



**Major Dooley Division  
Richmond, Virginia**

# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 33 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting - Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



### President's Message

What a beautiful Day we had again for the annual Dooley/Maymont Ceremony! Special thanks to the Color Guard of the Richmond Assembly for leading our Parade in full regalia. I was given the privilege of carrying the Irish national flag and marching next to our National Flag with our Fenian flag flying as well in the parade to the Dooley mausoleum. Again, the show stealer had to be the fantastic Pipers! What a draw they were for all the people who were out enjoying the day at Maymont that afternoon- We had a crowd following us to the wreath laying, as the band played "Dixie" among others. And a special thanks to Chad Costello and Scott Nugent's daughters who carried our banner for us!- Dr Bayliss did her usual fine job of teaching us things about Jim Dooley we didn't know. Her subject was how Maj. Dooley and the financier Warren Buffet were alike. Dr Bayliss' hopes book will be out soon but she keeps on finding more information! We then headed to Rosie Connolly's for lunch a few pints of "the good stuff". Our thanks go to Vice President Vice Eikmeier and his committee for the great job done in organizing the Ceremony. We are again visiting our parishes in February. See the schedule below and please try and help at least at your own parish as well as visiting another. Plans are continuing to be developed for our St. Patrick's Day celebration. On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 5 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church and the Division will host a light reception afterwards. Then it's off to the Columbian Center for their Traditional Irish night. As we can sleep in on Sunday morning, plans for the 17<sup>th</sup> are still being finalized. Details will be e-mailed as they are fixed and also placed in our March news letter. The Church Hill Irish Festival follows shortly thereafter.

Look forward to a busy & fun February & March with the AOH!

In our Motto

*Brian*



**Prayer List** - Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention: **Jim Cremins** is recovering from surgery, **Catherine Kiernan**, mother of **Brian**, recovering from surgery to reset bones in her arm following a fall, **Jack Griffin's son, Neil Griffin** will begin treatment shortly for cancer, **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 Afghanistan. He is serving as Chaplain with the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- March 16<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Church 5 p.m. Mass followed by a reception.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Irish Knight from 7 to 11 pm with and at KOC 395 Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Rd, Henrico, VA. Pot Luck – please bring a dish to share. Free Admission (suggested \$5 donation to KOVAR). Beers \$2. Families/children welcome. Contact Steve McGann at mcgannsteve@yahoo.com or 747-8790 with questions and to confirm # attending and dish bringing.
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day Concert and Dinner, St. Mary's Church, concert, featuring Anne O'Byrne, soprano with a guest appearance by Fr. Michael Renninger, baritone ... 4:00 pm in the Church. Concert tickets are \$15 per person. St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Dinner Tickets (separate from concert) are \$15 per person.
- March 23rd-24th St. Patrick's Church Festival. Parade on Saturday at 10 a.m.
- 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.

#### **March 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Celtic Crossroads Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center 7 pm**

The name **Celtic Crossroads** originates from a time in Ireland when neighboring communities met at the crossroads between towns and villages to socialize – long before the pub tradition began. Experience the best that Irish music and dance has to offer with this group of seven highly talented singers/multi-instrumentalists and two dancers. Direct from Ireland, they take the art form to an entirely new level. Experience a wonderful fusion of musical genres, such as eastern European Gypsy, North American Bluegrass, world Classical and Jazz, and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe and the rest of the world. Click on this link to see a video of the group.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wDtEDAy0Js>  
2880 Mountain Road, Glen Allen VA 23060 804-261-2787

<http://www.artsglenallen.com/>

<http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase>  
Tickets \$25



**William "Wild Bill" Donovan as he appeared while commanding teh 69th NY (165 Infantry) during WWI.**

On February 8, 1959, William "Wild Bill" Donovan, soldier, lawyer, politician and head of the Office of Strategic Services, died in Berryville, Virginia. Donovan was a key figure in the development of the United States intelligence service. His life reads like a Hollywood movie script. Born in Buffalo, New York, on January 1, 1883, Donovan earned his nickname

"Wild Bill" for his bubbly personality. In truth, an examination of his life shows that he seldom acted in a way one would be likely to call "wild." After flirting with the idea of the priesthood early in his life, Donovan became a lawyer, practicing in Buffalo. He also organized a cavalry unit in the N.Y. National Guard and took that unit to Mexico when General John "Black Jack" Pershing pursued Pancho Villa. On Donovan's return, he was commissioned a major commanding the famous 69th New York Infantry. He commanded the regiment when the United States entered World War I in 1917.

The Army redesignated the now federalized 69th as the 165th Infantry (though it remained the 69th to the men in it) and placed it in the Rainbow Division. Donovan distinguished himself in command of the 69th, winning the Medal of Honor. After the war, Donovan was appointed an assistant United States attorney. He ran unsuccessfully as the Republican candidate for governor of New York in 1932. Donovan was sent on a number of diplomatic missions by President Roosevelt in the 1930s. When World War II began, Roosevelt named Donovan to head up the new Office of Strategic Services, or OSS. Under Donovan's leadership, the OSS proved itself a valuable asset in the American war effort. Through his work organizing the OSS, Donovan laid the groundwork for the Central Intelligence Agency, which was formed in 1947. When Donovan died in 1959, President Eisenhower remarked, "What a man! We have lost the last hero."



Charles Stewart Parnell was the founder and leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1880, Charles Stewart Parnell (1846-1891), the founder and leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, spoke to House members about the plight of Ireland, then in the midst of a potato famine. Parnell was 34 at the time.

Despite the absence of a quorum, Speaker Samuel Randall (D-Pa.) gavelled the House into the evening session to hear from Parnell, an Irish Protestant landowner, a nationalist political leader and a land reform agitator. He was only the fourth foreign leader to be invited to address the House.

"The present famine, as all other famines in Ireland, has been the direct result of the system of land tenure which is maintained there," Parnell said. "And while we have been compelled by the frightful condition of our people, ... I feel it to be equally my duty to point out to you the cause which keeps Ireland in a condition of chronic poverty."

The Chicago Daily Tribune reported that during his 32-minute speech, a large number of ladies and nonmembers were on the House floor. The Tribune found Parnell's address to be lackluster. "The whole affair," it said, "was tame and spiritless."

One unidentified congressman told the Tribune reporter that Parnell's speech failed to impress his fellow members because it lacked substance, "not going [even] skin deep into the subject of the Irish question."

Parnell's appearance was, in some respects, an unusual event. Normally, foreign leaders were received over lunch or at afternoon teas at the behest of the congressional leadership or committee chairmen. In recent years, the House has ended the practice of holding one-chamber receptions for foreign dignitaries. The last such House event occurred in 1977, while Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo was in Washington for a state visit with newly inaugurated President Jimmy Carter.

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Christ be with me, Christ be within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



FROM THE BREASTPLATE OF SAINT PATRICK

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# Hibernian Unity

**Irish Central: 400 Irish reach out again to help distressed areas after Hurricane Sandy**



DECEMBER 16, 2012 BY AOH NATIONAL BOARD

400 Irish volunteers descended on Rockaway and other areas slammed by Hurricane Sandy on Saturday for a Christmas Meitheal (helping neighbors in need).

They fanned out to several stricken sites led by the Ancient Order of Hibernians who organized a massive manpower effort to help damaged areas.

It was the second time in two months that the Irish community had come together to help out those in need after the hurricane.

Read more: <http://www.irishcentral.com/news/400-Irish-reach-out-again-to-help-distressed-areas-after-Hurricane-Sandy-183696511.html#ixzz2FE7piuMC>