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President's Message

Happy New year to everyone! Hope that all had a Merry Christmas with family & friends. We had another very successful Christmas Party at St Mary's in December with over 100 members and guests in attendance.

-special thanks to Mike Muldowney & Paul McFadden for organizing and all the volunteers who bar-tended, greeted guests, entertained the kids and helped set up & clean up. Thanks to you too Santa for stopping by!

-A special thanks to 2011 Gael of the Year, Big Dan Caffrey for all he has done for our division over the past 2 years as President.

-his leadership, organization & communication have put the division in a very strong position financially as well as with membership growth.

-speaking of membership, thanks to Tom McGranahan who sponsored a whole class of new members from his family & Chad Costello who got his Dad to join at our Christmas party. Way to keep it in the family guys!

-Thanks to State President Chuck Curran for attending our Christmas Party and installing our new slate of officers.

We have a State Meeting January 21st here in Richmond at the Knights of Columbus Council 395, Columbian Center at 10 a.m. All brothers are welcome to attend the meeting. After the meeting we plan on having both "The lesson of the Motto" and the "Major Degree (Tower Degree)". It will be a great opportunity to receive the degrees if you haven't already done so.

-We are all set to honor our Division's namesake on January 28th at Maymont/Dooley mansion at 3 p.m. 1700 Hampton Street Entrance-Honor Guard, wreath laying, Dr Bayliss talk on Dooley then off to Rosie Connolly's for a pint! Please plan on attending.

I look forward to a great year for the Dooley Division in 2012, thanks to all our elected officers and appointed committee chairs for their service

Jim



John and Yvonne Polly

We mourn the loss of long time member John Polly who passed away last month. John was a veteran of the Air Force. Serving four years and was stationed in Japan. John joined the Dooley Division in 1989. He was also active in the Knights of Columbus and many civic organization. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort to his wife Yvonne.

Prayer List

Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention:

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, **Charlie Kelly**, **Jessie Naughton**, **Dick Moore**, **Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn. **Mike Hayes**, brother-in-law of **Jack Griffin**, **Jeannie Barrett** wife of Tom Barrett, and **Don Reilly**.

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 – 2012 Annual Raffle (10th year)

We kicked off our Raffle ticket sales at the Celtic Festival and sold close to 100 tickets (great way to start with only 1 good day of sales). Thanks to Chad Costello and Tim McDonnell for agreeing to co-chair again. We're hoping to duplicate or improve on our sales in 2012. Tickets have been mailed out. Members can purchase ten tickets for \$100. This will waive your \$30 dues (so you're getting 10 tickets for \$70). If you are age 75 or over the book of 10 tickets only cost you \$80 (waiving your \$10 dues). You can buy all the tickets yourself or sell to family and friends. Also, you're encouraged to sell another book of 10 if you can. Let Chad (costellocw@yahoo.com), ph (804) 708-0044 or Tim (tmc1918@verizon.net), ph (804) 678-9764 know and they'll send or give you an extra book at the meeting. Remember the success of this raffle determines how much we can give to charity (over \$30,000 donated in past 9 years of raffle) and helps fund our events.

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- January 10th – Business meeting 7 p.m. St. Paul's Church 909 Rennie Ave, Please plan to join us.
- January 21st – State Board Meeting hosted by Dooley Division, Columbian Center 2324 Pump Road 10 a.m.
- January 23rd Right for Life March

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC; Monday, January 23, 2012

For the 29th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond area to attend the 39th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Monday**, January 23, 2012. **Seating on the buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission. The **Powhatan bus** will leave St John Neumann Church, 2480 Batterson Road, Powhatan, VA at 8:00 am; contact Tony Hackenberg @ 804-598-5812 or thackenberg.API@gmail.com. The **Southside bus** will leave St Augustine Church, 4400 Beulah Road, Chesterfield, VA at 8:00 am and stop at St Joseph Church, 828 Buford Road, Richmond, VA at 8:15 am; contact Doug MacPherson @ 804-275-7187 or thebarnyardpoet@verizon.net, or Patrick Latimer @ 804-262-7628 or knights@stjosephrichmond.org. The **West End bus** will leave the Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road, Henrico, VA at 8:00 am; contact Darius Yazdgerdi at 804-740-9633 or dmyaz@verizon.net. The **East End bus** will leave the Church of the Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, VA at 8:00 am; contact Ed Gillikin, Sr at 804-737-7628 or EdGilli@msn.com. The **West End and East End buses** will stop at the Diocese of Richmond Pastoral Center, 7800 Carousel Lane, Henrico, VA (just off of Parham and Shradler Roads) at 8:15 am for a brief convocation. Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location by 7:45 am and must bring a lunch, soft drinks, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather conditions. All buses will return by 6:00 pm.

Traditional Irish Music Radio Show – January 7th

You are cordially invited to listen on-line to Irish traditional music produced by Kevin Donleavy in Charlottesville. The last of two shows will air on January 7th. The show is called ATLANTIC WEEKLY PART TWO will air 10 am till 12 noon. Here are the short steps to list in :

On your computer, go to <http://wtju.net>. Then, select Listen Live on the right side bar. Next, choose between Ogg, MB3, or Windows Media. Then, in the upper left box (if it appears), click the forward arrow. Or on your

internet radio, select WTJU in Virginia, USA, or pick up the "Tune In Radio" app for your iPhone or other mobile device and easily dial up the station.

On this show, what will you be hearing? Songs and tunes from the Armagh Pipers 40th anniversary album. Fiddle and pipes from Liam O'Connor and Sean McKeon. There will be songs from Barleycorn and from Niamh Parsons, and some selections from younger groups such as Ioscaid and Bua. Especially nice will be cuts from Paddy O'Brien's newish album, *The Sailor's Cravat*. For the discriminating listener, there will be two newly-composed songs, "Lament for Cathal Goulding" and "The Boys in the Gap." From the album called *Set Dances of Ireland*, you can hear the trio of Paudy Scully, Denis McMahon, and Timmy O'Connor. And of course, there's the new Joe Liddy album, and the recording of the Monks, and the CD of the trio of Donegal fiddlers, and so forth.

Mark Your Calendars for March Concerts

POISONED DWARF AND HANDSOME MOLLY **March 2nd @ 7 PM**

Glen Allen Cultural Art Center 2nd Stage

What a great opportunity this is – Wonderful Irish music. If you can't get to the pubs in Ireland – this might be just as good! **Poisoned Dwarf** – plays driving traditional Celtic music. Focusing primarily on Irish traditional music, and with acoustic instruments only, this band from Williamsburg, Virginia has entertained audiences in many different settings for years. **Handsome Molly** plays Irish music that is heard in pubs all over Ireland, in bars, at Irish dances and social events. Local musicians Kelly Kennedy adds to the luster of this Irish group along with Andy Cleveland, Craig DuBose and Rachel Blake. To hear some music from these local and area talents – just click on the links. Tickets \$10/Adv \$12 at door.

<http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/poisoneddwarf2>
<http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/kellykennedy>

CELTIC NIGHTS! **March 15th @ 7:30pm** **University of Richmond**

From the creators of *Gaelforce Dance*, the "two hour spectacular [that] has brought audiences to their feet all around the world" comes a brand new show in celebration of song. *Celtic Nights* expertly weaves together the lilting melodies and plaintive lyrics of the rich Celtic heritage to tell the story of a people. The audience is invited to travel along on a journey of hope, transported in time through traditional ballads, vivid choreography, and the story of a people struggling to find their place in a changing world. *Celtic Nights* features the finest male and female voices of the Celtic world, showcased against a thundering backdrop of expert dancing and musicianship. In this glittering production, six of Ireland's most prominent vocal talents are complemented by six of its most accomplished step dancers, creating an exhilarating picture of a proud people

who dared to dream big and doggedly carved out a home in the New World. In *Celtic Nights*, their story is told through the power and majesty of music and the hypnotic fury of dancing feet. Adults \$36, Seniors \$32, Group o 20+ \$32 each, Children \$18. <http://modlin.richmond.edu/events/index.html>

Celtic Woman: Believe **March 20th @ 7:30PM** **Landmark Theater**

BELIEVE. Global music phenomenon Celtic Woman announce their breathtaking brand new live show, **BELIEVE.** Celebrating an enchanting new studio album and companion live concert DVD of the same name, the awe-inspiring vocalists and mesmerizing violinist of Celtic Woman now embark on the **BELIEVE LIVE US** tour. Performing classic Irish tunes, timeless pop anthems and inspirational songs in their inimitable style, Celtic Woman's all-new production marks the pinnacle of their illustrious career, and will make you **BELIEVE** you've heard the voices of angels.

The Cuba 5



The 'Cuba 5'. From the left: Devoy, Charles Underwood O'Connell, Henry Mulleda, Rossa, and John McClure.

On Jan. 5, 1871, the British released 30 Fenian prisoners in a general amnesty. Most of these prisoners were men who had either been swept up the British in 1865, when they suppressed the Fenian paper, *The Irish People*, taken part in the March 1867 rising, or been rounded up after the 'Smashing of the Van' rescue of Kelly and Deasy in September

1867. The British penal system of that time was brutal under normal circumstances, and the Fenians came in for much harsher treatment than the normal inmate did. Those Fenians still on the outside agitated constantly for the release of their comrades. The man most responsible for the release of 1871 was John 'Amnesty' Nolan, who thus earned his sobriquet. The names of many of the men released by William Gladstone's government are well-known to those who have studied the Irish Republican movement. One of them was Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, as steadfast an enemy of English rule in Ireland as any who ever lived. After Rossa's death his body was returned to Ireland for burial, and his funeral in 1915 included the famous eulogy by Patrick Pearse, one of the seminal moments in the renewal of armed struggle for Irish freedom. Another Fenian released that day was John Devoy, who perhaps more than any other man would keep the struggle for Irish freedom alive among Irish exiles in America. The British government released the Fenians on condition that they exile themselves to the country of their choice and not return until their sentences had expired. Many chose to go to Australia, but Rossa, Devoy, John McClure, Henry Mulleda and Charles Underwood O'Connell, who had all been imprisoned together, chose to go to America and shipped together from Liverpool on board the *Cuba*. The so-called *Cuba Five* arrived in New York to a hero's welcome from the city's large Irish community and even received a resolution of welcome from the U.S. House of Representatives.

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State President Chuck Curran installs the 2012 Officers (l-r) Jim Whelen President, Mike Strutton Vice President, Mike Smith Recording Secretary, Mike Sweeney Financial Secretary, Paul McFadden standing in for Conor Shiel Treasurer, Pat Shea Chairman of Standing Committee, Brian Kiernan Marshall, Chad Costello standing in for Tim McDonnell Sentinel