



**Major Dooley Division  
Richmond, Virginia**

# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 33 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting - Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



### President's Message

As we start October, we've completed our annual "give back to our parishes" events. This year we had good attendance as well as great marketing with so many wearing their green jackets.

All the parish priests did a great job of pointing us out and telling the congregation why we were there too.

When you combine these events with our recruiting/ raffle sessions , they really are our best recruiting opportunities.

Thanks to all brothers and their families who were able to make the check presentations with us, and of course Tim & Chad our raffle chairs for another job well done!

We will have our state quarterly meeting on October 20th at St Paul's - any member is welcome- we start at 9, should wrap it up by lunch and then head over to the Celtic Festival. It's a nice opportunity to meet fellow Hibernians from around the state if you've never been to one.

We hope to see you and your families this Sunday October 7th at St Michaels for our annual family picnic honoring Irishman Commodore Barry-the Father of the American Navy.

Please see Big Dan's recent email he forwarded for Mike Muldowny who is chairing this event- to give us a head count.

In our Motto

*Jim*



**Prayer List** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Tim Lawson**. Tim is the son of deceased member **Bernard Lawson**. Tim was very active in the AOH in North Carolina.

Please pray for those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention: **Hugh Naughton** recovering from double knee replacement, **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, **Jessie Naughton, Dick Moore, Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn, **Jeannie Barrett** wife of Tom Barrett, and **Don Reilly, Tom Roche**, Vince Eikmeier's bother-in-law, is recovering from a liver transplant. 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

### Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- October 7<sup>th</sup> family picnic honoring Irishman Commodore Barry-the Father of the American Navy 14th Half Way to St. Patrick's Day, Rare Olde Times.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Two full days of traditional dance, live music, Highland games competition, clan tents and vendors.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Division Christmas Party at St. Mary's 1:00 p.m.



**Free Concert "Notre Dame Glee Club"**  
**Tuesday, Oct 16 7:30pm**  
St. Mary's Catholic Church, 9505 Gayton Road

Recognized as one of the "finest all male collegiate choral groups in the country", the University Of Notre Dame Glee Club" has a rich history of singing spanning the last 97 years. Drawing from a wide repertoire of music they entertain around the country and the world every year. This concert is suitable for all ages no fee – but a free will donation will be taken at the end for the benefit of the Glee Club.



**IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES – Beginning at 6:30 on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, The Irish Language class will meet at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, 6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond – 23226. There is no charge. Any questions please call Dan Begley, 804-740-5631

### **AOH Family Picnic**

October 7<sup>th</sup> the pavilions behind Saint Michael Church  
4491 Springfield Road, Glen Allen, 1:00p.m.

Menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets, French fries, hot dogs, bratwursts, and other items. For dessert, there will be ice cream sundae bar and cookies.

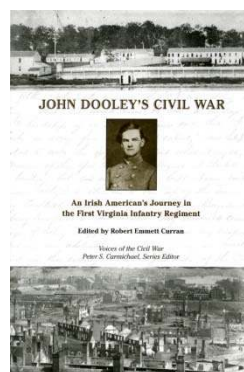
At 2:30, we will be entertained by 6 to 10 lovely and talented young lasses from Muggivan's School of Irish Dance.

We will have a brief ceremony to recognize the birth and achievements of Commodore John Barry, first commissioned officer of the United States Navy.

If you plan to attend, please email to [Michael.muldowney@mssb.com](mailto:Michael.muldowney@mssb.com) or call:

- (1) Number of adults attending
- (2) Number and approx. age of children attending
- (3) A side dish or dessert that you would like to share. This is optional.

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Wed, 14 Nov, 2012 6:00 PM  
A Lecture, Book-Signing and Reception Sponsored by the Maymont Council in collaboration with the Museum of the Confederacy

**An Irish American Experience In The Confederate Army: John Dooley's Civil War** “  
**Presented by Dr. Robert Emmett Curran, Georgetown University Professor Emeritus of History**

Dr. Curran gives us fresh information from a keen observer of life in the Confederate Army and significant campaigns of the North-South conflict. The younger brother of Maymont's James H. Dooley, John Edward Dooley left a riveting, highly literate and vivid first-person account of his experiences in the First Virginia Regiment.

Previously known only through an abbreviated edition, Dr. Curran's expanded edition reveals the full scope of John Dooley's war time experience, from the home front in Richmond to 20 months in a federal prison camp on Lake Erie, from bloody Antietam to Gettysburg, where he fell wounded, leading his company of Irish Americans in Pickett's Charge.

Join us for Dr. Curran's introduction to a fascinating young Richmonder and his captivating story. Reception and book signing follow the lecture. \$10 per person/\$5 members of Maymont and Museum of the Confederacy. Reservations recommended and for information, 804-358-7166, ext.329 [or register online](#)

**Location:** Garden Hall Maymont,  
1700 Hampton Street Richmond

**Fee:** \$10 per person & \$5 for Maymont &  
Museum of the Confederacy Museum

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### Fairfax Station

March 1, 2012 By [Mike McCormack](#)

Maj. Gen. McClellan's Peninsula Campaign at the outbreak of America's Civil War was aimed at capturing the rebel capitol at Richmond. It was beaten back in June, 1862. Union forces made it back to relative safety, but suffered almost 16,000 casualties during a strategic retreat. Lee's army had taken the offensive, but lost close to 20,000. Convinced that McClellan no longer posed a threat to Richmond, Lee moved his army into northern Virginia and headed for Washington; in their path was the railroad town of Fairfax Station.

Many Irish immigrants had signed on to build America's railroads, so it was no surprise to find names like Cunningham, Hammil, Maher, and Doyle among those who had built the Orange and Alexandria Railroad in northern Virginia. These and other Irish workers had built a small town around one of the railroad's stations and the community became known as Fairfax Station. One of the first projects of the Fairfax Station Irish was the erection of a Catholic church. They labored in their off-hours to put up a small frame building in September, 1858 and pooled their money to buy a bell. The new St. Mary of the Sorrows Church at Fairfax Station had barely opened its doors when the Civil War began. Many of the Fairfax Station Irish joined the Irish Regiments that had been formed in the Confederate Army such as the First Virginia Regiment which became The Emmet Guard and the 27th Virginia Infantry which was called The Virginia Hibernians. The little town of Fairfax Station was strategically located between the important railroad station and a main road to Washington, DC. Further, the Union Army had taken the railroad depot at Alexandria in order to protect the Capitol and southern forces occupied the station at Manassas Junction, making the Fairfax Station area the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. In July, 1862, General Lee combined his best commanders, Generals Stonewall Jackson, J. E. B. Stuart and James Longstreet and sent them up through Virginia to intercept the Union Army of General Pope who was en route to join forces with the

army of General McClellan, then moving back toward Washington after the Seven Days Battle. Lee and his forces met the Union Army on August 30 and fought what came to be known as the Second Battle of Manassas or, as the Union referred to it – Second Bull Run. Three days of fierce fighting left 1,744 Union dead and another 8,452 wounded. Unlike the calamitous retreat at the First Bull Run a year earlier, the Union withdrawal was orderly and the Confederates, weary from battle and low on ammunition, broke off as well and did not pursue. Although Lee had won the victory, he had not achieved his objective of destroying the Union army and the Union forces had successfully stopped an invasion of the north. During the battle, two gallant Union officers were lost, Major Generals Kearney and Stephens. Major General Philip Kearney had been a hero of the Mexican War where he fought at the side of General Robert E. Lee. When Lee heard that his former comrade had fallen, he ordered the bodies returned to the Union camp. Under a flag of truce, amid the roar of artillery, the bodies of Kearney and Stephens were carried by Confederate Honor Guard to a tent at a makeshift field hospital which had been set up beside St. Mary's.

Hundreds of wounded were treated on the high ground around the church as a terrible storm made the scene one of confusion; wounded men lay dying in the mud waiting for a doctor to reach them. It was to this scene that a woman from Washington, DC came to offer her help. She had spent the first year of the war tending wounded in Washington, and hearing of the heavy fighting, made her way to Fairfax Station. With two assistants, she set up an operating room inside the little Church and assisted the surgeons in their tedious tasks. She moved tirelessly among the wounded, cleansing wounds, writing letters, and praying with them until a doctor was available. While serving the many wounded in these deplorable conditions, she conceived a plan for a civilian organization that could act quickly with the proper medical supplies and trained staff in any emergency – in peacetime or in war.

A final Confederate raid forced the evacuation of the wounded amid terribly unsanitary conditions, and the brave little lady from Washington was among the last to leave. The advancing Confederate troops found the station and most of the town destroyed by fire, but as if by a miracle, the little Church was barely touched. Only a few of its pews had been used by the Union Army for firewood. Years later, when President Grant heard of this, he ordered \$765. in war damages to St. Mary's to have them replaced, for the Church of St. Mary's had earned a special significance in American history. It was there that the heroic little lady from Washington, DC had conceived the idea for a noble organization. The lady was the angel of the battlefield, Clara Barton, and the organization was the American Red Cross. . . and the little Irish Church of St. Mary's where it all started is still in use to this day, but as a national shrine.

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Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games  
October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
Richmond Raceway Complex  
\$15 Single Day or \$25 Weekend

