too) in the "Historical Happenings" section, an article on the Irish in The Civil War. It mentions our namesake's father John Dooley who led the mostly Irish "Montgomery Guards" in the 1st Virginia Infantry's-Company C .

Another great article I spotted recently was in the AAA World magazine for Sept/Oct where they feature a great article about "Going Homeland" and heading over for the first time to Ireland. There is an online version as well that contains a "video travelogue ", very well done with some beautiful footage of "The Auld Sod".

We will be presenting checks to many of the parishes this month, Big Dan sent out an email with the schedule. Sept 2-St Patrick's, 10:45 mass/ Sept 9-St Benedict ,11 mass/ Sept 16-St Michael, 11:15 mass/ Sept 23-St Bridget,11 mass. Please try to attend your individual parishes and wear your green jackets or sashes- if you can join us at any of the Masses it is appreciated-as Big Dan mentioned in an email, we really stood out at St Mary's when we did this-it's a great marketing opportunity!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 11th at our regular business meeting at St Paul's @7 pm , social to follow. We have some great events coming up- 1/2 way to St Patrick's at Rare Old Times on Sept 14th, 6 pm. The 2012 Highland Games & Celtic Festival is right around the corner on Oct 20-21st to kick off our raffle.

We will also see a presentation by brother Tom McGranahan Jr. on his recent book published , you will be inspired by a brother with the true fighting Irish Spirit.

In our Motto

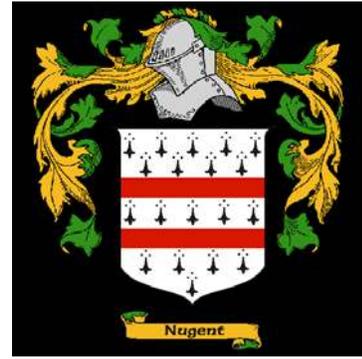
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Prayer List - Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention: **Hugh Naughton** recovering from double knee replacement, **Wanda Walsh**, wife of Tom, receiving treatments for cancer, **Michael Maynes**, son of member Ed Maynes, has completed a lengthy round of cancer treatments and has received a good report from the doctors, **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, **Jessie Naughton**, **Dick Moore**, **Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn. **Mike Hayes**, brother-in-law of **Jack Griffin**, **Jeannie Barrett** wife of Tom Barrett, and **Don Reilly**, **Tom Roche**, Vince Eikmeier's bother-in-law, is recovering from a liver transplant. Please pray for the members of our Division who are serving in the Military. **Father David McGuire**, is serving as Chaplin 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

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- September 14th Half Way to St. Patrick's Day, Rare Olde Times.
- October 20th and 21st Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Two full days of traditional dance, live music, Highland games competition, clan tents and vendors," according to its webpage. Tickets prices will range between \$10-\$30 and will go on sale to the public in July.



Nugent motto is in Latin : *Decrevi*
"I have determined" or "I have resolved"

Though not an indigenous Irish surname Nugent may be regarded as completely Irish today, since the Nugents have been important people in Ireland since the twelfth century when they came at the time of the Anglo-Norman invasion, their home country being France. They were then called do Nogent, I.e. of a place called Nogent in France, where they can trace their descent back to A.D. 930. The Nugents were one of the Norman families which got extensive grants of land in Ireland: theirs was in Meath and Westmeath. their descendants are found to-day in every walk of life and the name is frequently met with in all the provinces except Connacht. They are now numerous in Co. Cork, where a branch of the family established themselves and formed a sept in the Irish fashion: their chief resided at Aghavarten Castle, near Carrigaline. In Irish history the Nugents have chiefly distinguished themselves as soldiers. In the Dictionary of National Biography and similar works or reference no less than twelve appear as such between the years 1444 and 1862: four of these were upholders of the English interest; and eight were either rebels or supporters of the Stuart cause.

Perhaps the most outstanding of these was Christopher Nugent (d. 1731), who after the siege of Limerick in 1691 took service with the French and commanded Sheldon's regiment, later known as Nugent's regiment. He took part with James II in the 1715 expedition to Scotland. In the course of his distinguished military career he was wounded at least twelve times. John Nugent (1642-1754), fifth Earl of Westmeath, who also served with distinction in James II's Irish army and in that of France, was the last Catholic holder of the title. Many other Nugents were prominent among the Wild Geese in France and Austria.

The Gaelic name Mac Giolla Seanain, normally anglicized Gilsenan, that of a sept belonging to Meath and Cavan, has also in some cases curiously taken the form Nugent in English. The great majority of Nugents, however, are of the stock referred to above.

Our Lady of Knock Pool Party



Jack Nugent prepares for a swan dive.



Jack Cassells (l) and Mark Collins just a swinging.



Megan Nugent scores a 8.5 from the Irish judge.



View into the church at Knock, with statues depicting the apparitions



Steve McGann scans the table as Mike McGee prays for a scratch.

The Story of Knock began on Thursday evening of the 21st August, 1879, Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of the church at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland.

Beside them and a little to their left was an altar with a cross and the figure of a lamb, around which angels hovered.

There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition – young and old – who watched and prayed for two hours in the pouring rain.

Two Commissions of Enquiry, in 1879 and 1936, accepted their testimony as trustworthy and satisfactory.

Today, Knock ranks among the world's major Marian Shrines.

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June Fishing Trip



Fishing buds



Michael Lynch makes new friends on the trip