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Next Meeting – Tuesday April 14th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message:

Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity. To say March was a busy month for the Dooley Division would be an understatement. On March 10th we had our largest business meeting in recent history. We welcomed Rob Moore to the Division and also reinstated John McCann. And instead of our normal fare of pizza we had a wonderful Shepherd's pie. On March 12th several brothers gathered at St. Marys to support Dan Caffrey by attending the Rite of Christian Burial for his brother, John Patrick Caffrey. It is such a testament to our motto that we gather to celebrate life in all of its facets. Then two days later on the 14th we gathered again in pouring rain at the ShockoeFest. We did not sell many tickets but we did enjoy having the chance to spend time with our friends. Later that night we gathered again out of the rain at the Columbian Center for Irish Knight. And what a party it was. This group can cook and eat. Thank you to all for such a wonderful time and thank you to Mary Smith and the Turf for providing the music. As always, they did a wonderful job. Then on Tuesday the 17th several of the brothers started the day in wee hours of the morning to begin cooking the J. P. Carroll Memorial Breakfast which would be served after the 9 AM St. Patrick's Day Mass. Thank you to all that helped put on this wonderful event, especially the event chairman, Tim McDonnell. On the 21st we had a large crowd marching in the parade followed by one of the most beautiful days we have had for the Irish Festival. It was such a nice day that I had to shave my head. Thank you to my brothers who helped raise \$320 in just over an hour for the St Baldrick's charity. On March 22nd we had another wonderful day and record sales. At 5:30 PM Vince led us in the Irish National Anthem and we held the drawing for the Trip for Two to Ireland. Congratulations to Frank Flannagan of the Kelly Division who purchased the winning ticket. Then on March 27th and 28th we gathered again to say farewell to James Cremins, a founding member of the Dooley Division. Jim's son asked that the division take an active role in the Funeral Mass. Big Dan and Mitch served as ushers and Paulie and I were selected to proceed into the Mass Service between the priests and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. What an honor it was to serve our Brother in this manner. We also had several members in the 4th Degree Knights Honor Guard. Serving as an Honorary Pallbearer was Jack Cassells, who drove over 12 hours to attend the service. Several members of the Cremins family told me that it meant so much to them to see so many green jackets at the service. Rest Well Brother Jim Cremins. March was truly a month full of events to fulfill our motto of Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity.

On April 11th we will be having a private tour of the Dooley Mansion as part of our Division's support of the restoration of the portraits of Major Dooley's parents. And on Friday, April 17th Brother Mike Smith will be hosting a table at the All Saints School breakfast. Please contact Mike if you would like to support this great cause.

Be sure to add June 13th to your AOH calendar. The Major Degrees of the Order will be offered at Virginia Beach. More details on this event will be coming soon. Let your financial Secretary know if you would like to attend the Tower / Major Degrees of the Order.

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Chad Costello

Prayer List – Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Cremins** and his family. Please pray for **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, **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**, is serving as Chaplain with the 1st Special Operations Wing of the Air Force.

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- April 11, 2015, Saturday at 3:30 pm –Dooley Mansion Private Tour in recognition of our contributions to Dooley Portrait Conservation (John and Sarah Dooley Portraits and John Dooley Green Montgomery Coat (on loan); Dr. Bayliss Talk) (Family Event) 1700 Hampton Street Entrance, Richmond, VA; afterwards (Rare Olde Times) Happy Hour.
- April 19, 2015– 9 am Mass/Communion Breakfast at St. Elizabeth's. 2712 2ND Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222. Chad Costello chairman. Fr. Jim Arsenault requested this event with the AOH and his parish.
- May 30-31, 2015 – Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay, Spend Saturday night, fish early Sunday morning (all day); Captain Crabbe. Reply to Daniel at kkcaffrey@hotmail.com or 804-512-6288.
- June 13, 2015, Saturday morning – AOH State Quarterly Meeting at St. Patrick Division, Virginia Beach, VA; Major Degrees to follow. Great opportunity to get your Tower (Major) Degree.
- June 20, 2015, Saturday at 6:05 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Pat Naughton, Chair)(ph 360-2969)

General Thomas F. Meagher Division, Fredericksburg VA The Second Annual Shamrock Charity Golf Classic

- Tournament will be played at Meadows Golf Course (www.meadowsfarmgolfcourse.com) on Monday, April 20th
- Waterford Crystal driver heads for first place foursome
- Irish crystal shamrocks for the second place, plus closest to the pin and longest drive
- Registered foursomes receive a discounted entry fee (see attached flyer)!
- Lunch will be provided by Outback Steakhouse (accompanied by draft beer and soft drinks)
- Dozens of great prizes will be raffled off after lunch
- Red tees, mulligans, raffle tickets available for purchase
- A 50/50 is planned
- Registration form at <http://www.aohvirginia.org/FredericksburgDiv1/2015-shamrock-charity-golf-classic-sign-up-sheet/>
- Soliciting Hole Sponsors!

Last year 80 golfers played making the inaugural tournament a grand success. We hope to at least duplicate that number of golfers this year. If you have any questions, contact Bill Halpin 202-213-5625 (mobile), 540-972-5903

Got Green White and Orange???

The Men's Wearhouse, 9101 W. Broad St.
offers a discount to AOH members on green sports coats

Tricolor sashes are available from the LAOH Mary Ryan
Division

Contact Lori Forbes, lmfherself@aol.com

Annual Fishing Trip for May 30-31, 2015.

This year it's a Saturday / Sunday trip, giving us more time to get up there early enough on Saturday to have dinner and enjoy the setting on the River. If we can get a Deacon/Priest to join us we can have Mass/service there at 5 pm Saturday. Depending on the number of people, the cost per person is in the range of \$125-150 and includes Fishing, lodging, dinner, breakfast, beverages and lunch (more details to follow). The maximum # we can accommodate is 12, so please reply to this email if you're interested in joining us. See below to website links for Captain Crabbe and Sloop Creek Lodge.

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Jim Cremins

“A Pillar Gentleman” is how Fr. Michael Renninger described Jim Cremins at his funeral Mass. Jim was charter member of the Division and a past Division president. Jim had a sharp mind. His stories of political campaigns, Navy, and life were a joy to listen to.

Jim was a man of service. He shared his knowledge of business, law, and leadership with the St Patrick's Parade committee, UVA board, and Catholic Charities to mention a few. He was invested in the Equestrian Order of Sepulchre of Jerusalem. It is a great honor to be a member of this Order. Members must be practicing Catholics of good character, recommended by their local bishop with the support of several members of the Order, and are required to make a generous donation as "passage money" (echoing the ancient practice of crusaders paying their passage to the Holy Land) as well as an annual financial offering for works undertaken in the Holy Land.

Ireland's national color green or blue?

Last meeting Brian Hagerty gave us a trivia test. Almost everyone got the official color of Ireland wrong. The official color of Ireland is not GREEN but St. Patrick's BLUE. That is why the Constitution of Ireland comes in a blue book.

A look back at Irish history through the recent centuries means there's no clear reason why green has become known as the national colour of Ireland – or, equally, why blue was seen as the first national color (and why it fell out of favor).

A colourful history

Ireland's history with the color blue is largely related to its colonial history, but there are older associations too – Flaitheas Éireann, the embodiment of Irish sovereignty in mythological times (a sort of Irish answer to Uncle Sam or Jack Bull), wore blue.

The crest for the older Kingdom of Meath, the seat of the High Kings of Ireland, showed the image of a ruler sitting on a green throne with a blue background.



This historical connotation inspired Constance Markievicz to use the light blue as the background for the 'Starry Plough' flag of the Irish Citizen Army when it was formed in 1913 to defend trade unionists during the 1913 lockouts. That flag is still associated with modern Irish socialism.

However, the formal use of blue was first seen when Ireland was turned into a Kingdom in 1542 under the reign of King Henry VIII.

Before that, Ireland was widely seen as coming under the control of the pope, who was happy to hand power to a Catholic monarch who agreed to uphold Catholic rule. This came to an end when Henry – who was the Lord of Ireland at the time – split from Catholicism and set up his own Church of England, bringing Ireland with him and declaring it a separate Kingdom.



The formal creation of a new Kingdom meant Ireland was granted its own coat of arms – a golden harp placed on a blue background.

Centuries later, King George III created a new order of chivalry for the Kingdom of Ireland, and needed a colour to go with it. The Order of the Garter, for the previous Kingdom of England,

already used a dark blue (Scotland's Order of the Thistle used green) so a lighter blue was used for the Order of St Patrick.

This blue became known as 'St Patrick's Blue', which these days is more usually seen as the light blue of the Dublin GAA county teams, and of the UCD sports teams, who play in St Patrick's Blue and saffron.

So where did the green come from?

Exactly where green came into the question isn't entirely known. Historically, many had rejected the use of blue as a

national Irish colour anyway, but the strongest green emerged in the flag of the Confederation of Ireland (the era during which the Catholic bishops and noblemen tried to oust the Protestant powers from Dublin).

There is also the argument that with Ireland often referred to as the 'Emerald Isle', and the belief that Ireland's rural landscape was simply more verdant than those of other countries, green was seen as a natural way of illustrating Ireland and Irishness.

Either way the St Patrick's blue that was used in official costumes, ribbons and dress during the latter 19th century began to incorporate a tinge of green.

The most prominent use of green emerged during the wave of Irish nationalism and republican feeling in the 19th century, when the colour was adopted as a more striking way of separating Ireland from the various reds or blues that were now associated with England, Scotland and Wales.

This is where the green that appears in the national flag is derived from: the origins of the tricolour are interpreted so that green represented the nationalist (Catholic) population, the orange illustrating the Protestant (Unionist) population, and the white of the centre illustrating peace between the two.

As the flag began to gain wider approval, the use of green spilled over to other areas. The Irish Football Association – which represented all of the island of Ireland when it was founded in 1880 – included St Patrick's Blue in its original logo and the first Irish sides wore blue as a result.

The Football Association of Ireland was set up in 1921 to represent Southern Ireland (quickly renamed the Irish Free State), and wore green to differentiate itself from its northern rival. It sent an Irish team to the 1924 Olympics, which wore green – but used blue as a change strip in a match against green-wearing Bulgaria.

In the decades that followed – where both associations called themselves 'Ireland' and claimed to represent all 32 counties – the IFA also switched to green.

(As a side note here: FIFA eventually brokered a deal where the two associations agreed to represent only the jurisdiction of their respective countries, and later declared that neither side would be permitted to call themselves 'Ireland').

So what's the official national color?

Well, the short answer is that there isn't one. The Constitution defines the green-white-orange tricolor as the national flag, but doesn't define a national color.

This leaves a bit of a vacuum – do we adopt the green, used by the nationalists whose efforts won independence, or the blue that acknowledges the independent (and 32-county) Ireland that had existed hundreds of years earlier?

When Ireland achieved political independence from the UK in 1922, with the creation of the Irish Free State, the new country needed its own coat of arms.

To try and link the new independent Ireland with the last Kingdom of Ireland (which was equally self-governing, and had the British King as head of state) it was decided to revive the previous coat of arms – a golden harp on a deep blue background.

This is usually seen in the Presidential Standard, which shows a deep golden harp on a navy blue background, which flies as a flag over Áras an Uachtaráin.

This is also why the printed edition of the Constitution of Ireland has a blue cover, and why the carpets in the Dáil and Seanad are a deep blue.

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Hibernian Friendship St Patrick's Church Festival



A Grand family outing for the Dooley Family



President Chad sporting a stylish kilt and green jacket