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President's Message Dan Caffrey

We We had a great time at the Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival on Oct 23-24. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped us sell raffle tickets and recruit new members. We were successful on both fronts. Thanks especially to Jack Cassells and JP Carroll for helping me set-up on Friday. Also, Jack was there selling tickets both days saying – “Let me show you your Irish Trip itinerary when you win that “Trip for 2 to Ireland”.” The Irish/AOH display was awesome, it really made you appreciate our Irish/AOH heritage. We had a great turnout for the parade on Sunday, probably the best represented Clan/Society there. See photos elsewhere in the newsletter.

Hope to see everyone at our Nov. 9 meeting. Again my goal is to keep the meeting close to an hour. We'll pass out our “Trip for 2 to Ireland” raffle tickets for members (see details below). We'll vote for our 2011 Officers (see the slate below). Also, we'll discuss our Christmas Party Entertainment headed by Jack Cassells.

Big Dan

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- **November 9, 2010**, Tuesday meeting at 7 p.m. - please plan on attending at St. Paul's Church, 909 Rennie Ave, Richmond, VA
- **November 13, 2010**, Saturday at 5:30 Mass (tentative Date) – Honor Living Veteran's at St. Benedict's Church

- **December 19, 2010**, Sunday at 1 pm (St. Mary's Catholic Church) – **Family Christmas Party (Family)/Officer Installation for 2011/ Brief Meeting**
Local Entertainment will appear at our Christmas Party- **The Irish entertainers will appear on stage at our Annual Christmas Party.** This talent, from our own Dooley Division, are men who have a deep seated feeling of people not recognizing their talents. Gosh this sounds Irish. Awards for first and second place prizes will be a dinner at Rosie Connolly's Pub. Each participant will receive an award. You still have time to come forth and sign up as an entertainer and have fun. Call Jack Cassells (740-8651) before November 9 and we will fit you in with our other seven entertainers. We Irish have talent --- Let's have fun!

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Prayer List

Bill McKay who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, Those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention:

Charlie Kelly, Dick Moore, and Thomas Zahn, 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.

Raffle Committee

Thanks to Chad Costello (costellocw@yahoo.com) and Tim McDonnell (tmc1918@verizon.net) for volunteering to be co-chairs of our 2011 "Trip for 2 to Ireland" Raffle. We're off to a good start with our ticket sales at the Celtic Festival. Please let them know if you'd like to help them sell tickets (churches, pubs, etc.). Also, we'll again waive your \$30 AOH dues for 2011 if you buy and/or sell a book of 10 tickets for \$100. We'll pass out books of tickets to members at our Nov 9 meeting and mail them to those not in attendance.

AOH Dooley Division Officer Nominations for 2011

Thanks to our Nominating Committee (Past President Tom Murphy, Jim Whelen and Past President Matt Costello) for proposing the following slate of officers for 2011 at our October meeting:

President – Daniel Caffrey

Vice President – Jim Whelen

Recording Secretary- Walt Ferguson

Financial Secretary- Hugh Naughton

Treasurer – Mike Sweeney

Standing Committee- Pat Shea

Marshall – Brian Hegarty

Sentinel – Tim McDonnell

Thanks to all the above for their willingness to serve, especially Walt, Hugh and Mike who have served in their roles for many years. We will vote on these officers and anyone else who is nominated at our November 9 meeting.

At the November meeting, officers will be elected. Installation of Officers is at our Christmas Party.

- **2011 AOH State Convention in Richmond** – July 22-24, 2011 at the Koger Center Holiday Inn off Midlo Turnpike. We are chairing the event for the State AOH Board and Bob Strutton is the Chair. Please put it on your calendar. Lots of family fun planned. Friday golf outing, Friday night party, Saturday meetings/Mass, Saturday night banquet and Sunday Major Degree ceremony (chance to get your Major Degree or attend if you already have it). We'll need lots of help with the program book (getting ads or business cards from local businesses), registration, hospitality room, banquet, Mass, etc. Please let Bob know if you'd like to help (busman969@aol.com).
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Other AOH Items of note:

- **Got an AOH Name Badge, sash or hat?**
If you need an AOH name badge, sash or hat please **email Mike Muldowney** at michael.muldowney@morganstanley.com or phone at 364-3935 with the name you'd like on your name badge and/or if you need a hat or sash.
 - **AOH Rugby Shirt**
Looking for an AOH Rugby shirt? A few of us wore these at the Celtic Festival and they look really good. Check it out http://irelandontheroad.com/product_info.php?products_id=719{2}9
 - **Need a Green Sportcoat?**
If you need a green sportcoat go to the Men's Wearhouse www.menswearhouse.com - 10911 West Broad St # A, Glen Allen VA - (804) 346-0604, across from Innsbrook
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The boys of the old brigade have a wee nip of Uisce Beatha

Local Irish Music Scene

- Saturday November 13th Turf Fire at Finn McCool's 7pm – 10pm**
 traditional Irish & Celtic Music – stop in and support both the Pub and our members! Finn's is Located at the Shoppes at Innsbrook (Corner of West Broad and Cox Road) (804) 217-8167. Website to check Menu - www.finnmccoolrichmond.com
- Friday December 3rd 7:30** – Danú Christmas In Ireland, An Nollaig in Éirinn, U of R Modlin Center, 804 289-898 This acclaimed Irish ensemble celebrates a traditional Irish Christmas and continue to thrill with virtuoso players on fiddle, flutes, button accordion, percussion, and the gorgeous voice of Muireann Nic Amhlaibh. Danú returns to the Modlin Center with dancers and other special guests. Bring the entire family to enjoy this glorious Irish celebration of Christmas. Tickets – Adults - \$34, Seniors - \$32, Children \$17 –Click on the link below for a taste of their music It is the best 4 minutes you'll spend this week.. Keep a sharp eye for the dancing couple at the end. Tickets on Sale – October 22nd
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0RInGkoMQk&feature=related>
- Wednesday December 8th 7:30 p.m. Irish Tenors Christmas with the Richmond Symphony at Landmark Theater -**
 The Irish Tenors – Finbar Wright, Anthony Kearns, and Karl Scully – will bring their special holiday concert of traditional carols and classic Irish ballads to the Landmark Theater for a performance with the Richmond Symphony on December 8 at 7:30 p.m.
 Known as Ireland's ambassadors of its rich musical tradition, The Irish Tenors have proven themselves gifted interpreters who breathe new life into traditional songs from the Emerald Isle, holiday favorites and religious hymns. Their passionate and emotionally charged performances have touched the hearts of millions, making them one of the most enduring and successful Irish touring acts ever.
 The magic, music and humor of their Christmas concerts, captured on recent albums We Three Kings and The Irish Tenors Christmas, include such selections as “Winter Wonderland,” “White Christmas,” “Fairytale of New York,” “O Holy Night” and, of course, “Silent Night.”
 It was the landmark PBS special Ellis Island Project that launched The Irish Tenors in America and resulted in sold out shows at Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall and other distinguished venues. WCVE

TV in Richmond and WHTJ TV in Charlottesville re-air the program as a pledge broadcast on November 15 at 9:00 p.m.

The ground breaking PBS show and the worldwide success that followed led to many imitators. But no other ensemble ever matched the impeccable harmonies, the lush orchestration, the international following, the endurance, class and sheer talent of The Irish Tenors.

Tickets to their December 8 concert with the Richmond Symphony are priced at \$65, \$55 and \$45, and may be purchased at the Landmark Theater Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 and online at www.ticketmaster.com. The show goes on sale Friday, November 5.

New York construction sites dominated by Irish builders

By Peter O'Malley

[New York](#) construction sites are once again filled with Irish laborers – around half the workers on any building site today are Irish according to New York human rights commissioner Patricia Gatling, speaking at an event in [Dublin's Trinity College](#).

Since the collapse of the Irish construction industry, the number of Irish construction workers – which had swelled as building became the largest employer in the country – are now going abroad to find work.

Gatling told The Sunday Tribune that a variety of new Irish business associations have been helping the new immigrants and that it was possible that this would lead to the creation of a new visa scheme.

“If you go to a construction site in the city, half the people working there seem to be Mexican and the other half - who are doing the more skilled work – are Irish,” she told the Tribune.

"For the most part, even when the housing market went bust, we were still building in New York. Hotel building there is ongoing and this kind of work is highly sought-after.

According to Gatling, the New York mayor [Michael Bloomberg](#) is in favor of legalizing the illegal Irish. "He has gone to [Washington](#) and talked about legalizing all the illegal Irish that have come to New York already," she said. "It has been discussed that the [current visa system] was not fair to them.

"I think there is plenty of room for people to come and work and it's what everyone already says."

Gatling was speaking at a conference to discuss the intersection of business and human rights, which was organized by Colm Kearney and [Brian Lucey](#).



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The Dooley Division proudly displaying the tricolor and the Division banner at the parade of clans