



**Major Dooley Division  
Richmond, Virginia**

# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 31 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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### President's Message

**Next Meeting on September 13.** Remaining 2011 meetings: October 11, November 8, Dec 10 (Christmas Party and 2012 Officer Installation).

### Event date changes:

- **Barry Day Family Picnic at St. Michael's** changed to Sept 17, Saturday at 4 pm.
- **Christmas Party at St. Mary's** changed to Dec 11, Sunday at 1 pm

**2012 Dooley Division Officers (1 year term starting 1/1/12) -** I've asked Matt Costello (Past Div Pres) to chair the nominating committee for our 2012 Officers. Please let him know at 353-1558 or [mattcostello.fpec@verizon.net](mailto:mattcostello.fpec@verizon.net) if you'd like to be an officer next year. We will discuss this at our September meeting and present the nominees at our October meeting. We'll vote on our officers at our November meeting and they'll be installed at our December 11 Christmas Party.

**President** – run meetings; direct elected officers and appointed officers; fulfill roles as outlined in by-laws

**Vice President** – Chair St. Pat's Day Mass/Breakfast; Chair Dooley Commemoration; publicizing our activities to National Hibernian Digest and Catholic Virginian. Fill-in for Pres at missed meeting.

**Recording Secretary** – record and read minutes at each meeting; maintain record of minutes; maintain and update bylaws; record and maintain attendance reports for each meeting;

**Financial Secretary** – Submit Forms (9, 11, 40); process new member applications and dues; send out renewal dues notice letter and separate letter referencing raffle tickets; Maintain and update roster and provide copies to Officers and Pat Naughton (Dispatch Editor); Maintain Pins, books and jewels.

**Treasurer** – submit annual budget to officers and membership; provide end of year financials to Audit Committee; Pay invoices in a timely manner and confirm they match with budget items- any questions direct to President for approval

**Standing Committee** – organize telephone committee re: forthcoming meetings, events; oversee other committees; Act as the arbitrator for the good of the Division to settle and /or adjust any and all disputes or grievances within the Division

**Marshall** – maintain and provide storage for Division inventory; arrive early to meetings and set up officer's tables and chairs, American and Irish Flags, division sandwich board

**Sentinel** – arrive early at meeting to man the entrance and check member cards upon entry;

We had a very successful **AOH/LAOH State Convention in Richmond, VA on July 22-24, 2011.** We received many compliments from our State Board and others on what a great convention it was. Thanks to the following members for all they did to make it a success:

- **Thanks to Bob Strutton**- Bob was the State Convention Chair, Bob was responsible for putting everything together and working countless hours with the State Board and convention volunteers to make it happen.
- **Thanks to Pat Shea and Beth Taylor (LAOH)** – they did a great job soliciting ads and putting the Convention program book together. Best ever. We'll pass around a copy at our next meeting.
- **Thanks to Brian Kiernan**- Brian was in charge of our hospitality room. He spent a lot of time stocking up, bringing stuff in and out and manning the room for the entire weekend. Also, thanks to JP Carroll for his help.
- **Thanks to Vince Eikmeier** – Vince was the Chair of the Mass with Bishop Sullivan on Saturday evening.
- **Thanks to Fr. Zahn and Fr. Arsenault**- Fr. Zahn was responsible for getting Bishop Sullivan to celebrate the Mass. Thanks to Fr. George and Fr. Jim for con-celebrating the Mass.
- **Thanks to Mike Strutton** – Mike was responsible for Celtic Dinner on Friday night. It was a huge success with AOH/LAOH members representing different divisions competing for the first cut of meat with entertaining song, skit and story.
- **Thanks to our Delegates** – Past State President's Pat Naughton and Jerry Gorman, Convention Chair Bob Strutton, Dooley President Daniel Caffrey, delegates voted in at May meeting were Jim Whelen, Matt Costello, Hugh Naughton, and Brian Kiernan. Thanks to the delegates for attending the State AOH business meeting and serving our Division in this capacity.
- **Thanks to our Shamrock Degree Team** – headed by Brian Kiernan, including Vince Eikmeier, Bob Strutton, Pat Shea, Chad Costello and Daniel Caffrey.
- **Thanks to Pat Naughton and Hugh Naughton** for organizing the golf outing.
- **Welcome our newest member Paul Gorman, brother of Jerry Gorman.** Paul is from Lynchburg and was sworn in, attended the convention and received his degrees.

**Future Conventions (2012 and 2013)**- The next AOH State Convention will be in 2 years (2013- location TBD) and our AOH National Convention ([www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)) will be held on July 9 - 12, 2012 at Turning Stone Resort – Casino in Verona, New York. The State and National Conventions rotate each year.

**State Office and Chairs (2 year term)** – Our new President of the Virginia State Board is Chuck Curran. We don't have anyone represented on the board from any of the divisions in the Central, Eastern or Western parts of VA. I considered running for State Office, but won't have the time with my new job. They are looking for people to serve on different State Board chairs, go to <http://aohvirginia.org/> and click on Officers of the State Board link to see our new State Officers and Vacant Chair positions.

### **Recent AOH Dooley Events**

- We had a good turnout at the **Our Lady of Knock Mass at St. Paul's and Pool Party at Tom Murphy's** on August 21. Thanks to everyone who attended. Thanks to Fr. Zahn for hosting us and a nice service and thanks to Brother Jim Guy for singing the "Our Lady of Knock Hymm". Thanks to Tom for hosting us at his home and to Mike and Judy Kane and Mark and Anita Collins for helping set-up the party.

## Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- **September 11, 2011, Sunday from 4 to 6 pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church – Songs of Courage and Faith** A Concert Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks  
With the Guy Family (our brother Jim Guy) and Friends
- **September 13, 2011, Tuesday at 7 pm – Monthly AOH Business Meeting**; St. Paul's Church, 909 Rennie Ave, Richmond, VA (off Chamberlayne Ave.). Please plan to join us.
- **(NC Event) September 10, 2011- Irish-Celtic Music Fest & Heritage Faire to be held in Raleigh, NC.** Irish Celtic Music Fest held by the **AOH Governor Thomas Burke, Division 1**, Wake County, Raleigh, NC. If you have any questions or would like tickets to this event, please contact me at this email [Teejaycee180@aol.com](mailto:Teejaycee180@aol.com) or call me at 919-920-8535. The Link for the announcement of this event is <https://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/event.php?eid=151601304910071>
- September 16, 2011, Friday Happy Hour – **Halfway to St. Pat's Day** at Sine Irish Pub
- **\*\*\*September 17, 2011, Saturday – Commemorate Commodore Barry Day** (Family Event) (9/13/1803- date of death) at 4 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 – Family Picnic
- **October 29-30, 2011 – Celtic Festival**, Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA (<http://www.meadowceltic.com/>); Kickoff the selling of 2012 Dooley Raffle Tickets and the Recruiting of New Members at Double Booth (FAMILY Event); need volunteers to work booth. Sat, Oct 29 from 9 am to 8:30 pm and Sun, Oct 30 from 9 am to 5 pm, we'll need the most help during the afternoons of each day.
- **December 11, 2011, Sunday at 1 pm (St. Mary's Church, 9505 Gayton Rd, Henrico, VA) – Family Christmas Party (Family)**/ Dooley Division Officer Installation for 2012

## 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 and other Irish to advertise their services to our membership. If interested please contact Pat Shea, Standing Committee Chair.

## Other AOH Items of note:

- **Got an AOH Name Badge, AOH sash or Ireland green cap?** If you need an AOH name badge, sash or cap please **email Mike Muldowney** at [michael.muldowney@morganstanley.com](mailto: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 cap 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](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 the St. Patrick's Day Events and Irish Festival Parade in March. [www.menswearhouse.com](http://www.menswearhouse.com) 10911 West Broad St # A, Glen Allen VA - (804) 346-0604, across from Innsbrook
- **Ireland Green Caps-** interested in buying additional caps that we sell at a discount to every new member (part of our uniform with the green sportcoat and sash) go to: <http://www.shopirish.com/Ireland-Caps--Green-Cap>
- **All things Irish-** check out this website for all things Irish straight from Ireland, including Irish dirt and seed to grow your own Shamrock by St. Pat's Day, <http://www.blarney.com/>

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### MEDAL OF HONOR GROVE

The Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Pennsylvania contains 52 acres of natural woodland and is designed as a living memorial to the 3447 recipients of our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor.

A section of the grove is designated for each of the fifty states, Puerto Rico and District of Columbia. The AOH also has a section dedicated to recipients who were born outside the United States. Each state has an Obelisk and each Medal of Honor recipient is identified by a stainless steel marker with the names and organization of the recipient and the date and location of the act of valor. Each marker is mounted near a living tree where possible.

The Medal of Honor Grove also contain the general Henry Knox building which contains the citation and personal history of each recipient and various displays of medals and artifacts. The George Washington At Prayer statue and the Patriots Path shows various medals for service and heroism for each of the Armed Services.