



**Major Dooley Division
Richmond, Virginia**

The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 30 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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**President's Message
Dan Caffrey**

Merry Christmas to everyone. It has been my privilege to serve as AOH Major James Henry Dooley Division President this past year. My AOH Dooley Division goals for 2010 were accomplished- membership growth, more members having attained our Major Degree, raffle success, increase in our division's financial reserves, increase in charitable donations, more family oriented events and good informative meetings that were well attended. Thanks to my officers for the past year for all of their help. I am looking forward to serving as President again for 2011 and have already met with our 2011 Officers (see below for list). In our meeting we set our 2011 division budget (to be voted on at January meeting), discussed our 2011 event calendar and reviewed officer duties. My goals for 2011 are the same as 2010.

We had a lot of fun events this year- Flying Squirrels baseball outing in June, Golf outing in May and Barry Ceremony/Family Picnic at St. Michael's in September. I am looking forward to our Christmas Party this Saturday, December 19th at St. Mary's, a chance to enjoy some Christmas cheer with my Hibernian brothers.

This is a good time of year to not only think about our family and friends but also a good time to think about our Priests. As is our custom we will be giving our Member Priests a Christmas Card and a Gift from our division. Please take a moment to sign the cards as you enter our Christmas Party.

Big Dan

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- **December 19, 2010, Sunday at 1 pm to 5 pm** (St. Mary's Catholic Church) – **AOH Family Christmas Party**/2011 Officer Installation. If you haven't done so already please telephone Paul McFadden, Christmas Party Co-Chairman, 804-550-0347, to tell him what food you plan to bring and how many adults and children and their ages will be in your party for the Dooley Division's Annual Christmas Party. St. Mary's is located in Richmond's West End, just off Gaskins Rd by the Gayton Crossing Shopping Center. 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond, VA. Enter at the back of the church in the Lower Commons. By the way St. Mary's Mass is at 11 am if you'd like to attend as a group in our green (holiday color) sport coats and nametags. **Santa** will make an appearance for the kids. We'll also have Christmas arts and crafts for the kids. We will also announce and award our **2010 Gael of the Year** that was voted on at our November meeting. Congrats to our nominees - Jack Cassells, Paul McFadden, Jim Cremins, Walt Ferguson, Hugh Naughton and Mike Sweeney. There will be some **potential new members** attending our Christmas Party. They will be identified by a "PM" under the name on their nametags. Please introduce yourself and your wife to these prospects and their wives. If we make them feel welcome they will more than likely join.
- **January 11, 2011 Monthly Business Meeting**, Tuesday meeting at 7 p.m. - please plan on attending especially if you haven't received your 1st AOH degree – Shamrock. If you've joined us as a new member in the past 6 months or so, you were inducted as a member but you still need to attain the Shamrock Degree. The Shamrock Degree will be presented by our very own Shamrock Degree Team at our January meeting.

- **January 22, 2011, Saturday at 3 pm – Major James Dooley Birthday (01/17/1841) Commemoration at Maymont House/Park**, 1700 Hampton Street entrance, Richmond, VA; Wreath Laying Procession with 4th Degree KofC Honor Guard and bagpiper; Dr. Bayliss talk about Dooley; Rare Olde Times Pub get together afterwards
- **April 2011 AOH Major Degree**, there be 2 opportunities in 2011 – April in Williamsburg at the AOH State Quarterly Meeting and July 24 at the AOH State Convention (July 22-24) in Richmond.

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AOH Dooley Division Officers for 2011

Officers voted on at our November meeting:

President – Daniel Caffrey
 Vice President – Jim Whelen
 Recording Secretary- Mike Smith
 Financial Secretary- Hugh Naughton
 Treasurer – Mike Sweeney
 Standing Committee- Pat Shea
 Marshall – Tim McDonnell*
 Sentinel – Jack Griffin*

*Brian Hegarty was voted as Marshall at the meeting, but won't be able to serve because of a teaching conflict with our Meeting dates. As President, I asked Tim McDonnell to serve as our Marshall instead of Sentinel for 2011 and asked Jack Griffin to serve as our Sentinel again this year. I am excited about our 2011 officers - we have some new blood with Big Jim W, Mike Smith and Tim M. and we also have some returning officers including myself, Hugh N, Mike Sweeney, Pat S and Jack G. I especially want to thank Mike Sweeney and Hugh for their many years of service. Also, thanks to Walt Ferguson for his

many years of service as Recording Secretary- Walt enjoy your retirement and great job keeping the meeting minutes for so many years.

2011 Appointed Positions/Special Committees

Organizer (recruiting new members) - Mitch Irvine
 Social Chairman- Mike Muldowney
 Raffle Comm Chairs – Tim McDonnell and Chad Costello
 Vocational Support Comm- Tom McGranahan, Chair
 Parliamentarian- Brian Kiernan
 Audit Committee- Patrick Knightly, Chair, Matt Costello, Brian Kiernan
 Historian – Jack Cassells
 Political Education Comm Chair - Tom Murphy

Right to Life – OPEN

Chaplain- Fr George Zahn
 Good of the Order – Michael Lynch
 Shamrock Degree Team – Chair Brian Kiernan
 Phone Comm – Standing Comm Chair- Pat Shea

We need a chair for the **Right to Life Comm.**, so please let me know if you'd like to serve. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on any of the committees above and I'll forward your name to the Comm. Chair. We especially need help with recruiting new members, chairing different social events during the course of the year and making calls to members for meetings and events as part of the Phone Comm.

Good of the Order needs help bringing food/beverages to our meetings, so let me know if you'd like to bring it for a meeting one month and I'll forward it to Michael, our chair. Also, this year I'd like to use the Good of the Order portion of our meeting to give our members an opportunity to share with the membership for the "Good of the Order". This would be a 5 to 10 minute presentation and can include discussing a book, movie, trip, etc. Please let me know if you are interested in a Good of the Order presentation and I'll pass your name along to Michael.

Recruiting New Members

I've mailed a letter to the Parish Priests at St. Michael's, St. Mary's, St. Bridget's, St. Benedict's and St. Patrick's churches asking them to allow us to recruit new members at their Parish before and after Masses on a weekend in January or February. We already have a few members signed up to recruit at these Parishes, but let me know if you'd like to help man the table before or after Masses on the appointed

weekend for your Parish. Also, if you Parish is not represented above and you think your Priest would allow us to recruit at their parish please let me know and I'll mail them a letter.

Raffle Committee for our 9th Annual Raffle

Chad Costello (costellocw@yahoo.com) and Tim McDonnell (tmc1918@verizon.net) are co-chairs of our 2011 "Trip for 2 to Ireland" Raffle. 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. Books of tickets were passed out to members at our Nov 9 meeting and were mailed to those not in attendance.

AOH Dooley Member Dues for 2011

Dues notices will be mailed out soon by Hugh Naughton. Dues are \$30 per member and only \$10 for those members over age 75. If you buy or sell a book of raffle tickets (\$100 for 10 tickets) your dues are waived (see above) for 2011 and if you plan on doing this please note it on your dues notice and return to Hugh. Please let us know if you have difficulty paying dues, so we can possibly waive them for you so we can keep you as a member.

Change to Bylaws – National Assessment Fees

At our November meeting we proposed the following change to our bylaws. This will be voted on in our February meeting. The National Assessment has increased from \$8 per member per year to \$12. It has been at \$8 for a long time. Even though this is a \$4 increase, we are not proposing an increase in our dues to cover this increase.

ARTICLE IX – FEES

Section 4 National Assessment: An annual assessment of \$12.00 for each member in good standing as of the proceeding December 31st shall be payable with the annual report and corrected membership roster on or before February 15th.

AOH Dooley Division Greenpages

Ever wonder what some of your fellow members do for a living? Do you ever need some services and not know who to call? We are looking to add Greenpages to our newsletter and website as a way for our members to advertise their services to our membership.

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. Cost is very reasonable (around \$70). Tell them it's for AOH. It takes about 6 weeks for the special coat orders to arrive at the store. If you don't have one, please order ASAP so you'll have by our January 22nd Dooley ceremony or by the St. Patrick's Day Events and Irish Festival Parade in March.

www.menswearhouse.com -

10911 West Broad St # A, Glen Allen VA - (804) 346-0604, across from Innsbrook

Prayer List

Betty Strutton, cousin of Bob Strutton, is battling lung cancer. **Maureen Quinn**, daughter of John Quinn is receiving treatments for throat cancer. **Michael Maynes**, son of member Ed Maynes, is battling a brain tumor, **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

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Merry Christmas From
The Ancient Order of Hibernians®

December 19, 2010

Sunday at 1 pm to 5 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church

**AOH Family Christmas
Party
2011 Officer Installation.**

If you haven't done so already
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McFadden, Christmas Party
Co-Chairman, 804-550-0347,
to RSVP and get input on what
to bring.

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