



The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 42 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday January 12, 7:00 PM/ZOOM
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8194077416>



President's Message:

Brothers:

I am humbled by your vote to elect me as Dooley Division President for 2021. I am excited and look forward to a great Hibernian year. The challenges of conducting ourselves with the restraints imposed the pandemic remain, yet as we proved in 2020, we can and will continue our traditions, programs, and mission.

Please join me in offering a heartfelt thanks to immediate past Division President Mike Canning for leading us through unprecedented times due to the pandemic. No doubt Mike did not plan for shutdown for in person events, including our all-important raffle fundraiser. Yet through Mike's leadership we prevailed, held the raffle, and raised money for our charitable causes.

The path we will follow in 2021 remains unchanged from previous years. A refresher in our Organization's Purpose helps me focus and I share these words directly from the Preamble to the AOH National Constitution with you:

1. To promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.
2. To foster and sustain loyalty to country and community.
3. To aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspirations and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence, promoting peace (with justice) and unity for all Ireland.
4. To foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people.
5. To promote Irish culture.
6. To encourage civic participation.
7. To encourage an equitable U.S. Immigration law for Ireland, and to cooperate with all groups for a fair American Immigration Policy.
8. To accept and support, without prejudice, the concept of free expression of religious practices for the people of the world.
9. To protect and defend all life born and unborn.

10. The Division has the talent and treasure to lead in all nine points. I humbly ask for your support as we embark on a new Hibernian year.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Larry Keefe President
Major James Dooley Division
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Richmond, VA

Upcoming Events:

All in-person events are cancelled due to COVID

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For January 12, 2021 Meeting

Please contact Fr. Jim Arsenault if you need him to visit and pray for and with someone in the hospital. Contact him at M 804-221-1508 and/or jarsenault@stelizcc.org

From Previous Meeting and since then:

- **Rob Northern** (49) – Friend of *Tim McDonnell*, lost his battle with cancer in December.
- **Fr. George Zahn** – Contracted COVID-19. Keep our Chaplain in your prayers.
- **Jean Metz** - Mother of Dudley Metz, has passed. We pray for the repose of her soul. Dudley is a good friend of AOH.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Lori Forbes**, wife of *Tom Forbes*, stomach bypass procedure
- **Noreen McCarthy** mother of *Jay McCarthy* (VA State President) passed peacefully
- **Peter George**, father of *PJ George*, knee replacement surgery
- **Michael Bacher**, uncle of *Fred Gerloff* died at the age of 90
- **Barbara Casey** – Sister of *Bill Casey* – Recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Brian Hegarty** – Bicycle accident. Having surgery for broken shoulder bones.
- **Mark** (mid-50s) – *Jack Griffin*'s wife's nephew – Had brain surgery
- **Darrel Taylor** – Brother-in-law of *Vince Eikmeier* – Passed away
- **Ellen Donahue** – Sister-in-law of *Jack Griffin* – Passed away
- **Mary Kelly** (96) – Mother of *Frank Kelly* – Mary is diagnosed with Covid-19
- **Jim Woods** (83) – Father of *Jim Woods* – Having a heart operation
- **Mike Shannon** – Brother-in-law to *Tom Forbes* – Had major heart attack, in the hospital
- **Siobhan Nolan** (53) – Sister of *Tom Nolan* – Having open heart surgery
- **Betty McAuliffe** – Wife of *Gary McAuliffe* – Recovering from eye surgery to repair a macular hole

- **Gary McAuliffe** – Dealing with tremors in his hand
- **Tom Edwards** – Brother-in-law of *Jim Donahue* – Battling esophageal cancer for two years with some success. Started a new regimen of chemo.
- **Jim Calpin** – Recovering from stroke
- **Edward Maynes** – is having an upcoming heart procedure (date is not yet known)
- **Brian Kiernan** – Had surgery on June 8 for his hip replacement. Has his mobility back.
- **Tom Forbes** – In remission. Hair is growing back!
- **Rita Hastings** – *Tom Hastings*' mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **Phyllis Collins** – Mother of *Mark Collins* – Had seizure. Has brain tumor. Age 87.
- **Joanne Kennedy** – Aunt of *John Kennedy* – Breast cancer. Operable. Good success for recovery.
- **Tom Edwards** – Brother-in-law of *Jim Donahue* – Esophageal cancer. New chemo regimen started.
- **Barbara Laroza** – Aunt of *Tom Nolan*
- **Siobhan Mooney** – Sister-in-law of *Jack Griffin* – Diagnosed with lung cancer. Had lung removed.
- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of *Jack Cassells*) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery
- **Mark Atchinson** – Brother **Daniel Atchinson** – Quadruple bypass in August, spot on lung discovered, biopsy indicated cancer, determining treatment.
- **Fr. George Zahn** – Keep our Chaplain in your prayers. Weak. Is now at Our Lady of Hope.
- **Chad Costello**'s brother-in-law (**Doug Dakin**). 48 years old, colonoscopy found cancerous mass in his colon.
- **Paulie McFadden** skin condition and his wife, **Mary Ellen**, back pains
- **Hugh Naughton**'s wife, **Jessie Naughton**, has lower back, migraine issues and other ailments
- **Billy Spicer**'s brother-in-law, **William McCracken**, had an infection on the brain and had brain surgery to remove it.
- **Pat Saizan**, sister of *Larry Keefe*, suffering from Lymphoedema
- **Don Lattanzi**, AOH Brother, had 2 back surgeries, pneumonia and breathing problems

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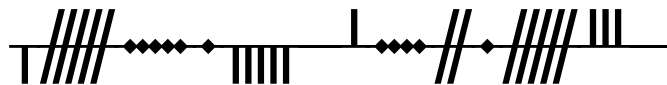
Ogham

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.



Ogham (pronounced “OH-um”) is an alphabet which was traditionally used to write Primitive Irish 1600 years ago and is the earliest known form of Goidelic (Gaelic) languages. It is known only from fragments inscribed on stone in the Ogham alphabet across Ireland and western Great Britain beginning in the 4th century, around the time period of St. Patrick. It is impossible to accurately translate all names, words and phrases into Primitive Irish and then into Ogham. For this reason, modern Irish (Irish Gaelic) is used instead.

Ogham stones are among Ireland’s most remarkable national treasures. These perpendicular cut stones bear inscriptions in the uniquely Irish Ogham alphabet, using a system of notches and horizontal or diagonal lines by scoring the stone to represent the sounds of an early form of Irish language. The stones are inscribed with the names of prominent people and sometimes tribal affiliation or marking geographical territories. This is an example of what Brian Hegarty would look like on a vertical stone using the Ogham alphabet (to save space it’s written horizontally here):



Ogham was never used for extensive writing. Before the advent of Christianity in Ireland, very little writing was done at all, with everything from genealogies and histories to poetry and folklore being transmitted orally.

Celtic languages have evolved over many centuries and are usually divided into two groups: continental and insular. Unfortunately, continental Celtic languages, such as Gallic, are now extinct while insular Celtic languages, such as Irish, appear to have migrated from the European continent to Britain and to Ireland at an unknown time.

Family tree of the Celtic languages:

Primitive Irish (300 AD) first ogham inscriptions appear

Old Irish (500 AD) first manuscripts appear

Middle Irish (900 AD) Irish migration to Scotland and Mann begins

Early Modern Irish / Classical Gaelic (1200 AD)

At this point the two insular Celtic languages are split into two branches: **Goidelic (Gaelic) and Brythonic.**

Goidelic (Gaelic):

Irish (aka Gaelic or Irish Gaelic in the United States)

Scottish Gaelic (aka Gaelic)

Manx (aka Manx Gaelic outside Isle of Man)

Brythonic:

Welsh

Cornish

Breton

There are some similarities between languages belonging to these two branches. But a speaker of modern Irish and a speaker of modern Welsh, most likely will not be able to understand each other. However, a speaker of Scottish Gaelic and a speaker of Irish would have a better chance of understanding each other.

In the time period before *Early Modern Irish*, there was no such thing as a linguistic division. The Gaelic language was the same or very similar in Ireland, Scotland and Manx. Gaelic was just a language of multiple dialects for the Irish, Scottish, and Manx. The term Irish came into use, in the twentieth century, as an ethnic identifier to unify the various ethnic/dialect groups that were living in Ireland at the time. Irish Gaelic

(pronounced gael-ga) and Scottish Gaidhlig (pronounced gal-lick) are Gaelic languages but could be considered dialects (instead of separate languages).

Even though English is the predominant spoken language, Irish is the first official language in the Republic of Ireland. It is a regional language in Northern Ireland. It is also an official language of the European Union. Irish is taught as a mandatory school subject in all state schools in the Republic of Ireland. There has been a significant rise in the past few years of Gaelscoileanna, which translates as Irish-language schools. These are schools in which Irish is the language of communication and instruction. Gaelscoileanna are found in both urban and rural areas and have led to the rise of a new generation of urban Irish-language speakers.

There are three main **Irish** Gaelic dialects: Munster dialect (spoken in south of Ireland, in counties as Kerry, Cork and Waterford), Connacht dialect (spoken in Connemara and Aran Islands in the west coast of Ireland, as well as Galway, Mayo and Sligo), and Ulster dialect (spoken in Donegal and Northern Ireland). There seems to be Urban Irish dialect emerging, traditionally spoken outside the traditional Gaeltachtaí Irish speaking regions, primarily in cities. There is no such thing as the “best” dialect but the national school’s teach the Munster dialect as the standard.



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