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Next Meeting - Tuesday January 8th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that all had a Merry Christmas. We enjoyed another very successful Christmas Party at St Mary's in December with over 100 members and guests in attendance welcome to the 12 new brothers who chose to join our ranks! Many thanks to Mike Muldowney, Paul McFadden, Jim Donahue and all our Hibernian family on the Christmas Party committee for all their contributions. Thanks to you too Santa for stopping by!

Congratulations to 2012 Gaels of the Year, Chad Costello and Tim McDonald for all they have done for our division especially in co-chairing the raffle. Well done men! My thanks go to Past Division President "Big Jim" Whelan. His leadership and organization that have guided the division to a very strong financial position with strong membership growth. Special recognition is given to our immediate Past Vice President big Dan Cafferty for his ongoing communication, service and sage council. Special recognition is also due Mitch Irvine, Immediate Past Organizer, for recruiting 42 new members over the past 2 years into the Division.

Thanks to State President Chuck Curran for attending our Christmas Party, installing 12 of our newest members and the 2013 slate of officers.

We are all set to honor our Division's namesake on January 19th at the Maymont/Dooley mansion beginning at 3 p.m. We will gather at the 1700 Hampton Street Entrance. Led by the K of C Richmond Assembly Honor Guard, Brothers and their families will march to the music of the Benedictine Pipe and Drum band to lay a wreath at the grave of our namesake Maj. James Dooley. Following, Dr Bayliss a VCU professor and Dooley scholar, will present a brief talk on Dooley's life. Then off to Rosie Connelly's for a pint! Please plan on attending.

There is also a State Board Quarterly Meeting January 19 at Old St. Mary's Hall in Fairfax Station, Virginia hosted by the Fr. Corby Division. The meetings will convene at 10:00AM. All brothers are welcome to attend the meeting.

I look forward to a great year for the Dooley Division in 2012, thanks to all our elected officers and appointed committee chairs for their service

In our Motto

Brian



Prayer List - Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention: **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, **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**, has returned from Afgahanistan. He is serving as Chaplin with the 1st Special Operations Wing of the Air Force. **CW2 David Bulger**, US Army has been deployed to Iraq with "B" Co. of the 5/159th Aviation Regiment

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- January 19th Major James Dooley Birthday (01/17/1841) Commemoration at Maymont House/Park. (details in President's message)
- January 19th - The Virginia State Boards of the AOH and LAOH will next meet at Old St. Mary's Hall in Fairfax Station, Virginia. The meetings will convene at 10:00 am sharp with an informative presentation by Clann Mohr on the Irish railroad workers in America. The State Board Meetings will convene shortly thereafter. Important topics for discussion will be the 2013 State Convention and the January 21 March For Life. Please mark your calendars.
- January 20th - The AOH Brian Boru Major Degree Team of Virginia will present the Major Degrees of the Order on Sunday, Janaury 20, 2013 at the St. Mary's Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. Details on the Degrees, cost, dress and driving directions will be forthcoming from the team shortly. All Hibernians who have not yet received the Major Degree should take advantage of the opportunity to receive these Degrees in Northern Virginia. For more information, you may contact Team Captain, Past President JJ Kelly at irishknight1@verizon.net.
- January 21st Right for Life March

2013 Event Schedule

Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
 1/19
 3/16 Mass and breakfast at St. Patrick's Church. St. Patrick's party that evening at the Columbian Center 2324 Pump Road.
 3/24 St. Patrick's Church Festival
 April – golf outing
 May – fishing trip
 June – baseball game
 7/4 – Fourth of July picnic
 8/18 – Our Lady of Knock Mass and pool party
 9/14 – Commodore Barry commemoration and picnic at St. Michael's
 October – Celtic Festival
 11/10 Memorial Mass for deceased military veterans and Division members 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church
 12/8 Christmas Party at St. Mary's 1:00 p.m.

The Life of Saint Brigid Feast Day – February 1st

In the old days February 1st was considered the start of the growth season. After Christianity was introduced, Saint Brigid (Bridie) was honored instead of the pagan gods.

There lived in the 5th century in Ireland a holy woman, granted by the grace of God great gifts of spiritual eldership, devotion in prayer, patience and compassion. The people of Ireland called her "the Mary of the Gael" for her great devotion to seeking the intercession of the Mother of God.

Brigid was born of an Irish landholder and a slave. Before her birth, it is said a man of the druids prophesied that the child would be marvelous and would serve the True God of the Christians. It is also told that a vision of fire appeared above the house when she was born, and this was seen as a sign that Brigid would be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

She grew to a young woman, maintaining her holy virginity, tending her father's sheep, feeding the poor and spending long hours in prayer. And upon a day she met a leper on the way and he asked for something in the name of the Lord. Brigid gave to him her father's sword. When he returned, he was wroth with her and took her to the King of Leinster to receive judgment. When the king asked her why she had done so, she said, "Jesus Christ the Lord knows that if I were ruler of Leinster and had your power and your wealth and your land, it would be meet for me to give all to Him who has saved us by His Death and

Resurrection. And the king said to her father, "It is not meet that we should judge her, for she has greater merit before God than we. Instead show her to the Bishop, that she may follow God and wear the veil."

Thus it was done, and when she came into the church, in humility she held back that she might be last to make her vows for she knew her unworthiness before God. Then tongues of fire rose above her head, and as it is told in the Holy Scriptures, the bishop came to her at the lower place and took her to a higher place. So Brigid was first to receive the veil.

Upon another while, Holy Brigid suffered from a malady of the eyes and her head ached. The Bishop commanded her to seek the aid of a physician. But on the way she fell and struck her head against a stone and blood poured from her eyes. Two lame women went to her aid and when they touched the blood they were healed by God's grace present in His servant. And Holy Brigid's eyes were healed as well, and the aching of her head ceased. The bishop said, "Seek no more an earthly physician, but look only to the Great Physician who has returned you to health by His Holy Spirit, for you shall find none better."

Brigid went to a certain monastery to celebrate Pascha. The abbess instructed the nuns to minister to the sick on Holy Thursday, but none would accept the task. Brigid therefore went to the feeble ones and ministered to them in prayer, beseeching the Name of Jesus Christ and imploring the intercession of the Theotokos. And there were four men in the church: a lunatic, a blind man, a leper and a consumptive man. And by God's grace, through the saint's ministry, they were healed.

Blessed Brigid also took pen and wrote much of the life in Christ: instructions to her spiritual children, songs and poems to teach the people, and much else. Many other miracles did God perform through His servant Brigid. She founded the monastic city of Kildare, and became abbess there. And Nindid the priest came to her in her last days and she received the Holy Mysteries, then Christ God called her spirit to heaven. Holy Brigid served the Lord with gladness and soon after her death was glorified by the church

Bloody Sunday in Derry, 30 January 1972

'Bloody Sunday'. The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association march against internment was meant to start at **2:00 pm** from the Creggan area of Derry. The march left, late (**2.50 pm** approximately), from Central Drive in the Creggan Estate and took an indirect route towards the Bogside area of the city. People joined the march along its entire route. At

approximately **3.25 pm** the march passed the 'Bogside Inn' and turned up Waterloo Street before going down William Street. Estimates of the number of marchers at this point vary. Some observers put the number as high as 20,000 whereas the Widgery Report estimates the number at between 3,000 and 5,000.

Around **3.45 pm** most of the marchers followed the organisers instructions and turned right into Rossville Street to hold a meeting at 'Free Derry Corner'. However, a section of the crowd continued along William Street to the British Army barricade. A riot developed. (Confrontations between the Catholic youth of Derry and the British Army had become a common feature of life in the city and many observers reported that the rioting was not particularly intense). At approximately **3:55 pm**, away from the riot and also out of sight of the meeting, soldiers in a derelict building opened fire (shooting 5 rounds) and injured Damien Donaghy (15) and John Johnston (59). Both were treated for injuries and were taken to hospital. John Johnston died on 16 June 1972. Also around this time (about 3.55 pm) as the riot in William Street was breaking up, Paratroopers requested permission to begin an arrest operation. By about **4.05 pm** most people had moved to 'Free Derry Corner' to attend the meeting.

4:07 pm (approximately). An order was given for a 'sub unit' (Support Company) of the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment to move into William Street to begin an arrest operation directed at any remaining rioters. The order authorising the arrest operation specifically stated that the soldiers were "not to conduct running battle down Rossville Street" (Official Brigade log). The soldiers of Support Company were under the command of Ted Loden, then a Major in the Parachute Regiment (and were the only soldiers to fire at the crowd from the street level). At approximately **4.10pm** soldiers of the Support Company of the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment began to open fire on the marchers in the Rossville Street area. By about **4.40pm** the shooting ended with 13 people dead and a further 13 injured from gunshots.

Most of the basic facts are agreed, however what remains in dispute is whether or not the soldiers came under fire first. The soldiers claimed to have come under sustained attack by gunfire and nailbomb. None of the eyewitness accounts of those shot saw any gun or bomb being used. No soldiers were injured in the operation, no guns or bombs were recovered at the scene of the shooting.

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St. Andrews Pipes and Drum
leading the procession to the
Dooley Mausoleum



Wreath Laying
January 19th 3:00 p.m.

See President's message for details