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Major Dooley Division Richmond, Virginia

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AOH Dues for 2010/Raffle Tickets – Bring Money/Stubs to February 9th, 2010 Meeting

Everyone should have received a dues renewal notice from Hugh Naughton. Please consider paying your dues in 2010 by buying a book of 10 Irish Trip raffle tickets for \$100. Bring your checkbook and raffle tickets to the meeting on February 9th, 2010. You can also buy a second book of tickets for \$90 (saving \$10). Each member gets a lot of value in membership considering the number of events we sponsor including the food and beverage after our monthly meetings. Also, please consider selling tickets to family and friends, at KOC Councils and at other events (St. Pat's Festival, Pubs on St. Pat's day, etc.). Please see Paul McFadden or Daniel Caffrey. We rebate \$2 of each ticket sold back to KOC Councils.

Survey Results

Thanks to all those who participated in the survey. Here are some the areas of interested the Division will focus on this year.
Irish History and heritage information – 45 requests
Dinner Dance – 27 requests
Family picnic – 23 requests
Golf outing – 18 requests
Service projects 17 requests

Welcome New Member

Joe McGreal

AOH Dooley Division Social Calendar Events

- AOH Dooley Division Business Meetings at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of Month, except for July, August and December, at St. Paul's Church, Chamberlayne and Rennie Avenues. 2010 Meeting Dates - 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9)
- March 13, 2010, Saturday Evening – Irish Night at KOC 395 Columbian Center, Pump Rd
- March 17, 2010, Wednesday, 9 am - St. Patrick's Day Mass/Breakfast – St. Patrick's Church
- 25th Church Hill Irish Festival –
March 20, 2010, Saturday - St. Pat's Day Parade at 10 am and Irish Festival – volunteers need for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at Booth
March 21, 2010, Sunday - Irish Festival – recruit and sell Dooley Raffle tickets– drawing at end of day
- April 24, 2010, Saturday 10:00 am – Host AOH State Meeting in Richmond (location TBD); Potentially Host Tower Degree Ceremony 1:30 pm – Location TBD

Prayer List

Please pray for **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, **Dick Moore** and **Jack Polly**.

Those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention:

Charlie Kelly, Dick Moore, Margaret Zahn and Thomas Zahn, mother and brother of Father Zahn.

Please pray for the members of our Division who are serving in the Military. **Father David McGuire**, is serving as Chaplain at the Hill Air Force Base in Utah. **CW2 David Bulger**, US Army has been deployed to Iraq with "B" Co. of the 5/159th Aviation Regiment via Ft Sill, OK. **Mike Allen** has returned hom.

Please keep us informed of family members that are receiving medical care and in need of our prayers.

Division Donates \$200 to 2009 Ireland Flood Relief Appeal

Following one of the wettest summers on record in Ireland and rainfalls in November and December 2009 that have been nothing short of catastrophic, conditions caused by flooding have reached a level of devastation that actually parallels that encountered by New Orleans and the Gulf Coast following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The AOH National Board has set up a fund to help in the relief effort. Checks should be made out to the AOH National Board 2009 IFR Appeal and mailed to Frank Kearney, Jr., 315 Chamberlain Highway Meriden CT 06451.

Political Education – Tom Murphy Chairman

PSNI officer has right leg amputated

DAN KEENAN Northern News Editor - Thu, Jan 14, 2010 – Irish Times

THE POLICE officer targeted in a car bomb attack last week in Co Antrim has had his right leg amputated, the Police Service of Northern Ireland has confirmed.

Peadar Heffron (33) remains in a critical but stable condition in Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital. He was seriously injured last Friday when a device exploded under his car as he left his Randalstown home for duty at Woodbourne station in west Belfast.

The Irish language specialist and Gaelic footballer was targeted by dissident republicans because he was a Catholic and a high-profile officer in language and sporting circles, the PSNI believes.

Chief Constable Matt Baggott said: "He is a modern-day hero, he is someone who has stepped out, someone who is doing the right things for everybody."

There has been no claim of responsibility for the bombing and no single dissident group has been singled out by the police.

Mr Baggott told UTV: "What a fantastic officer he is and what a great man of courage, a man who is doing all the right things in the community, saving people's lives and helping people day in day out.

"I want to pay him that tribute as he lies seriously injured in hospital as a result of this abhorrent attack."

He expressed confidence that other Catholics would not be deterred from applying for careers in the PSNI following the attack.

"If that means becoming involved with the Gaelic Athletic Association, helping people to have a conversation with us using the Irish language, respecting people in every walk of life and every community – then that's exactly what the police service and police officers should be about," he said.

The following comment is offered by Past National President Jack Meehan:

To: Seamus Boyle, A.O.H. National President,

In view of the firmly stated commitment of the A.O.H. to the devolution of policing and justice powers which would include the management and direction of the PSNI, I would like to make the following suggestion. When our National Board meets to determine the recipients of this year's F.F.A.I. donations, consideration should be given to a generous donation being made to the family of PSNI Constable Peadar Heffron who was the victim of a heinous bomb attack by a dissident republican group. Constable Heffron is currently in hospital suffering from very serious life threatening injuries as a result of a bomb exploding

under his car as he traveled to work one morning recently. His injuries will most likely prevent him from returning to work for a very long time if at all.

Constable Heffron is a nine year veteran of the PSNI, a Catholic, a member and player of his local GAA Irish football club in Co. Antrim, as well as an enthusiastic and fluent Irish speaker. He serves on the PSNI group that works with the Irish speaking community in West Belfast and is well respected in that community as a man who is very proud of his Irish heritage.

Such a donation would serve as an affirmation of our commitment not only to the turning over of policing and justice to the devolved government at Stormont and our condemnation of acts of violence by dissident republican groups, but also our strong support for the ultimate success of the Peace Process.

Yours in our Motto,

Jack Meehan, Immediate Past National President
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

The Life of Saint Brigid

In the old days February 1st was considered the start of the growth season. After Christianity was introduced, Saint Brigid (Bridie) was honored instead of the pagan gods.

There lived in the 5th century in Ireland a holy woman, granted by the grace of God great gifts of spiritual eldership, devotion in prayer, patience and compassion. The people of Ireland called her "the Mary of the Gael" for her great devotion to seeking the intercession of the Mother of God.

Brigid was born of an Irish landholder and a slave. Before her birth, it is said a man of the druids prophesied that the child would be marvelous and would serve the True God of the Christians. It is also told that a vision of fire appeared above the house when she was born, and this was seen as a sign that Brigid would be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

She grew to a young woman, maintaining her holy virginity, tending her father's sheep, feeding the poor and spending long hours in prayer. And upon a day she met a leper on the way and he asked for something in the name of the Lord. Brigid gave to him her father's sword. When he returned, he was wroth with her and took her to the King of Leinster to receive judgement. When the king asked her why she had done so, she said, "Jesus Christ the Lord knows that if I were ruler of Leinster and had your power and your wealth and your land, it would be meet for me to give all to Him who has saved us by His Death and Resurrection. And the king said to her father, "It is not meet that we should judge her, for she has greater merit before God than we. Instead show her to the Bishop, that she may follow God and wear the veil."

Thus it was done, and when she came into the church, in humility she held back that she might be last to make her vows for she knew her unworthiness before God. Then tongues of fire rose above her head, and as it is told in the Holy Scriptures, the bishop came to her at the lower place and took her to a higher place. So Brigid was first to receive the veil.

Upon another while, Holy Brigid suffered from a malady of the eyes and her head ached. The Bishop commanded her to seek the aid of a physician. But on the way she fell and struck her head against a stone and blood poured from her eyes. Two lame women went to her aid and when they touched the blood they were healed by God's grace present in His servant. And Holy Brigid's eyes were healed as well, and the aching of her head

ceased. The bishop said, "Seek no more an earthly physician, but look only to the Great Physician who has returned you to health by His Holy Spirit, for you shall find none better."

Brigid went to a certain monastery to celebrate Pascha. The abbess instructed the nuns to minister to the sick on Holy Thursday, but none would accept the task. Brigid therefore went to the feeble ones and ministered to them in prayer, beseeching the Name of Jesus Christ and imploring the intercession of the Theotokos. And there were four men in the church: a lunatic, a blind man, a leper and a consumptive man. And by God's grace, through the saint's ministry, they were healed.

Blessed Brigid also took pen and wrote much of the life in Christ: instructions to her spiritual children, songs and poems to teach the people, and much else. Many other miracles did God perform through His servant Brigid. She founded the monastic city of Kildare, and became abbess there. And Nindid the priest came to her in her last days and she received the Holy Mysteries, then Christ God called her spirit to heaven. Holy Brigid served the Lord with gladness and soon after her death was glorified by the church.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE

ACTION ALERT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT
1500 Mass Avenue, NW, Suite 24, Washington D.C. 20005 . 202-393-0703.Fax 202-347-1383

Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have passed health care reform bills. The two chambers need to agree on a final bill. It is not clear how this will be achieved. Congressional leadership has temporarily delayed further action while discussions continue.

House: On November 7, during floor debate on the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962), the House approved, 240 to 193, the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, to enact a permanent ban on federal funding of elective abortions or health plans that include such abortions. The House then narrowly passed H.R. 3962.

Senate: On December 8, during floor debate on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590), the Senate voted to table the Nelson-Hatch-Casey Amendment, 54-yes, 45-no, a measure similar to the Stupak-Pitts Amendment. On Christmas Eve, the Senate passed H.R. 3590. The bill requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. All purchasers of such plans will be required to pay for other people's abortions through a separate payment solely to pay for abortion.

Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers. The U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must maintain the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion, include full conscience protection and assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. If these criteria are not met, the final bill must be opposed. Please contact your Representative and Senators today!

Eileen Ivers

March 15, 2010 7:30 pm

Carpenter Theatre, Richmond CenterStage Modlin Center

Diva of the Celtic music genre, fiddler **Eileen Ivers** leads her audience on a magical mystery tour in "**Beyond the Bog Road**" - a multimedia tribute to her Irish-American heritage and the people who gave it meaning. Paying homage to the rich and tireless passage of the native Irish people from Ireland to Canada and the United States, **Eileen Ivers** has created "Beyond the Bog Road," an all-star assemblage of Irish and traditional musicians, singers, step dancers and cloggers/tap dancers. Told through music, story, and dance and featuring an exquisite video, this multimedia performance is a celebration of the Irish immigrant's impact on America and America's impact on the Irish immigrant. **Public Tickets: \$19-\$38 with discounts for seniors & children -through Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000 or ticketmaster.com.**

Turf Fire – Classic Irish music, and historical stories.

March 17, 7pm to 8 pm

Hanover Tavern

Free Admission

Hanover Tavern extends an invitation for the members of the Irish American Society to a unique musical/storytelling event celebrating Irish heritage with Celtic Music and Stories by Turf Fire at Historic Hanover Tavern located 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road Hanover, VA 23069 Bring family and friends to celebrate St. Patty's with Turf Fire at Hanover Tavern! Listen to classic Celtic tunes to celebrate Irish heritage and Irish stories and history will intermingle with the sounds of the fiddle, banjo, vocals and the bodhran. Enjoy dinner at Hanover Tavern & Pub and then get 10% off at the Tavern's Gift Shop while you're there! . This program is suitable for All Ages Bring family. Please phone: (804) 537-5050 with any questions.

CELTIC CROSSROADS

March 31st

Cultural Arts Center

2880 Mountain Road

Glen Allen, VA

2 Shows- 2 Prices

10am \$12.50 / 7pm - \$30

CELTIC CROSSROADS -this group of seven highly talented multi-instrumentalists and two dancers collaborated together in 2005 creating a performance of Irish music and dance never seen or heard before. Direct from Ireland, they are taking this art form to an entirely new level. Experience a wonderful fusion of musical genres such as eastern European Gypsy, North American Bluegrass, world Classical and Jazz and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe and the rest of the world.



After the wreath laying Dr. Lynn Baylis took the group on a walking tour of the Italian garden. The Dooley brought back this gazebo on a ship from a vacation in Italy.

James Henry Dooley was the son of Irish immigrants John and Sarah Dooley. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, one of nine children. His father, John Dooley, Sr. was a successful hat manufacturer. The Dooley family was prominent in the community and the parish of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

He attended Georgetown College and was the first student to rank at the head of his class during each of his four years, graduating in 1860. Soon after, James and his brother John enlisted in the Confederate Army, joining their father's unit, the First Virginia Infantry. He was wounded at the Battle of Williamsburg during the Peninsula Campaign in May, 1862. He was captured and confined for a short time. He later worked in the Confederate Ordnance Department in Richmond. Although he never attained rank in the army, in later life he was referred to by the honorific "Major."

After the war, he completed a Master of Arts degree at Georgetown and returned to Richmond. During the postwar years when Richmond was beginning to rebuild its business district, he began his career as a lawyer. He married Sarah ("Sallie") O. May of Lunenburg County, Virginia in 1869. Dooley was elected to the Virginia General Assembly and served from 1871 to 1877.

In 1880, he became a board member of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, which expanded into a multi state system of over 3,000 miles which, in 1894, became the basis of the Southern Railway. He served as a director of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and was a leader in the founding of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. He was also involved in steel companies and banking.

In 1893, Major Dooley had a palatial stone mansion built on a large estate overlooking the James River in the western portion of the Richmond area which he and his wife named Maymont. The Dooleys also maintained a mountain retreat, Swannanoa, in the Blue Ridge Mountains at Rockfish Gap near Waynesboro, Virginia in Nelson County.

According to Richmond's Maymont Foundation, "Major Dooley's leadership of various civic endeavors runs as a continuous thread through the history of Richmond, from the early 1870s through the early 1920s." He was a board member of St. Joseph's Orphanage, served on the board of the Medical College of Virginia and, in 1919, gave the funds for the construction of the Dooley Hospital (now part of Virginia Commonwealth University).

Major Dooley died in Richmond at the age of 81. He first was buried with his former Confederate comrades in Hollywood Cemetery, and later reinterred with his wife Sallie in a mausoleum at Maymont.

The Dooleys, who were themselves childless, left a record 3 million dollars to the St. Joseph's Orphanage, a charitable organization which continues its work in family and children services in modern times as "St. Joseph's Villa" on the North Side of Richmond in Henrico County. Mrs. Dooley gave a half million dollars to build the Richmond Public Library as a memorial to her husband.



IRISH NIGHT

Knights of Columbus 395 and the Dooley Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will host a night of Irish Music, Dancing and Entertainment

On Saturday, March 13, 2010

From 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

At the Columbian Center

**2324 Pump Rd., Richmond, VA 23233
(between Ridgefield Pkwy and Church Rd)**



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Major Dooley Division
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**Admission (age 21+)
\$15 per person**

**Corned Beef, Cabbage and Soda Bread will be served,
You are welcome to bring your favorite Irish dish to share
Draft Guinness, Harp Lite Beer, Wines, Soda and Water are included with
your admission.**

Irish Entertainment

Irish Music, Performance by Irish Step Dancers and Group Dancing (you and your friends) lead by Ceili caller Carmel O'Rourke Tighe, A.D.C.R.G.

Tickets On Sale

You can either buy your tickets at the AOH Meetings on Feb 9 and March 9 or at the KOC 395 Meetings on February 15. Or call Daniel Caffrey at 804-512-6288 not later than March 11th to reserve your tickets.

Patrick J. Naughton
12400 Perrywinkle Road
Glen Allen VA 23059-5319

AOH Merchandise

JOVIC

JOVIC is husband and wife team in Chesterfield VA that specializes in Knight of Columbus apparel. They now have setup the AOH logo for embroidery. The logo can be personalized with the Dooley Division and your name. No minimum order and there is wide selection. Visit <http://www.jovicemb.com/1.html>

Men's Warehouse at

10911 W Broad St, Glen Allen - (804) 346-0604
Is offering a special to the Dooley Division
Green Sports Coats for only \$79.99

Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the AOH. The Division is also reimbursing members \$10 towards the purchase of a green jacket and tricolor sash. Email the treasurer Mike Sweeney with your receipt, see front page for email address.

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360-3935

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