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Next Meeting – Tuesday February 13, 2018 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:

Brothers,



The new year is under way and we know that because we are in the midst of our annual ticket sales drive. We have already sold tickets at St Michael, St Benedict and St Bridget. Our last major ticket sale opportunity will be at St Mary on March 3 and 4. Please attend one of their masses and plan to come early and stay late to help. Jim Woods does a great job but he can't do it alone!

We had a well-attended event at Maymont for the Major Dooley commemoration. As we marched to the mausoleum, not only were great pictures taken by Maggie (the always in attendance daughter of Steve McGann), but camera phones from all over Maymont were pointed our way. After the procession, we attended a highly engaging talk from Dr Bayliss. Though she was slightly under the weather, she answered questions that we Hibernians submitted stemming from her book, the must read, *The Dooleys of Richmond*. As what frequently happens, we closed the event at Rare Old Times. A special thanks to Mike Canning, Vince (who led us in song), Dan, and all who submitted questions and attended.

The Virginia State Meeting took place on February 3 in Annandale, VA. Unfortunately, at the last minute, I was not able to join in person. I was able to join via phone and was happy to hear the meeting start with the presentation of the National Life Membership Award that has been bestowed upon the much deserving Pat Naughton. It was great to hear the appreciation for Pat's dedication and involvement to the AOH for so long. Pat will also be joining us at our February 13 meeting to be honored for his achievement as a division. A special thanks to all that attended the state meeting including Brian K., Brian H., Vince, Pat S. and Degree Receiver Pat McGowan.

We need to make sure we support the LAOH's Mary Ryan Division Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala. It is Saturday, March 10 at 7:00 PM at St Michaels. Music for the event will be performed by my favorite local Irish band The Donnybrooks. The Dooley Division will be working the bar. So please try and attend to join the fun. For more information, please reach out to Annie McEntee. (almcantee.eringobragh@gmail.com or 804-514-1003)

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on February 13.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Scott W. Nugent

Upcoming Events:

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

- **March 10, 2018, Saturday 7 pm; LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's Catholic Church** Tickets- \$20, children 6-12 are \$10 and 5 and under are free. Harp Music, story teller (Donnybrooks), dancers.
- **(TBD) March 17, 2018, Saturday- St. Patrick's Day Mass - 9:00 am (?)** Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223, JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast to Follow; 11 am - Rosie Connolly's Pub; Pub Crawl.
- **March 24 and 25, 2018 – 33rd Church Hill Irish Festival** - Street Festival in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street between Broad and Franklin Streets and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday
- **March 24th, Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 am**– volunteers needed for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at Booth. <http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>
March 25th, Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets– Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of day. (5:30 pm)

From and since January meeting (updated and new):

- **Brother John McCann** passed away on January 22, 2018.
- **Michael Naughton, father of Pat Naughton** is suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's and is under hospice care.
- **Jerry Gorman Jr.** has been seriously ill, perhaps being discharged from St. Mary's ICU unit today.
- **Fr. George Zahn** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease along with his Spinal Stenosis. He's in therapy. This year will be 50 years as a priest. Keep our Chaplain in your prayers.
- **Maureen Quinn, daughter of Brother John and Joan Quinn**, passed away. Please keep the Quinn family in your prayers.
- **Tom Edwards, brother-in-law of Jim Donahue**, has Cancer of the Esophagus.
- **Scott Nugent's father** had pneumonia recently and was in the hospital. He's doing better. **Scott's mom, Karen**, had a valve replaced recently and has recovered.
- Prayers for our **new Bishop of the Diocese** of Richmond, Barry Knestout.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Tom Forbes**, having heart procedure done soon to prevent further strokes.
- **Laura Fredenburg, friend of John Mulligan and Godmother to his daughter Katie**, is undergoing surgery for breast cancer.

- **Gary McAuliffe - Jim Gemmell**, a very good friend of ours, who is in a major league fight with colon cancer.
- **Hugh Naughton**, old friend, **Dick Brennan**, has cancer. **Mike Brennan**, friend, had depression and died. His **sister-in-law** has breast cancer, tumors removed.
- **Jim Woods' sister-in-law, Wendy**, diagnosed with breast cancer and has 2 young children- chemo therapy – 8-week process. Dad, blockage in carotid artery – procedure.
- **Tom Forbes**, wife **Lori** had knee replaced, speedy recovery.
- **Chad Costello's mom** hip replaced.
- **Johnny Cates, brother Tim**, 16 months of hell – PLS (cousin of ALS0, prognosis not great.
- **Sue Gerloff, mom of Fred**, recovering from stroke.
- **Bill Hutchins, friend of Jim Whelen**, for recovery from major stroke.
- **Kevin Kitrick**, AOH Brother, recovering from a motorcycle accident. Had shoulder surgery, still recovering from head injuries.
- **Keith Wandtke**, AOH brother, please pray for him.
- **Pat McGowan's** uncle Warren Henderson. Pat's mom, **Mary Margaret**, atrial fibrillation was in hospital doing better.
- **Hugh Naughton recovering from foot surgery.** His wife **Jessie** might need to replace a plate in her hear; **brother John** is recovering from stroke, progress is slow, working on his speaking; **brother Mike** – diagnosed with Parkinson's or MSA is deteriorating.
- **Patricia Dore and Andrea Dworkin, 1st cousins of Steve McGann**, undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for cancer.
- **Sean and Matt Costello's mother and sister Maura**, had hysterectomy and is in chemo for cancer treatment.
- **Brother Chad's parent-in-laws** – MRI on father-in-law (Jim) for bulge on aorta. Mother-in-law (Sally) has irregular heartbeat and is getting valve replaced.

Prior to March Meeting:

- **Elizabeth Moore** (girlfriend of division Treasurer **Patrick Knightly**). She underwent significant intestinal surgery. Pray for continued recovery.
- **Deacon Wayne Snellings** – inoperable cancer.
- **Rich Aleksy, Past State Pres.** - Rich had surgery to remove the lower node of his left lung and several lymph nodes which will be sent out for biopsy.



It's Raffle time!

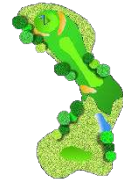


Brothers, it's that time of year and once again, Jim Woods has enthusiastically stepped-up to the plate to serve as our raffle chairman. Jim has lined-up ticket sales at several of our Parishes. The following is a list of remaining dates and times when we will be selling tickets before and/or after Mass. We got off to a slower than usual start on ticket sales at the Highland Festival Games in October as a result of bad weather. In order to make up for the slower than usual start, we'll have to double-down on our sales at our Parishes. Here is a list of dates scheduled so far:

Raffle Sales/Recruiting at Churches after Masses in January/February (Jim Woods - jwoods0701@gmail.com) :
Sat/Sun March 3 – 4 St. Mary Church - After each Mass (5:30/9/11).



Myrtle Beach Golf
by Pat Naughton



After months and months of exhaustive research and rounds of golf, I've found a few locations for a possible AOH Myrtle Beach Golf Trip.



[The Legends Resorts](#) is located 15 minutes from Myrtle Beach off of 501. The locals call this resort "A Golf Factory". Everything is right there. There are three courses at this site, one in Calabash NC, and one near Pawley's Island SC. All rounds include a breakfast buffet and lunch menu, including 2 drinks. There are free replays in the afternoon. The rate for April is between \$207-\$315



[Brunswick Plantation](#) is located near the NC / SC boarder. This location offers great courses in the North Myrtle Beach and Brunswick County NC. There are there courses on the property. The lodging is in condos. A three night three round package in April is \$247.



[Sea Trail](#) is located near Sunset Beach NC near the NC/SC. This location has three courses. Breakfast, lunch, and drinks is included with each round. Lodging is in condos. The price for 3 nights and 3 rounds is \$349 in April.

If you are inserted in some Myrtle Beach Golf, let me know what package you are interested in, if you prefer weekends, and what month. Send me an email at pnaughton09@gmail.com

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Major General Richard Montgomery

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.



Richard Montgomery, America's first National hero, was born in Dublin, Ireland. Richard was well educated, having graduated from Trinity College in Dublin. He entered the 17th Regiment as an Ensign on August 1756. His regiment was ordered to Nova Scotia where in 1758 he took part in a siege of the fort at Louisburg. He was promoted to Lieutenant because of his bravery during the action. In 1759, he saw action in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, then Crown Point and following up with a successful assault on Montreal. He was promoted to Captain in 1763 for successful campaigns against Martinique and Havana.

At the end of the Seven Years War, which we call the French and Indian War, he was stationed in New York. He received permission to return to England in 1773. In the English Army of the day, promotion was more in line with social and political connections than with service. Montgomery having been passed over for promotion by numerous officers who had seen little or no combat service made him embittered, where he sold his captain's commission and returned to New York in 1773. He bought a sixty acre farm in Westchester County and settled down to be a gentleman farmer. Montgomery married Janet Livingston (sister of Robert Livingston) who was a member of that influential New York family.

After being a delegate, from Dutchess County, to the Provincial Congress in New York City, Montgomery was promoted to Brigadier General in 1775. He was assigned to general Philip Schuyler as his second in command. General Schuyler suffered from rheumatic gout. As a result, Montgomery assumed command for the invasion of Canada. The expedition was undertaken with more optimism than proper preparation. Montgomery led his force to Whitehall, New York then to Fort Ticonderoga which had been captured by Colonels Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold.

At this point, Major General Sir Guy Carleton was organizing a naval force on the northern shores of Lake Champaign to deny Americans access to the St. Lawrence River. Carleton knew he developed a plan of delaying actions, rather than retreat to Montreal and Quebec. This tactic permitted the Americans to capture outpost after outpost, but this took time and winter was approaching and this is precisely what Carleton was counting on. On November 2nd, 1775, the strategic Fort at Saint John's fell after a lengthy siege. Among those 500 regulars captured was Captain John Andre. But this very difficult winter campaign brought the British valuable time and eventually saved Canada for the British. Montgomery next captured Montreal but not before Carleton was able to evacuate most of his troops and retreat to the fortress city of Quebec. As a reward for his leadership, Montgomery was promoted to Major General.

On December 3rd, Montgomery joined forces with Colonel Benedict Arnold. Arnold's men did not have the proper clothing and supplies in the cold harsh winter elements. So as Colonel Benedict Arnold stood at attention in front of his ragamuffin regiment and saluted this turncoat hero (in the eyes of the British and some Americans), he not only turned over his troops and his command to Montgomery, but was eclipsed in the eyes of many of his men. One of the first officers to switch was Arron Burr, who asked Arnold for a letter of recommendation so he could leave Arnold and become Montgomery's aide-de-camp. Now, Montgomery announced that "every soldier would receive a gold Spanish dollar from the Continental Congress, a new British winter uniform, warm and heavy fur lined blanket coat, hat, leggings, shoes and snowshoes", all captured from British transports at Montreal. Montgomery's manner and generosity dazzled Arnold men. Private Morris of Arnold's regiment said, "General Montgomery was born to command." Richard Montgomery was Benedict Arnold's model of what a soldier should be, and by the end of December 1775, the two were like brothers.

The Americans tried to get the British to surrender Quebec but realized a siege was out of the question as they lacked artillery. So, the only course of action was a direct assault to a well-fortified city. On December 31, 1775, leading the 1st New York (during a snow storm), Montgomery moved within 50 yards of the British defensive barrier and shouted, "*Men of New York, you will not fear to follow where your general leads!*" He raised his sword and attacked. The defending British held their fire until the Americans were within point blank range and then opened fire. The hail of gun fire and cannon ball devastated the Americans. Montgomery and eleven of his men were killed instantly. Only Captain Arron Burr and two other soldiers survived. Aaron Burr tried to carry Montgomery's body to safety but he sank in the snow as he carried the General's much larger body away. It became clear his efforts would be futile and Burr fled to escape capture.

General Carleton ordered Montgomery's burial with full military honors but keep it simple and quiet.

On January 25, 1776, Congress approved creation of a memorial for Montgomery – the first monument ever commissioned by the United States. Benjamin Franklin, who would oversee the monument's construction in France, was advanced 300-pound sterling to cover the costs. It was erected in 1788 on the Broadway side of St. Paul's Chapel, where it stands today.

The War of 1812 brought a renewed interest in Montgomery's story. In 1818, Montgomery's widow Janet persuaded the New York State legislature to authorize moving Montgomery's remains from Quebec to a tomb below his monument at St. Paul's Chapel. July 8, 1818, amidst great fanfare, Montgomery's remains were re-interred there.

General Montgomery can safely be called the first true American Hero.

A few years later, the Montgomery Guard was organized in Richmond in honor of Major General Richard Montgomery.

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