



**Major Dooley Division  
Richmond, Virginia**

# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 32 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting - Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



### President's Message

Brothers, another successful March for the books! We started St Patricks with a wonderful Mass & homily from **Fr Ball, Fr Zahn** also was good enough to come down and concelebrate the Mass.

For those that followed, we had a great time down at Rosie's Where we also got to enjoy "Shamrock the Block". After a brief break, many headed over to the Columbian Center where we had our joint party with KofC 395. St Patrick himself made an appearance!

Special thanks to **Tim & Chad** who ran another great raffle this year, and what a showing we had for the parade at the Irish Festival this year. Thanks to all of you who sold/purchased raffle tickets. Special thanks to **Tom McGranahan** for selling tickets at Festival both days considering he is recouping from some recent medical care. Some of the heaviest & consistent rain, and yet we had a great turnout. See the photos Pat S. has on the website.

Our raffle winner purchased the winning ticket right at the festival this year.

As I right this, I'm sitting in J. Foley's Irish Pub in San Fran making sure they can properly pour a Guinness, so far they pass, I'll be reaching out to the AOH divisions on the West Coast for the "diplomatic" mission of the order"

*Jim*



**Prayer List** - Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention: **Hugh Naughton** recovering from double knee replacement, **Andy Jennings** receiving treatments for cancer, **Wanda Walsh**, wife of Tom, receiving treatments for cancer, **Michael Maynes**, son of member Ed Maynes, has completed a lengthy round of cancer treatments and has received a good report from the doctors, **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 Chaplin 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



Spiritual Retreat  
(hit your ball and pray)

Two Nights Three Rounds, May 10-12, 2012

Thursday Lake Marion golf course  
Friday Santee National golf course  
Saturday Santee Cooper Country Club

\$223 per person, contact Jack Cassells 740-8651

**Remembering the Past:  
Father Aloysius Roche, Patriot Priest**

While many clerics have supported the armed struggle of the IRA since 1916, the Capuchin Friars have been particularly noted for their republicanism.

One such Capuchin was Fr Aloysius Roche, the son of an Irish father and English mother, born in Scotland in 1886. He studied for the priesthood and, following his ordination, he was transferred to Dublin where he was attached to the Capuchin Order in Church Street.

During Easter Week 1916, Fr Aloysius along with Frs Albert, Augustine and Dominic brought spiritual aid to the Volunteers in the numerous garrisons and outposts throughout Dublin

Following Pdraig Pearse's surrender on Saturday, 29 April 1916, Fr Aloysius spent the next day carrying the surrender order to the main garrisons on the south side of the city.

In the early hours of the morning of 3 May, Fr Aloysius administered the last sacraments to Pearse, Mac Donagh and Thomas Clarke, the first three leaders of the Rising to be executed.

On 7 May, he met John Dillon, a leading member of the Irish Parliamentary Party, who agreed to do all in his power to persuade the British government to stop the executions. And it was largely due to his efforts that Dillon, five days later, during a debate on the rising in the House of Commons, launched a blistering attack on the British government's handling of the situation in Ireland.

Earlier that day, Fr Aloysius accompanied James Connolly by ambulance from Dublin Castle to Kilmainham Jail for execution and stood behind the firing squad as they fired the final volley.

During the Tan and Civil Wars he was an enthusiastic and practical supporter of the national struggle and continued his republican allegiance throughout the following decades.

The tall figure of Fr Aloysius was a familiar sight along Dublin's quays for over fifty years.

Fr Aloysius died on 2 May, 1957.

Fort Lee Celtic Festival **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday

Ft Lee Celtic Festival 2012 Ft Lee, VA (Petersburg area) - Fort Lee Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) presents the Celtic Festival on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Hide Away. The Hide Away is located on 5th Street, Bldg. 15013. The festival is free and open to the public. The festival opens at 10 a.m. with authentic Celtic food, music, vendors and more. FMWR's Kid Zone, inflatable rides and games for kids will also be there.

For Additional information - See

<http://www.leemwr.com/celticfestival.htm>

Brigadier General Tom Smyth  
Last Civil War General Killed

On April 7, 1865, Brig. Gen. Tom Smyth was mortally wounded at the battle of Farmville, Virginia. Born in County Cork, Smyth came to the United States in 1854. When the rebels fired on Fort Sumter in 1861, launching the American Civil War, Smyth raised a company that joined the Irish 24th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The regiment saw little action and mustered out after 3-months. He then got an appointment as major in the newly formed 1st Delaware Volunteer Infantry. Smyth fought in all the major battles of the war's Eastern theater and rose through the ranks. In February 1864, Smyth briefly commanded the famous Irish Brigade. Smyth finally got a long-deserved star in September. On April 7, 1865, at the battle of Farmville, Smyth was shot through the mouth by a Confederate sniper. He died April 9, the same day Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered, virtually bringing the war to a close. Thomas Alfred Smyth was the last Union general killed in the war.

# Church Hill Irish Festival



St. Patrick's Church



Steve McGann, Brian Hegarty, Mitch Irvine (l-r)



Tis Himself St. Patrick a.k.a Jack Cassells



Scott Nugent carrying the tricolor



Dr. Matt Brokaw, DDS



Maggie McGann leading St. Patrick

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## Church Hill Irish Festival



Displaying the Banner proudly. Chad Costello and  
Tim McDonnell.



LAOH Christine Irvine & AOH Mitch Irvine at the  
Dooley Division booth.