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Celebrating 44 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday January 10, 2023 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church



President's Message:

The Dooley Division was formed forty-four years ago and has grown to become the largest division in the state of Virginia. I'm proud to lead this organization in the upcoming year. Big thanks go out to Tom Murphy who served as President for the second time. Tom was a member during the early days of the division. His leadership contributed greatly to a successful 2022. I'd also like to thank John Costello who served for many years as our financial secretary. This is a key role and John's attention to detail was exceptional. He's promised to stick around to make the hand off to Tim McDonnell a smooth one.

Our first business meeting on the year will be held at St. Michael's Lake House on January 10th. Our annual raffle sale and recruiting effort kicks off the weekend of January 14th/15th at St. Bridget's. We will also be at St. Michael's the weekend of January 29th/30th. On-line raffle tickets will also be available on our website (aohrichmond.org).

I had the opportunity to attend the AOH National Convention last summer in Pittsburgh. One thing really stood out to me. The AOH has become THE Voice of the Irish American community. This organization is doing great work in areas such as political action, charitable works, and immigration. Unfortunately, most young men in this country don't know who we are. Like most fraternal organizations, the AOH does not have enough young members. I ask each division member to invite at least one Irish Catholic man to join the AOH this year. We need to increase our social media presence to reach these young men. If you are savvy in this area and would like to help, please reach out.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
Mike Smith

Upcoming Events:

Raffle Sales/Membership Drives after Masses:

- Jan 14-15, 2023 – St. Bridget's; 5:30 pm Sat; 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am Sun.
- Jan 28-29, 2023 – St. Michael's; 5:00 pm Sat; 7:45 am, 9:15 am, 11:15 am and 5 pm Sun.
- Feb. 25-26, 2023 – St. Mary's; 5:30 pm Sat; 9 am and 11 am Sun.

(TBC) January, 21, 2023, Saturday at 3:30 pm – Dooley Ceremony at Maymont; proceed to Dooley's Mausoleum for flower laying; Presentation by Dr. Bayliss in Garden Hall; Rare Olde Times for a Toast. Dooley DOB 1/17/1841.

(TBC) March 11, 2023, Saturday, 12 to 5 pm; Montpelier Celtic Festival – Sell Raffle tickets; Irish food, drink, Whiskey tasting, music. Order tickets online at <https://www.montpeliercenter.org/celtic-festival.html>

March 11, 2023, Saturday; Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's Catholic Church (Food, Drink, Donnybrooks). Mary Ryan Division (laohmaryryandivision.com) Contact is Terry Duke - teresa.duke@verizon.net

March 17, 2023, Friday- St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9 am – Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223, JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast to Follow; 11:00 am - Rosie Connolly's Pub; Pub Crawl.

March 24, 25 and 26, 2023 – 37th Church Hill Irish Festival - Street Festival in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street and on Broad Street and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers needed for Festival set-up, Festival Gate (8-7; 8-6), selling Raffle tickets & recruiting new members at Booth.

March 24th, Friday – happy hour, local get together

March 25th, Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 am–<http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>

March 26th, Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets– Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of day. (5:00 pm)

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For January 10, 2023 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:

- **Mario Ortiz** – College Roommate of *Scott Nugent* – Died suddenly on December 7 at age 51

From Prior Meetings:

- **Andy Cox** – Diagnosed with metastatic adenocarcinoma of the right lung. Having further tests and putting together a treatment plan.
- **Dick Kemper** – Undergone medical procedure in late September
- **Chris Hill** (53) – Cousin of *Tim McDonnell* – Recovering from a stroke
- **Melissa Atchison** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Stage 3 cancer
- **Jack Griffin** – Rehab. Was dehydrated and has water around his heart
- **Helene Zaepeel** – Mother-in-law to *Steve McGann* – Covid recovery/rheumatoid arthritis pain
- **Mercedes McGann** – Mother to *Steve McGann* – Recovering from a fall
- **Lori Forbes** – Wife of *Tom Forbes* – Continuing blood pressure/neurological issues
- **Bill Shelton** – *Chad Costello's* sister's father-in-law – Covid
- **Barbara Muldowney** – Wife of *Mike Muldowney* – Having knee replacement surgery in December
- **Anne Gilligan** – Wife of *Ed Gilligan* – Recovering from an operation on October 25.
- **Bob Boyle** – Had bypass surgery and is recovering well
- **Kelli Smith** – Wife of *Mike Smith* – Kelli had Gamma Knife surgery and she is at home and feeling good. The doctor said it went really well. They will do scans every six months or so to monitor her progress.
- **Melissa Stellman** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Has Stage 3 colon cancer. Finished chemo in early Sept.
- **Phyllis Collins** - Mother of *Mark Collins* – She is currently in the hospital
- **Siobhan Nolan** (53) – Sister of *Tom Nolan* – Having open heart surgery
- **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.
- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of *Jack Cassells*) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery

- **Mark Atchison** – Brother **Daniel Atchison** – Quadruple bypass in August, spot on lung discovered, biopsy indicated cancer, determining treatment.
- **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

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The Gaelic Athletic Association

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.



Founded in 1884, the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was created to revitalize Irish national pastimes – such as hurling – that were in danger of dying out. The resurgence of traditional Irish sports that followed contributed deeply to a broader sense of Irish nationalism growing within the country, which at the time was still part of the United Kingdom.

The GAA had seven founding members, but the driving force behind its establishment was Michael Cusack. An Irish teacher from the vicinity of The Burren in County Clare, Cusack was what is called a ‘romantic nationalist.’ He was active in the fight of the Gaelic revival to preserve the Irish language and deplored the decline of Irish customs and games that had accompanied British occupation.

To remedy this situation, Cusack met with six other likeminded men in a hotel in Thurles, County Tipperary, on November 1, 1884. Together they founded the Gaelic Athletic Association for the Cultivation and Preservation of National Pastimes – a title later shortened to the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA).

This date (November 1) was chosen because of a story that stated *Samhain* (pronounced sow-in) was the day when the mythological Irish warriors called the Fianna had lost their power. The GAA was intended to bring a sense of national pride back to the Irish public, who were suffering from intensely low morale. Many of the seven founding members were part of Irish Republican organizations like the Fenian Brotherhood and the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

Once the GAA was established, it received backing from Thomas Croke – the then Archbishop of Cashel – as well as Michael Davitt and Charles Stewart Parnell. In 1886, the county committees were established, and a year later, the first All-Ireland Championships were held, Tipperary winning in hurling and Limerick in Gaelic football.

The GAA succeeded in restoring Irish pride in their native pastimes. To this day, hurling and Gaelic football are Ireland’s most popular sports – and played its own part in the wider cultural shift that led to the Irish revolutionary period from 1916 on. This aspect of its history was not without bloodshed; in 1920, during the Irish war of Independence, 13 spectators and a player were killed in a raid at a Gaelic football match at Croke Park, following the IRA’s assassination of 12 British military personnel and two civilians. The Irish Republican Brotherhood (the predecessor of the Irish Republican Army) frequently used GAA matches as recruiting grounds.

The Gaelic Athletic Association today promotes Gaelic games such as Hurling, Football, Handball, and Rounders (similar to baseball) and collaborates with sister organizations to promote Ladies Football and Camogie. The Association also promotes Irish music, song, and dance and the Irish language as an integral part of its objectives. The GAA has remained an Amateur Association since its founding. Players, even at the highest level, do not receive payment for playing and the volunteer culture remains one of the most important aspects of the GAA.

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