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Celebrating 34 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting - Tuesday June 13th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message:

Hello again, my Irish Brothers. Well the summer months are closing in and all kinds of events are pulling on our schedules every day. I highly suggest you get your reservations for the AOH Flying Squirrels Baseball Game on June 14th. The Game time is 6:05 pm. We want all those who are not still "Hibernating" from last year to join us at the ball game. Call Past President, Pat Naughton at 360-2969 or E-mail Pat (pnaughton09@gmail.com).

There will be a traditional Fourth of July Family Picnic at the Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road, in Richmond. This is a joint effort with the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and the AOH Dooley Division, and K of C Council # 395. Please Call Paul McFadden for your reservations. We'd like a count of Adults and Children to plan for food and games.

Before the Picnic on July 4th, there is a Parade in Ashland for all to enjoy. At 10:15am the parade begins at Triangle Park, proceeding down Siskiyou Boulevard to East Main Street, finishing down Water Street. Please call Paulie McFadden if you are interested. There will be more Information on this event at our June Meeting.

Looking back a little, we had 9 members who subjected themselves to a fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay on May 16th. It turned out to be beautiful day, but I will admit to finding the 2 hour run up the bay in very rough seas a bit upsetting to my inner ear. Eight years in the Navy and I never got over the ability to get sea sick. No, it was not all that messy, but I was not well. As it turned out, the fish were not hungry so our success rate was low. I am told that a fisherman needs a bad day occasionally in order to know when he had a really great day. Last year was Great... This year, not so much. I look forward to a great day of fishing next year.

Last Wednesday evening, May 21st, there was an anniversary celebration mass at St. Michael's for their pastor, Fr. Dan Brady, celebrating 30 years of Priesthood and for Fr. Jim Arsenault, celebrating 25 years as a priest. Several other priests were concelebrating at the mass and everyone enjoyed a wonderful reception after the mass. The Knights of Columbus served a lot of great food and the refreshments were cold and delicious. At least ten of our brother hibernians were on hand to present Fr. Dan and Fr. Jim our thanks for their wonderful service and tokens of our esteem. Other ordination celebrations are planned throughout the diocese at this time of the year. Be sure to show all our priests the appreciation they so richly deserve.

Please make every effort to attend the Dooley Division business meeting on June 10th. There are details to discuss for the summer events on our calendar. We will not have a business meeting in July or August as is our tradition.

I trust all our members and families had a relaxing and enjoyable Memorial Day. Please remember all those who gave so much that we can take freedom for granted. Our freedom was not free, we continue to fight for our right to be free, and to keep our way of life as protected by our Constitution. Don't forget Flag Day is June 14th, be proud, and fly it high.

Mise le meas, (mish-e leh mass) Yours Respectfully,

Vince.

Prayer List –Jim Cremins is convalescing, **Jack Griffin's son, Neil Griffin** will be begin treatment shortly for cancer, **Jack's daughter, Carleen**, has also been diagnosed with cancer, **Wanda Walsh**, wife of **Tom**, receiving treatments for cancer, **Michael Maynes**, son of member **Ed Maynes**, continues to be challenged with cancer, **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, **Jessie Naughton, Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn, **Jeannie Barrett** wife of **Tom Barrett**, and **Don Reilly**. 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 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, **Dennis Flanagan, son of Jack**, is a helicopter mechanic in Afghanistan.



Food Drive for St. Paul's Food Pantry

Thanks to all those who contributed food and funds to support St. Paul's Food Pantry. We were able to donate over 500 lbs of food to support this worth cause.

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- June 14, Saturday at 6:05 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Pat Naughton, Chair)(pnaughton09@gmail.com360-2969)
- 4th of July Picnic at the Columbian Center with the KOC 4th Assembly. Contact Paul McFadden 555-0347
- August 17, Sunday – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass at 11 am at St. Paul's Church with Annual Pool Party (Family) to follow at Tom Murphy's House, 11908 Dalkeith Ln, Henrico, VA 23233.
- September 14, Sunday – Commemorate Commodore Barry Day (9/13/1803- date of death) at 1 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 – Family Picnic.
- September 17, Wednesday, – Halfway to St. Pat's Day at Sine Irish Pub...Happy Hour.
- October 25th and 26th, 2014, Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games, at Richmond Raceway; www.vacelticfestival.com Kickoff the selling of 2015 Dooley Raffle Tickets and the Recruiting of New Members at Double Booth (FAMILY Event).
- November 9, Memorial Mass for our deceased military veterans and Dooley Division members at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Church.




**JEREMY'S
GAME
SHOP**

Another opportunity to feed the hungry that the Irish American Society of Greater Richmond is involved in. What started three years ago as Jeremy's Game, a celebration of the life of Jeremy Bannon who was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident in March 2011, has grown into the Hockey Fights Hunger campaign. This year on June 21, 2014 at 5:50 PM a fundraiser will be held at SkateNation Plus to help put an end to hunger. Over the last two years this event saw over 3500 fans and supporters attend the games and events helping to feed those in need. Come see NHL, AHL and many pro players in Richmond. Cost - \$10.00

The event is at SkateNation Plus: 4350 Pouncey Tract Rd Glen Allen, VA 23060 Glen Allen, VA 23060

The Honored Guest will be from the Irish Embassy in Washington DC – they will be named later.

Website: www.jeremysgame.com

**To All AOH, LAOH, and Friends of the Irish
Batter UP!!!**

Saturday June 14th

**The Flying Squirrels take on the Fisher Cats
Game Time 6:05 p.m.**

Tickets \$10

**Call Pat Naughton 360-2969 or email
pnaughton09@gmail.com**

You can also signup at Signup Genius

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45AAAF2FA46-flying

(Editor's note: There are many 150th anniversary commemoration event of the Civil War on going right now. One of the last engagements of the Irish Brigade was at the Siege of Petersburg in June 1864)

Remembering The Fallen At Petersburg: Forts McMahon and Patrick Kelly

By September 1864 the Union forces at Petersburg had been facing their Confederate foe across a series of entrenchments and fortifications since mid-June. The Federals decided to commit to a strategy of continually extending their lines westward, seeking to exploit their advantages in manpower. With this stratagem they sought to stretch the Army of Northern Virginia to breaking point and bring the campaign to a decisive close. However, the Yankees were well aware of the threat they still faced from Rebel strikes around their flank and rear. With this in mind they decided to construct a new secondary line behind their forward positions, which faced south to counter any such Confederate movement.



The interior of Fort Sedgwick, one of the principal Union forts at Petersburg

This secondary line effectively turned the Union positions into a giant fortified camp, protected by earthworks to both front and rear. The new line ran from a work designated Fort Dushane, just west of the Weldon & Petersburg railroad, eastwards towards the Jerusalem Plank Road. It contained five new enclosed works, and eventually connected to the pre-existing secondary line which had heretofore ended at Fort Prescott. The secondary line in its entirety now contained no fewer than 41 batteries and 20 redoubts- a formidable obstacle for any Confederate flanking force.

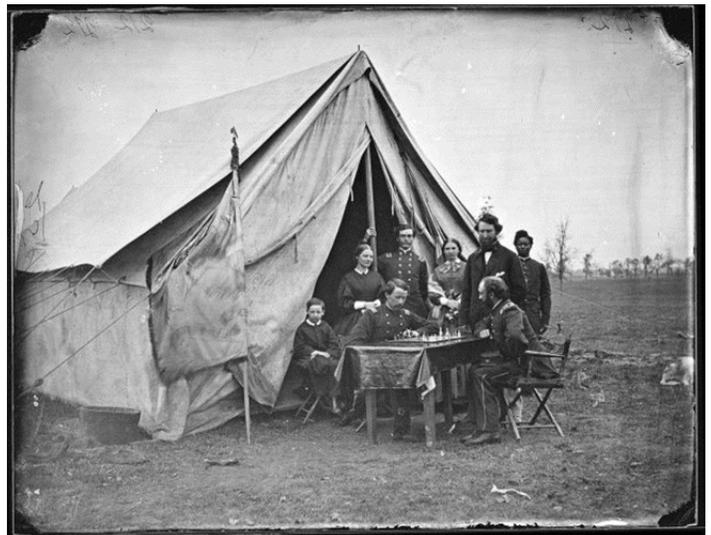
With the extension of the secondary line that September, two of the Army of the Potomac's Corps Commanders, Winfield Scott Hancock and Gouverneur Warren, suggested that each of the enclosed works be named and that a sign bearing the new designation be placed in a prominent position within the forts. The army commander George Gordon Meade agreed, and decided that these names should be selected from amongst the fallen. Meade therefore asked each Corps Commander to put forward the names of officers who had died since the

commencement of the 1864 campaign and who were deserving of being honoured in such a fashion.

Winfield Hancock looked back over the 1864 Overland Campaign as he decided on the names to be chosen from the Second Corps. As a result two of the forts on the Union secondary line came to be named for prominent Irish officers- Fort McMahon and Fort Patrick Kelly. Colonel James Power McMahon from Waterford had led the 164th New York Infantry, part of Corcoran's Irish Legion, during the Overland Campaign. He had succeeded his brother John to command of the regiment when the latter had died in March 1863. When the 164th charged the Rebel positions at Cold Harbor on 3rd June 1864, James fell at the head of his regiment, while in the act of planting the regimental colors on the enemy works. He was in his late twenties at the time of his death.

Colonel Patrick Kelly had been born in c.1822 at Castlehacket, near Tuam in Co. Galway. He had served in the 69th New York State Militia at Bull Run before taking a commission in the 88th New York Infantry, Irish Brigade. He rose to regimental command and led the Irish Brigade into the Wheatfield at the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863. He was again at the head of the brigade during the assault of Petersburg of 16th June 1864, when he was struck in the head by a bullet and killed.

Fort Patrick Kelly was designed to accommodate eight guns with a garrison of 200 men, while Fort McMahon could hold 12 guns and 150 men. They remained in use from September 1864 until the conclusion of the Petersburg Campaign in April 1865. Although since the war many of the miles of fortifications around Petersburg have disappeared, including Fort McMahon, the remains of Fort Patrick Kelly remain well-preserved, with the raised artillery places in the angles still visible. It is today located near the junction of US 301 and County 629, adjacent to the Belsches House- a long-lived tribute to one of the many Irishmen who fell in the Eastern Theater's bloody fighting of 1864.



Colonel James P. McMahon (seated, facing camera) at the headquarter of the 164th New York

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Hibernian Friendship

Brother Hibernians share in the celebration of vocations



Fr. Jim Arsenault 25 years



Fr. Dan Brady 30 years