



**Major Dooley Division  
Richmond, Virginia**

# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 37 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting – Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



### President's Message:

Hello Brother Hibernians

We had blessings of sunshine (and more than a bit of wind) at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games over at RIR a few weeks back. Our division enjoyed great fellowship and even a greater kickoff to the 15th Annual "Trip For Two To Ireland".

Ticket hawker David Cathell made sure all comers got the pitch "I'll give you, 1 for \$10 or for YOU, 2 for \$20!". Blew past our old record with 300+ tickets sold over the weekend. Old sailor Vince Eikmeier made sure our tent and flags were secured (as you can imagine, could have been a messy situation if those sharp pikes went flying about). Thanks to all who helped with the sales and assisting the masses with the search for their Irish heritage.

A few more items on the Dooley Division calendar before the pages blow off and we see 2017.

Sunday 11/13 is the division's annual Memorial Mass over at All Saints School (down the street from St. Paul's) for AOH members who have passed. We have lost two of our members in 2016 (charter member Tom Barrett, and Wade Emmett just last month). Sunday, December 11th is our family Christmas party over at St. Mary's (great opportunity to invite prospective members!) and the following Tuesday (12/13) we wrap the year with the installation of new officers at St. Paul's.

Just weeks away from our American holiday of Thanksgiving. I want to say thanks to all of you for making this a great Hibernian year.

### Go raibh maith agaibh

("Thank you", or literally..."may you have goodness")

*Jim McDonnell*

## Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December.
- Remaining 2016 Meetings - 11/8 and 12/13 - Officer Installation
- November 13, 2016, Sunday, Memorial Mass at St. Paul's for deceased military veterans and Dooley Division members at 11 am Mass at All Saints School.
- December 11, 2016, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party.
- December 13, 2016, Tuesday - Officer Installation for 2017 Officers by State AOH President at St. Paul's Church.

Members of the Dooley Division are active in the community in many areas. Here are a couple that you are invited to attend:

- Dominion Christmas Parade - Dec 3, 2016 at 10 am, W. Broad St., Science Museum. Volunteers needed. To volunteer contact Patrick Knightly [pjknighly@yahoo.com](mailto:pjknighly@yahoo.com).

## **Prayer List –**

- **Please pray for the following:**
- **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** Parkinson or MSA. **Sister** knee problems
- **Ed Rossmore's father** is in hospice. He is 96.
- **Bob Strutton** battling cancer
- **Maury Costello** battling cancer
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis.
- **Rev. Mr. Deacon Wayne Snell** battling cancer.
- **Elaine Peters (Bruce)** serious sickness.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick Comm., at [mcgannsteve@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgannsteve@yahoo.com)

Irish Wit from Hal Roach

We laugh at ourselves here in the Emerald Isle. Yes, we do. We laugh at wakes, funeral, death and marriage. You name it, we laugh at it.



I went to Macy's, to the men's department. And I said, "Can you show me the cheapest suit in the store?" And he said, "You're wearing it."

There's no way you can win at gambling not really. I knew one man in Reno that used to go down to the gaming tables every night only making mental bet. And he lost his mind.

Fr. O'Seamus, at the pulpit told us the end of the world is near, and we must be prepared. He said, "Stand up, all those that want to go to heaven." Of course, we all stood up right away. And he said, "Stand up, all those that want to go to hell." Nobody stood up, except Muldoon. He said Muldoon, do you want to go to hell?" And he said, "No father, but I didn't like to see you standing there by yourself."

Entered the Guinness Book of Record as the longest-running engagement of a comedian at the same venue: 26 years at Jury's Irish Cabaret, Jury's Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin. He spent over 60 years in show business.

## **2017 AOH Officer Nominations**

The following slate of nominations was presented at the 10/11 Meeting. They will be voted on at our November meeting and installed in December. Thanks to all those who have agreed to serve.

Officer Slate presented at 10/11 Meeting

President – Brian Hegarty  
VP – Scott Nugent  
Recording Secretary – John Condon  
Financial Secretary- John Costello  
Treasurer – Patrick Knightly  
Standing Committee - Bill Casey  
Marshall – Mike Canning  
Sentinel – Peter "PJ" George

Committee Chairs Needed:

Organizer

Political Education Chair

Please let Daniel Caffrey me know (804-512-6288 [kkcaffrey@hotmail.com](mailto:kkcaffrey@hotmail.com)).



## **Rocky Road to Dublin**

Carpenter Theatre  
March 16, 2017 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets on sale now.

Get ready to experience a whole new take on Irish music and dance. Never before have these classic tunes been performed with such a modern, upbeat feel to them. The most talented musicians, incredible singers, and some of the world's best Irish dancers all come together on one stage to provide a truly unique experience! A great show for all ages, Rockin' Road to Dublin will have you dancing in the aisles and singing their songs for weeks!

Check out their website [RockinRoadtoDublin.com](http://RockinRoadtoDublin.com) for more info!

## Story Behind the Song – Wearing of the Green

*I met with Napper Tandy and he took me by the hand  
Saying, how is old Ireland? And how does she stand?  
She's the most distressful country that ever yet was seen;  
They are hanging men and women for the wearing of the green!*  
-- From the lyrics of "The Wearing of the Green"



**James Napper Tandy**  
(about 1739 – 24 August 1803)

A Dublin Protestant and the son of an ironmonger, Tandy was baptised (as 'James Naper Tandy') in St. Audoen's Church on 16 February 1739. He went to the famous Quaker boarding school in Ballitore, south Kildare, also attended by Edmund Burke who was eight years older.

He started life as a small tradesman. Turning to politics, he became a member of Dublin Corporation, and was popular for his denunciation of municipal corruption and his proposal of a boycott of English goods in Ireland, in retaliation for the restrictions imposed by the government on Irish commerce.

In April 1780, Tandy was expelled from the Dublin Volunteers for proposing the expulsion of the Duke of Leinster. He was one of the most conspicuous of the small revolutionary party, chiefly of the shopkeeper class, who formed a permanent committee in June 1784 to agitate for reform, and called a convention of delegates from all parts of Ireland which met in October 1784.

Tandy and John Binns persuaded the corporation of Dublin to condemn by resolution Pitt's amended commercial resolutions in 1785. He became a member of the Whig club founded by Henry Grattan; and he actively co-operated with Theobald Wolfe Tone in founding the Society of the United Irishmen in 1791, of which he became the first secretary.

His opinions, strongly influenced by French Revolutionary ideas, now brought Tandy to the notice of the British Government. In February 1792, an allusion in debate by Toler, the attorney general, to Tandy's personal ugliness, provoked him into sending a challenge to a duel. This was treated by the House of Commons as a breach of a Member's privilege, and a Speaker's warrant was issued for his arrest, which he managed to elude till its validity expired on the prorogation of parliament. Tandy then took proceedings against the lord lieutenant for issuing a proclamation for his arrest; although the action failed, it increased Tandy's popularity, and his expenses were paid by the Society of the United Irishmen.

Sympathy with the French Revolution was rapidly spreading in Ireland. A meeting of some 6,000 people in Belfast voted a congratulatory address to the French nation in July 1791. In the following year, Napper Tandy took a leading part in organizing a new military association in Ireland modeled after the French National Guards; they professed republican principles, and on their uniform the cap of liberty instead of the crown surmounted the Irish harp. Tandy also, with the purpose of bringing about a

fusion between the Defenders and the United Irishmen, took the oath of the Defenders, a Roman Catholic society whose agrarian and political violence had been increasing for several years.

He was about to be tried in 1793 for distributing a seditious pamphlet in County Louth, when the government found out he had taken the oath of the Defenders. Being threatened with prosecution for this step, and also for libel, he took refuge by changing his Dublin address often[citation needed] – some are recorded as follows: 16 Dorset Street in 1779, 21 Cornmarket till 1783, 180 Abbey Street till 1785, 67 Bride Street in 1786, 97 Bride Street till 1788, and a return to 67 Bride Street from 1789 till 1795 when he fled to the United States, where he remained till 1798. In February 1798, he went to Paris, where at this time a number of Irish refugees, the most prominent of whom was Wolfe Tone, were assembled, planning rebellion in Ireland to be supported by a French invasion.

Tandy accepted the offer of a corvette, the *Anacreon*, from the French government and sailed from Dunkirk accompanied by a few United Irishmen, a small force of men and a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition for distribution in Ireland. He arrived at the isle of Arranmore, off the coast of County Donegal, on 16 September 1798.

The locality, however, was sparsely populated and showed little enthusiasm in joining with the expedition. Tandy took possession of the village of Rutland, where he hoisted an Irish flag and issued a proclamation; but learning the defeat of Humbert's expedition, and that Connaught was now subdued, the futility of the enterprise was soon apparent. Tandy sailed his vessel round the north of Scotland to avoid the British fleet. He reached Bergen in safety having brought with him a British ship captured along the way. Tandy then made his way with three or four companions to the free port of Hamburg but a peremptory demand from the British government to detain the fugitives was acceded to despite a counter-threat from the French Directory. In 1799 HMS *Xenophon*, under Commander George Sayer, brought Tandy and some of his associates back to England as state prisoners.

On 12 February 1800, Tandy was put on trial at Dublin, and acquitted. He remained in prison in Lifford Jail in County Donegal till April 1801, when he was tried for the treasonable landing on Rutland Island. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to death; he was reprieved and allowed to go to France.

This leniency may have been partly due to doubts as to the legality of the demand for his surrender by the Hamburg authorities. Moreover, Napoleon vigorously intervened on his behalf, and is even said to have made Tandy's release a condition of signing the Treaty of Amiens.

Notwithstanding his vices and his lack of all solid capacity, there is no reason to suppose that Napper Tandy was dishonest or insincere; and the manner in which his name was introduced in the well-known ballad, "The Wearing of the Green", proves that he succeeded in impressing the popular imagination of the rebel party in Ireland. In France, where his release was regarded as a French diplomatic victory, he was received, in March 1802, as a person of distinction; and when he died in August 1803 his funeral was attended by the military and an immense number of civilians.

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## Hibernian Charity Donation to St. Paul's



Jim Woods, raffle committee chairman (r) presents Fr. James Griffin with a check as Fr. George Zahn (former pastor) and Paul McFadden, originator of the raffle, look on with smiling Irish eyes.