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Next Meeting – Tuesday May 10th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:

What a performance from the Dooley Division's Centenary Commemoration Committee. If you weren't there among the packed house at Keagan's, I wish you were! On Saturday April 23rd, the following Dooley brothers brought to life these key figures of the Easter Rising; **John Costello** (portraying Joseph Plunkett, executed 4 May 1916), **Mike Canning** (Sean Macdirmada, executed 12 May 1916), **Brian Hegarty** (Thomas Clarke, executed 3 May 1916), **Ed Rossmore** (Sir Eamonn Ceannt, executed 8 May 1916), **Mike Gawkins** (James Connolly, executed 12 May 1916), **Tom Forbes** (Padraic Pearse, executed 3 May 1916), **Hugh Naughton** (Tomas MacDonagh, executed 3 May 1916), **Mike Muldowney** (fictional Boston Globe reporter Sean Flanagan), and LAOH Mary Ryan Division President **Lori Forbes** (Plunkett's widow, Grace Gifford Plunkett). Special thanks to **Bill Casey** helping out with the lighting and sound and **Vince Eikmeier** for his narration and leading the crowd to close out the evening with a A Soldier's Song . This was the culmination of almost a year of work from our Centenary Committee led by our division's Historian and Vice President, Brian Hegarty. A very impressive retelling of the stories of these Irish patriots on this important anniversary. Hey...maybe we can get this crew together for a future walk back into Irish history? We'll let 'em rest for a few weeks! Thanks again, lads. Mo cheol thu!

Also in April, we provided breakfast for the parishioners over at St. Elizabeth's where our very own Fr. Jim Arsenault is pastor.

We had a lot of help and presence from the Mary Ryan Division and we "Irish folks" were embraced by the St. Elizabeth's faithful.

It's our third consecutive spring we've visited as a division, and it's been a nice addition to our calendar.

The count is in....and we blew through our all time raffle sales record by over 100 tickets! Word from first-year Raffle Chair

Jim Woods is that our total sales were 2288. Stuck it to those clowns from whom he took over the raffle reigns.

More to come with regards to breakdown of how many were full priced and what was sold where.

Phenomenal job, Jim! And thanks to all of you who bought tickets, sold tickets....and won prizes.

See you at the business meeting on May 10th!

In ár Mana

Tim McDonnell

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December.

Joseph Jowaisas in need of a ride to meetings and events. He lives at 6161 River Rd #15. Please call him at 288-2428, if you can assist him.

Prayer List –

- **Please pray for Jack Cassels' son Jack Jr. who passed away March 17. Prayers for Jack as he was in a car accident.**
- **Please pray for Jack Griffin's wife, Mary, and son, Neil.** Mary has terminal cancer and has 2 months to live. Neil passed away March 8. Jack is an AOH member and a St. Mary's Parishioner. Jack's phone # is 741-0304, if you'd like to reach out.
- **Mike Muldowney's mom, Margaret,** passed away. Please pray for Mike and the family.
- Pray for the **Barrett** family, **Tom** (Dooley Division founding member and wife **Jeanne** passed away.
- **Mike Sweeney's father Michael** just completed radiation treatment for Sinus cancer. Prognosis is good, pending post treatment testing in April.
- **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda,** is having dementia problems
- **Hugh Naughton's wife Jessie** is in pain again, **brother John** is recovering from stroke, progress is slow. **Brother Mike** knee surgery.
- **Tom Forbes brother-in-law, Gene Pilardi,** facing bone-marrow transplant (cancer gone), **wife Lori** was experiencing some pain.
- **Fr. Zahn's brother Thomas** for spinal bifida.
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis.
- **Elaine Peters (Bruce)** serious sickness.
- **Mike Smith's sister Kari** ovarian cancer – 4 more chemo treatments.
- **PJ George's** father in car accident (okay now). Mom blood pressure – out of hospital.
- **Chad Costello,** right knee ACL and MCL damage; had surgery, pray for recovery.
- **Jim Wood's cousin Derrick and mother Kay** needs knee replacement

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick Comm., at mcgannsteve@yahoo.com



Richmond Flying Squirrel vs Portland
June 18th 6:05
Tickets \$11.00

RSVP by contacting Pat Naughton pnaughton09@gmail.com
(921-3895)
or by Signup Genius

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



Food Drive for St. Paul's Food Pantry

The Division, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, Council 395, is collecting food for the St. Paul's Food Pantry. Bags will be passed out at the next meeting with a list of needed food items.

Food can be brought to the meetings dropped off at the Columbian Center, or call Pat Naughton for pick up 360-2969. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to K of C Council 395. The following are needed.

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| cans of tuna * | peanut butter * |
| jelly | cans of soup |
| can of pork and beans | package of pasta |
| cans spaghetti sauce * | cans vegetables |
| box of cereal * | box of crackers |
| box of pancake mix | |
| can of fruit (apple sauce, mixed fruit, peaches etc.) | |
| * - Urgently needed | |

Brothers,

I had the great honor to represent the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the Commonwealth of Virginia at today's ceremony commemorating the three Centenaries of the Easter Rising, The Founding of the National Park Service of the United States, and the Smithsonian Institution dedication of the Robert Emmet statue in Washington, DC.

It was indeed prophetic that the Robert Emmet statue should be dedicated in the same year as the Proclamation of the Irish Republic by Padraig Pearse, James Connelly, et. al. In Robert Emmet's final words upon commendation he stated, "Let no man write my epitaph: for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them. let not prejudice or ignorance asperse them. Let them and me repose in obscurity and peace, and my tomb remain uninscribed, until other times, and other men, can do justice to my character; when my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then, and not till then, let my epitaph be written. I have done."

Eugene J. Bransfield, Sr., KCHS
President, Virginia State Board



Lori Forbes with Robert Emmet.



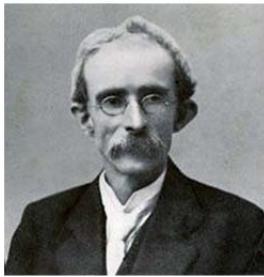
Joseph Plunkett



Padraic Pearse



Grace Gifford Plunkett



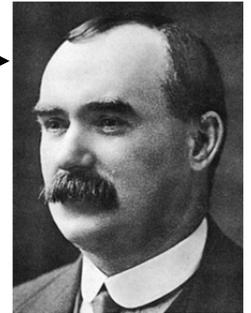
Thomas Clarke



Sir Eamonn Ceannt



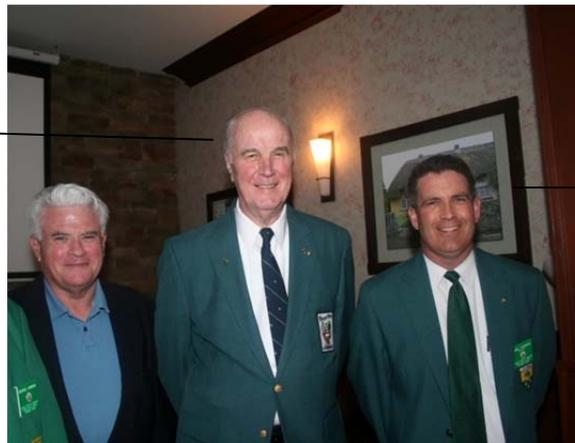
(l-r) John Costello, Brian Hegarty, Tom Forbes, Ed Rossmore, Vince Eikmeier, Lori Forbes, Michael Gawkins



James Connolly



Tomas MacDonagh



(l-r) Mike Muldowney, Hugh Naughton, Mike Canning



Sean Macdirmada

Easter Rising Centenary Commemoration

After months of preparation the actors did a fantastic job in bring history to life. Each of the actors studied and learned about the hero they were to portray. One of the actors even grew a mustache to match to person he was to portray. Can you guess which one? Hint before joining the Irish Republican Brotherhood he opened up a tobacconist shop in Dublin.

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Hibernian Charity 2016 Winners



Winners of the trip to Ireland Ed and Laura Rossmore



Seller of the winning ticket Kevin Kitrick
has \$750 to buy a big wallet