

Fortieth Anniversary James H. Dooley Division

***Experiencing 40 years of
Hibernianism***

Born September 16, 1979





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Major James H. Dooley Division

Richmond, Virginia



Is it a coincidence that the number of counties in Ireland are the same as the Major Dooley's Division original 32 members?

Or was it just "meant to be?"

26 counties in the Republic + 6 Counties in the North equals 1 IRELAND

The original 32 members comprised one Division

The Dooley Division was chartered in Henrico County on 16 September 1979 through the leadership of Jeremiah D. Gorman. Help and guidance came from the Virginia State Officers, James J. Herlihy, President, Roger E. Furey, National Director, and Paul B. Jeffrey, Treasurer. There were 32 members on the charter roll.

Charter Officers of the Division

President	Jeremiah D. Gorman
Vice President	John J. McLaughlin Jr.
Recording Secretary	John P. Cassells
Financial Secretary	Robert J. Barrett
Treasurer	Christopher P. McMahon
Chairman of Committees	John M. Reilly
Marshal	John J. Coffey
Sentinel	John T. Kane
Chaplain	Fr. Charles A. Kelly

Major James H. Dooley's 32

F. Michael Ahern	Colin Barrett	John F. Barrett
Robert J. Barrett	Thomas K. Barrett	James J. Carroll
John P. Cassells	John J. Coffey	John J. Connelly
Joseph Corcoran	James S Cremins, ESQ	George J. Degnen
James E. Dowling	Landon B. Edwards	F. Regis Etz
James V. Finnegan	Liam M. Glasheen	Jeremiah D. Gorman
Charles W. Greene	John D. Joyce	John T. Kane
J. Michael Kelleher	Thomas J. Lydon	Ernest C. Mackinaw
Charles W. Martin Sr.	Michael E. McCarthy	James A. McKinney Jr.
John J. McLaughlin Jr.	Christopher P. McMahon	Lucius F. Reid Sr.
John M. Reilly	Joseph F. Schreibeis	





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Top row from left: Liam Glasheen, Unknown, Ernest Mackinaw, Thomas Lydon, George Degnen, John Barrett, James Carroll

3rd Row: Robert Barrett, Michael McCarthy, Unknown, James Cremins, Lucius Reid, James Finnegan, Regis Etz, Jack Joyce, Charles Martin, Mike Kelleher

2nd Row: John Reilly, Jerry Gorman, Colin Barrett, Chris McMahon, John Kane, Tom Barrett, Jack Cassells

Bottom Row: John McLaughlin, Unknown, John Coffey





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First Meeting Minutes, September 16, 1979

A.O.H. MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1979 - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

An exciting formation meeting was held at the Columbian Center on Pump Road in Richmond, Virginia. The purpose was to establish a Richmond, Virginia Division of the A.O.H.

Mr. James Herlihy chaired the meeting along with his entourage consisting of the following:

Jim Herlihy	Virginia State President
Ed DeGrosso	Vice President
Paul Finerty	Secretary
Paul Jeffries	Treasurer
Roger Murey	National Director & Past President
Ed Ryan	Past State President
Jim Carmody	John Fitz Div. Treasurer
Kevin Egan	President
Charlie Hager	Marshal
Wayne Jones	Sentinel
Arthur Jones	Public Relations

Mr. Roger Murey, State Director conferred the Shamrock Degree on the following new members. Therein he described the constitution and the aims of the order. There were 32 candidates present. Interestingly enough, that the number coincided with the thirty two counties in Ireland.

F. Michael Ahern
Robert J. Barrett
John P. Cassells
John J. Coffey
John Joseph Connolly
James E. Dowling
Jeremiah D. Gorman
John D. Joyce
John Thomas King
Charles W. Martin Sr.
Michael D. McCarthy
James J. Carroll
Christopher P. McMahon
Joseph E. Schialappa
Colin Barrett
Joseph Carroll
Thomas K. Barrett
John F. Barrett
Francis Royce Utz
James V. Finnegan
William M. Glasheen
Charles W. Green
J. Michael Kelleher
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Lucius F. Reid Sr.





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George J. McGivern ~~DEANE~~
John Michael Rielly
James S. Cremins
James McKinny Jr.
Ernest C. MacKinaw
JOHN J. McLaughlin Jr.

There was a manifestation of enthusiasm as the organization embarked on the road of Hibernianism.

The next order of business was the election of officers. Mr. Jack Kane and Mr. John Cassells co-chairman of the nominating committee offered the following slate which was accepted in unanimity

President	Jerry Gorman	
Vice President	John McLaughlin	6
Treasurer	Chris McMahon	
Financial Secy.	Bob Barrett	4
Secretary	Jack Cassells	
Sentinel	John Kane	2
Trustee	Bob Barrett	12
Trustee	Tom Barrett	
Trustee	Tom Lydon	
Chairman of the Grievance Committee	John Rielly	
Historian	Mike McCarthy	11
Marshal	John Coffey	

The group was approved and fully installed.

At 3:27 Sunday afternoon Jerry Gorman chaired the position of President and our first meeting was underway.

Tom Barrett entered a motion that dues be \$15.00 per year plus a \$5.00 initiation fee. Furthermore, dues after 12/31/79 would be \$12.00 per year payable annually. The motion was seconded by Chris McMahon and carried by John Coffey.


A motion was made by President Gorman that a committee be formed to determine the name of the newly formed division. Brother Michael Kelleher was appointed to chair this committee.

An officers' meeting was scheduled on the 23rd of September with the expressed purpose to determine where future A.O.H. meetings were to be held in Richmond.

Photos of the installation were made available to the Membership and were given to the historian Mike McCarthy. They are to be made a part of this report.

So went the day.

Duly submitted this 21st day of October, 1979.

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John J. Cassells, Secretary





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Past Presidents of the Division are:

1979	Jeremiah D. Gorman	2000	John F. Eschmann III
1980	Jeremiah D. Gorman	2001	Tom Murphy
1981	John J. McLaughlin Jr.	2002	Bob Strutton
1982	John P. Cassells	2003	Bob Strutton
1983	Fred-Patrick Kelly	2004	Bob Strutton
1984	Ernest C. Mackinaw	2005	Jim Fitzgerald
1985	James E. Dowling	2006	Jim Fitzgerald
1986	Liam M. Glasheen	2007	Bob Strutton
1987	Liam M. Glasheen	2008	Joe O'Brien
1988	Liam M. Glasheen	2009	Matt Costello
1989	Ernest C. Mackinaw	2010	Daniel Caffrey
1990	Ernest C. Mackinaw	2011	Daniel Caffrey
1991	Robert P. Karnes	2012	Jim Whelen
1992	Ernest C. Mackinaw	2013	Brian Kiernan
1993	James P. Carroll	2014	Vince Eikmeier
1994	Patrick J. Naughton	2015	Chad Costello
1995	Patrick J. Naughton	2016	Tim McDonnell
1996	Robert McNutly	2017	Brian P. Hegarty Jr.
1997	Robert McNutly	2018	Scott Nugent
1998	Michael McDonnell Sr.	2019	Steve McGann
1999	William T. Walsh	2020	Mike Canning

Past Chaplains of the Division are:

Fr. Charles A. Kelly Jr.
Fr. Adrian W. Harmening, OSB
Fr. Patrick Cassidy
Fr. Daniel J. Daly
Fr. Vincent D. McGuire, OSB

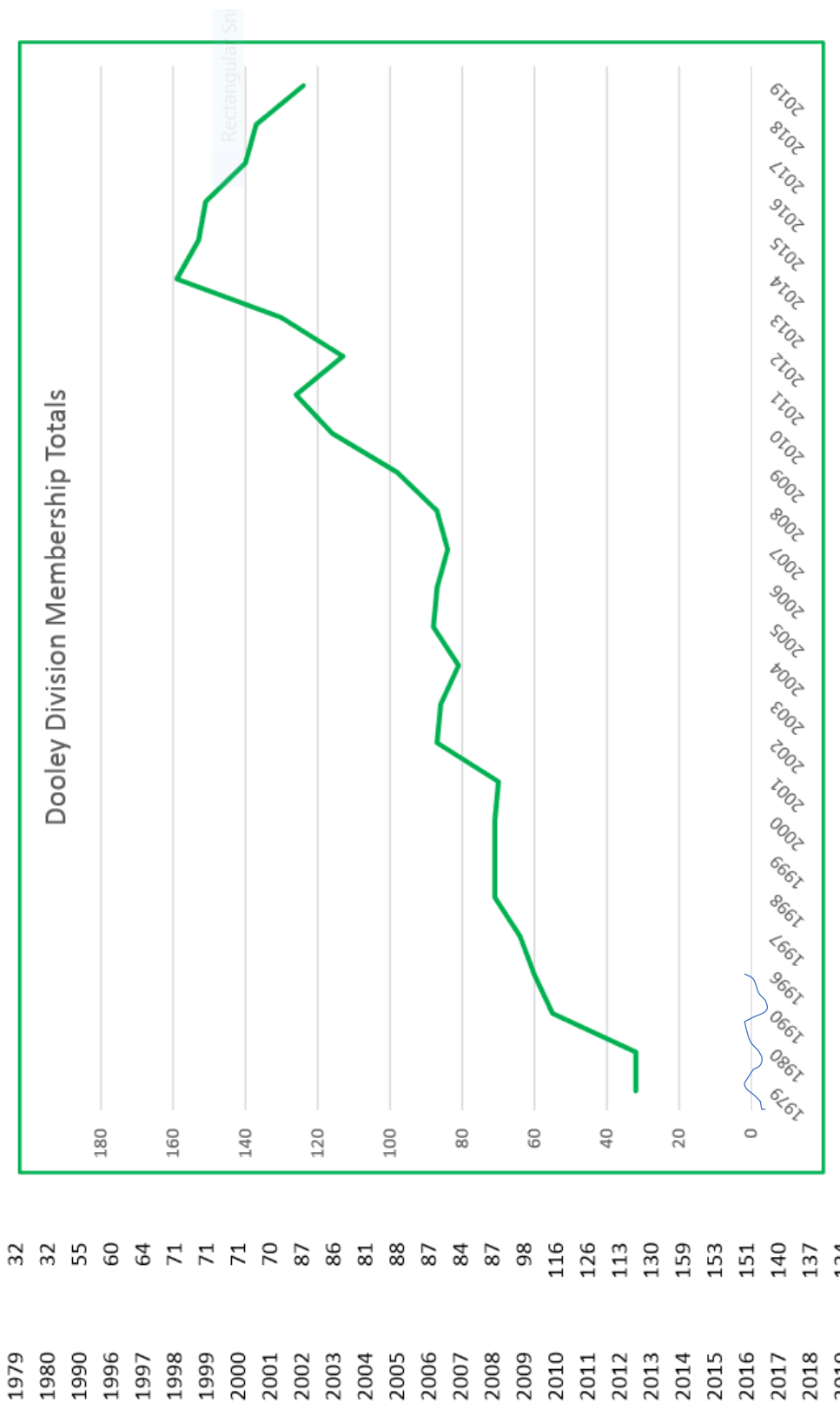
Current Division Chaplain: Fr. George Zahn





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Gael of the Year

A member of the division who, during the *past year* has made significant contributions of time, interest and effort in promoting the Order, Division and Irish Heritage. Previous Gael selections have been:

1981	F. Regis Etz	2002	Paul McFadden
1982	John P. Cassells	2003	Paul McFadden
1983	Thomas K. Barrett	2004	Paul McFadden
1984	Liam M. Glasheen	2005	No Selection
1985	H Palmer Kitchln	2006	No Selection
1986	No Selection	2007	No Selection
1987	No Selection	2008	No Selection
1988	Ernest C. Mackinaw	2009	Paul McFadden
1989	Jeremiah D. Gorman	2010	Paul McFadden
1990	Fred-Patrick Kelly	2011	Daniel Caffrey
1991	Ernest C. Mackinaw	2012	Chad Costello & Tim McDonnell
1992	Joseph F. Hanley	2013	Michael Muldowney & James Donahue
1993	Patrick J. Naughton	2014	Michael Sweeney
1994	Patrick J. Naughton	2015	Fr. George Zhan
1995	James P. Carroll	2016	Brian P. Hegarty Jr.
1996	Joseph H. Kiely	2017	James Woods
1997	Robert P. Corcoran	2018	Vince Eikmeier
1998	William T. Walsh	2019	Brian P. Hegarty Jr.
1999	Robert P. Corcoran		
2000	No Selection		
2001	Tom Murphy		

Commitments

Every member must receive Holy Communion during Easter time.

Memorial Services

As specified by the National Chaplain, the Division will, after consulting with the Division Chaplain, set aside the day for annual Commemoration Mass in memory of the departed members of the Order.

National Holidays

Saint Patrick's Day	17 March
Independence Day	4 July
Easter Monday	
Our Lady of Knock	21 August (or near the date)
Commodore John Barry Day	13 September





So ... What Was It Like in 1979

Economy

President: James Earl Carter, Jr.
Vice President: Walter F. Mondale

Population: 225,055,487
Life expectancy: 73.9 years

Dow-Jones

High: 907
Low: 742

Federal spending: \$504.03 billion
Federal debt: \$829.5 billion
Inflation: 13.3%
Consumer Price Index: 72.6
Unemployment: 6.1%

Prices

Cost of a new home: \$71,800
Cost of a new car: \$ 6,848
Median Household Income: \$16,461
Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.15
Cost of a gallon of regular gas: \$0.86
Cost of a dozen eggs: \$0.85
Cost of a gallon of milk: \$1.62
Cost of a pint of beer: \$1.32





About the AOH

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is America's oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization founded concurrently in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania and New York City in May, 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a series of similar societies that existed in Ireland for more than 300 years. Today the AOH exists in America, Canada, Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland, however, while the organizations share a common thread, the American AOH is a separate and much larger organization.

The early Irish societies were born of a need in the mid-fifteen hundreds to protect the welfare of fellow Irish Catholics, and especially the clergy who risked immediate death to keep the Catholic Faith alive in occupied Ireland after the Penal Laws of 1691. These various secret societies were formed across the country to aid and comfort their people by whatever means was available. Similarly, the AOH in America was founded at New York's St. James Church on May 4, 1836 by men emulating these Irish societies, to protect the clergy and churches from the violent American Nativists who attacked Irish Catholic immigrants and Church property. At the same time the vast influx of Irish Immigrants fleeing Ireland's Great Hunger in the late 1840's, prompted a growth in many Irish societies in the USA – the largest of which was, and continues to be, the AOH.

Active across the United States, The Order seeks to aid the newly arrived Irish, both socially and economically. The many Divisions and club facilities located throughout the U.S. have traditionally been among the first to welcome new Irish immigrants. Here, the Irish culture — art, dance, music, and sports are fostered and preserved. The newcomers can meet some of 'their own' and are introduced to the social atmosphere of the Irish American community. The AOH has been at the forefront for issues concerning the Irish, such as; Immigration Reform; economic Incentives both here and in Ireland; the human rights issues addressed in the MacBride Legislation; Right-To-Life; and a peaceful and just solution to the issues that divide Ireland.

The Order has also provided a continuing bridge with Ireland for those who are generations removed from our ancestral homeland. The AOH sponsors many programs associated with promoting our Irish Heritage such as the IRISH WAY PROGRAM, SCHOLARSHIPS and NATIONAL HISTORY DAY sponsorship.

We invite all Catholics of Irish birth or descent to seek admittance to the FINEST Irish Catholic Organization in the World — all we would ask is for you to live our motto of: "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity".





Facts about the Ancient Order of Hibernians

The AOH is the oldest lay Catholic ethnic organization operating in the United States.

The Hibernians represent the most broadly based Irish American organization with over 46,000 members in 46 States, Canada and Ireland.

The twin constitutional goals of the Irish and Catholic membership are to assist in the re-unification of Ireland, support the church and its mission and promote Irish culture.

Support the raising of monuments to famed Irish or Irish-Americans (Commodore Barry, Robert Emmett) and memorials to events like the Great Hunger or the slaughter of abortion which are in every major American city, ie: Mobile, AL (Fr Abram Ryan), Washington, DC (Nuns of the Battlefield), Valley Forge, PA (Medal of Honor grove), and Chicago, IL (.Mt Olivet Cemetery).

The history of the AOH lies not just in big cities but tracks America's expansion West along the Lewis and Clark Trail (St Anne's, Great Falls, MT), along the Cherokee trail (Sacred Heart, Pueblo, CO) and along side the Central Pacific Railroad from Ogden, UT (St. Joseph's) to Sacramento, CA (Old Cathedral).

The march of the AOH across the continent stretches from first stop on the National Road (St Patrick's, Cumberland, MD) to Seattle, WA (St James Cathedral) with lesser known stops along the way that have all but vanished.....Hinckletown IA, Snoddy's Mill, IN, Kalo, IA . Forty Fort, PA, Irwin, GA and Iron Mountain, MO.

Early history and growth of Hibernians is linked to mining for gold (Yreka, CA), copper and silver (Butte & Anaconda, MT), iron ore in Escanaba, MI (St Patrick's) and Mt Pleasant, PA (St Joseph's), hard rock mining (St Peter's, Rutland, VT) and coal in Schuylkill Co, PA. where the infamous Molly Maguire trials were held

Hibernians shared meeting halls with other fraternal societies like the Foresters, Odd Fellows, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, and the GAR but were bitter opponents of the anti-Catholic and anti-Irish Know-Nothings who burned and attacked Catholic churches throughout the country.

Members of the AOH have included labor leaders Terrence Powderly and John Sweeney, Bishops John Lennon and Fulton Sheen, and John Cardinal O'Connor, astronaut James McDevitt, President John F. Kennedy, insurance industry leader Bill Flynn, actor Pat O'Brien, Civil War General Thomas Francis Meagher, and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.





About Major James H. Dooley

Before joining the Confederate army, James Henry Dooley enrolled at Georgetown College (now University) at the age of 15 where he distinguished himself in academics graduating in 1860. He returned to Georgetown college after the Civil War in 1865 to complete a Master of Arts degree.

When the war broke out, James proudly marched out of Richmond in the green Richmond uniform of the Montgomery Guard, still commanded by his father, John Dooley (The Montgomery Guard was named after the Dublin born Irish revolutionary war hero General Richard Montgomery). James Dooley was wounded at the Battle of Williamsburg, captured and confined until his release in August 1862. Although never an officer in the Confederate Army, in later years he was referred to as “Major” an honorary gesture by the Richmond community.

The Major began his career as an attorney and earned a reputation as a brilliant legal mind with a sharp sense of business and excellent oratorical skills. He served for six years in the Virginia General Assembly and joined the board of the Richmond and Danville railroad. They expanded lines and improved the efficiency of Virginia’s railroad system. He made his fortune in real estate and the country’s expanding railroad enterprises.

He was instrumental in the reconstruction of Richmond. As he acquired wealth, he gave much of it away as he considered this to be his responsibility to the community. Having no children, the Major and his wife were best known for their charity, distributing their fortune to promote happiness for the less fortunate – especially children – and to encourage learning.

Like his father before him, he served as a board member of St. Joseph’s Orphanage for over 50 years and willed \$3 million to the institution, the largest received by a Roman Catholic charity in the U.S. at that time. He served on the Medical College of Virginia Board and in 1919 gave funds for the construction of the Dooley Hospital. The Dooley’s willed \$500,000 to the Children’s Hospital and the same amount to the Richmond Public Library.

James and Sallie Dooley, while horseback riding in Henrico County, fell in love with a 100-acre tract of farmland along the James River. They bought that property and built a 12,000 square foot, 33-room stone mansion along with a stone barn calling their home “May Mont”, combining Mrs. Dooley’s maiden name and the French word for mountain or hill.

Major Dooley lived at Maymont until his death in 1922. Originally buried with his former Confederate comrades in Hollywood Cemetery, but later reinterred, along with Mrs. Dooley, who died in 1925, at the mausoleum at Maymont.

As recommended by her husband, she left Maymont to the City of Richmond to be used as a public park and museum. It opened to the public in March 1926.





About the AOH in Virginia

Rapid growth of the railroad industry in southwest Virginia played a major role in development of coal mining, agriculture and other industries in the region and the formation of our state's first ancient Order of Hibernians division in 1894.

In 1888, the predecessor to the Norfolk Southern Railroad moved its operations to Roanoke from Philadelphia, bringing more than 500 Irish-Catholic workers to the area. They toiled in the railroad shops, manufactured steam engines, built bridges and tunnels, laid tracks, maintained equipment and handled many other jobs. Some rose into management.

Six years after they arrived, Roanoke had thousands of Irish citizens and a new St. Patrick's AOH division. By the time it was chartered in 1902, it had 80 members. The next year, it bought its own meeting place at 14-1/2 Salem Ave. But the Great Depression and World War II took a toll on membership, and the division folded in 1948.

How Did the Saint Patrick Parade Get Started in Richmond?

The parade started as a result of a visit to Ireland by John "Jack" Cassells, Jerry Gorman, and Tom Barrett.

Jack Cassells' parents were born in Ireland in Co. Donegal and Co. Cavan. Jack's mother passed in 1977, the year before the first parade in 1978. Approximately six months after his mother's death, Jack received a letter from his mother's sister, Mary Jack Ward. Mary Jack lived in a primitive thatched cottage in the blue stack mountains of Co. Donegal.

Knowing that her sister was gravely ill, Mary Jack wrote a letter to the Cassell family letting them know how much she helped and contributed to the war effort (WWII). In the course of writing the letter, Mary Jack informed the Cassell family this: "when she looked out over the Glenn, I see your mother, Blessed Mary, Lazarus, and Saint Joseph talking to the Blessed Lord Jesus."

Jack was overcome by the letter and resolved himself to see this woman. As Jack said "this was one of the things I have to do. Seeing and experiencing the Irish lifestyle should be the target of every Irishman." After visiting Mary Jack in Co. Donegal, off they went to Dublin to lunch with the Lord Mayor of Dublin.



Jack Cassells
and Tom Barrett
with
Lord Mayor of
Dublin





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Armed with a proclamation from the Governor of Virginia, John Daulton, authorizing Tom Barrett and Jack Cassells to march the flag of the Commonwealth, for the first time, in Dublin's Saint Patrick's parade. The experience was overwhelming and euphoric.

That evening the three decided to start a parade in Richmond with the help of the AOH, the newly formed Major James H. Dooley Division. With the Council of Jim Cremens, Jack Joyce, Jerry Gorman, Tom Barrett and the Knights of Columbus ----- the seed was planted.

The first parade started at Saint Mary's Catholic Church on Gayton Road and proceeded to the Wimbley Club.

Presented from Jack Cassells notes (Saint Patrick for 20 years and Dooley Division Historian)



Jack Cassells as Saint Patrick





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Dedicated to the deceased AOH membership without their dedication and leadership we wouldn't be where we are today.

F. Michael Ahern
Colin Barrett
John F. Barrett
Robert J. Barrett
Thomas K. Barrett
Edward Barry
Msgr. Francis J. Byrne
James E. Carroll
James J. Carroll
James P. Carroll
John P. Cassells
Fr. Patrick Cassidy
John J. Coffey
John J. Connelly
Willey G. Corbett Sr.
Joseph Corcoran
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Rev. Richard D. Dollard
Landon B. Edwards
Wade G. Emmett III
Raymond L. Emory
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James V. Finnegan
Michael Gawkins
Liam M. Glasheen
Jeremiah D. Gorman
Paul Gorman

Charles W. Greene
Andy Jennings
Rick Hazel
John D. Joyce
John T. Kane
Rev. James F. Kauffman
Edward P. Kehoe
Fr. Charles A. Kelly
Fred Patrick Kelly
J. Michael Kelleher
Joseph H. Kiely
Denis O. Laing
Richard N. Landers
Thomas P. Leary
Thomas J. Lydon
Ernest C. Mackinaw
Charles W. Martin Sr.
John P. McCann
Michael E. McCarthy
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Tom McGranahan
Fr. Vincent D. McGuire
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Christopher P. McMahon
William J. Melvin Jr.
Richard Moore
William Murphy
Sean O'Grady
John G. Quinn
John Polly

W. Griffith Purcell
Lucius F. Reid Sr.
John M. Reilly
Lawrence H. Ross
Joseph F. Schreibeis
Robert Shine
Art Slack
Robert Strutton
Raymond C. Tarpey
Alan R. Teachworth
Gerry Twohey

