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Next Meeting – Tuesday September 14, 2021 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message:



Brothers All:

We meet in person on Tuesday, September 14 at 7 pm at the St. Michaels Lake House main hall. Much has happened since our last in person meeting.

We held our 2021 "Trip to Ireland" on July 4th at Council's 395 Annual Fourth of July picnic. A special thank-you to council 395 allowing us to do so.

The State Convention held at the Innsbrook Hilton Garden Inn was a huge success and much fun! Our own Brother Brian Kieran was elected President of the AOH Virginia State Board and Brother Vince Eikmeier was elected to the position of Secretary of the AOH Virginia State Board.

Dr. Bayliss gave a talk at the Convention Ice Breaker on who our Division namesake is, Major James H. Dooley, and what he and his wife did for the betterment of Richmond. We all know Maymont was given to the city of Richmond by the Dooley's.

But did you know in 1920 the Dooley's founded the "Dooley Hospital for Contagious Diseases", which opened with a new mission as at the request of MCV to treat children crippled by the polio epidemic? And in his will, Major Dooley left \$3 million dollars to the Sisters of Charity to construct an orphanage and school. And when Sallie Dooley's will was read in 1923, it was revealed she was the "wealthy donor" of \$500,000 to build a Crippled Children's Hospital.

One hundred years ago the Dooley's gave us Maymont (their home and estate including possessions), and two important enterprises on Brook Road for the people of Richmond: Saint Joseph's Villa and the Children's Hospital of Richmond. Yes, the Dooley's endowed both!

In this edition of the "Dispatch", I ask all Brothers to read and respond to the request to write a letter to your congressman. The issue is the United Kingdom proposal to create a special statute of limitations for criminal acts committed during "the Troubles", including murder. The proposal, made by British Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis, contravenes Britain's pledged commitments under international treaty under the 1998 Good Friday, 2014 Stormont House Agreement and the 2020 New Decade, New Approach agreement. At the core the UK wants it's military and police organizations held unaccountable for the atrocities they committed against the Irish People.

I regret to inform you the 2021 Highland Games, Celtic Festival has been cancelled. This puts a big dent into our plans to recruit new Brothers and kick-off off 2022 "Trip to Ireland" raffle. More to come as plans are developed to recruit and sell raffle tickets.

See "all-you-all" on Tuesday.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Larry

National AOH is requesting all brothers participate in a letter-writing campaign to your elected representatives regarding the creation of a special statute of limitations for criminal acts committed. Please see the form letter below as a template for writing your letter.



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9/14/2021

The Honorable **Abigail Spanberger, Representative**
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear *Congresswoman Spanberger*:

As members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and your constituents, we respectfully ask you to sign onto a letter from Congressmen Boyle and Fitzpatrick opposing the United Kingdom proposal to create a special statute of limitations for criminal acts committed during that time, including murder. The proposal, made by British Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis, contravenes Britain's pledged commitments under international treaty under the 1998 Good Friday, 2014 Stormont House Agreement and the 2020 "New Decade, New Approach" agreement.

We note that the United Kingdom's Northern Ireland Amnesty proposal has been met with unprecedented solidarity across the breadth of Northern Ireland, being denounced by leaders of both the Unionist and Nationalist Community. These leaders realize that Northern Ireland as a community cannot move forward to a firm and lasting peace while shackled to the corpses of the numerous ~~unresolved~~ killings of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Such unanimity in opposition by the community of Northern Ireland makes clear that despite the claims by Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis that the U.K.'s renunciation of the Stormont House Agreement is intended to bring resolution to Northern Ireland, the only real beneficiary is Whitehall. The true goal of Northern Ireland Secretary Lewis's statute of limitations is not to achieve closure for the people of Northern Ireland, but to close the book on investigations into the actual role of its military and intelligence forces in the conflict. It is no coincidence that this call by Britain to create this special statute of limitations was announced on the same day a British coroner's court found that the killings of 10 innocent civilians in Ballymurphy by British military forces fifty years ago to be unjustifiable, opening the door to criminal proceedings. For the U.K. to now claim, after decades of well-orchestrated bureaucratic stalling and prevarication, that "too much time has now passed" for it to conduct the investigations it committed to begin years ago plumbs new depths of political cynicism and shows a contempt for all people who believe in fair and impartial justice.

Dr. Martin Luther King said: "*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*" We believe that the United Kingdom's attempt to create a special statute of limitations for murder in Northern Ireland contravenes all established civilized norms of justice. If left unchallenged, we believe the U.K.'s

Northern Ireland Amnesty proposal could set a dangerous international precedent impacting the prosecution of future crimes committed under the pretext of military action. The belief in justice is a core American value; we believe **Congresswoman Spanberger** that if the United States is to have any international credibility regarding justice, then it cannot be silent even when an ally acts unjustly.

We therefore respectfully ask that you contact the offices of Congressman Boyle or Fitzpatrick and ask to add your signature to their letter. The point of contact for Congressman Boyle is Gianluca Nigro (202)225-6111, email Gianluca.Nigro@mail.house.gov; for Congressman Fitzpatrick it is Evan Schuler (202) 225-4276, email Evan.Schuler@mail.house.gov.

Respectfully.

Member, Ancient Order of Hibernians

Upcoming Events:

All in-person events are now starting to resume

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

September 17 Rare Old Times 5:30 pm

**AOH Dooley Division Prayer List
For September 14, 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:

- **Annie Carroll** – Cousin of *John Costello* - Died of a heart condition with COVID19 complications April 6
- **Michael Carroll** – Cousin of *John Costello* - Died of a brain cancer May 7

From Prior Meetings:

- **Lucia Bremer** – Known by a few brothers – Life taken way too soon
- **Rev. Benedict McDermott** – Former Abbot and former Principal of Benedictine College Prep - Died March 19

- **Lawrence J. Keefe** – Father of President Larry Keefe – Died March 15
- **Joseph and Kieran Donahue Marinucci** – Daughter and son-in-law of *Jim Donahue* – Contracted Covid
- **Peg Madden** (91) – *Jim Woods*' brother-in-law's mother – Passed away from cancer
- **Phyllis Collins** - Mother of *Mark Collins* – She is currently in the hospital
- **Joe McGreal** passed away after his battle with dementia over the past several years.
- **Anne Kiernan** (93) – Aunt of *Brian Hegarty* – Died in County Cork
- **Lori Forbes** - Wife of *Tom Forbes* – Still recovering.
- **Fr. George Zahn** – Contracted COVID-19. Keep our Chaplain in your prayers.
- **Barbara Casey** – Sister of *Bill Casey* – Recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Mary Kelly** (96) – Mother of *Frank Kelly* – Mary is diagnosed with Covid-19
- **Jim Woods** (83) – Father of *Jim Woods* – Recovering from heart operation
- **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
- **Jim Calpin** – Recovering from stroke
- **Edward Maynes** – is having an upcoming heart procedure (date is not yet known)
- **Rita Hastings** – *Tom Hastings'* mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **Joanne Kennedy** – Aunt of *John Kennedy* – Breast cancer. Operable. Good success for recovery.
- **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.
- *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 two back surgeries, pneumonia and breathing problems

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