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Next Meeting - Tuesday September 9th 12th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a great summer. The Division did get together for a couple of our regular events during the summer break. Many thanks to Pat Naughton for putting together another great AOH Squirrels game outing. Unfortunately we had to educate the public address folks that we were not the "Ancient Order of Hibernations!"

The Biannual State Convention was held in Fredericksburg and new state officers elected. Our Division was impressive not only for the sheer number of Delegates (7) we had in attendance but that we could sing O'Donnell Abu and The Irish national Anthem from memory! Thanks for being the song leader for the Convention Vince.

Along with the Ladies AOH, We gathered at St Paul's in August for mass to celebrate Our Lady of Knock. The Division hosted a simple reception after Mass. Thanks to Big Dan for coordinating the reception. Thank you to Fr Zahn for celebrating it and explaining to the congregation who all those folks in the green jackets were and what the Mass means to the Irish.

The threat rainy weather couldn't keep us from heading over to Tom Murphy's house after the Mass to have a fantastic time as always at the annual picnic he so graciously hosts each year. The kids who made it in the pool (along with a big kid or two) correctly pointed out "you're getting wet anyway!" Big thanks to our "Grill masters" and Tom for sharing his home and Irish hospitality with us.

We will be finishing presenting checks to many of the parishes this month, Big Dan will send. Please try to attend your individual parishes and wear your green jackets or sashes- If you can join us at any of the Masses it is appreciated. We really stand out when we do this-it's a great marketing opportunity.

Looking forward, we have the Commodore Barry Commutation and picnic in September. The 1st State Board quarterly meeting will be on October 19 from 9AM to 12N at the Fr. Robert W. McDonald Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road, Henrico, VA. Attendance is open to any member with a membership card whose dues are current. October 19 is the first day of the Celtic Festival and Highland games. The festivity occurs on the 19 and 20 marks the start of the raffle for the 2013-2014 year. Please plan to attend and help man our booth. As always, Big Dan will keep us informed of the last minute details.

I have heard a rumor that an Irish Road Bowling tournament may be in the work for the fall. In our motto,

Brian

Prayer List –Jim Cremins is recovering from surgery, **Jack Griffin’s son, Neil Griffin** will be begin treatment shortly for cancer, **Jack’s daughter, Carleen**, has also been diagnosed with cancer, **Wanda Walsh**, wife of **Tom**, receiving treatments for cancer, **Michael Maynes**, son of member **Ed Maynes**, continues to be challenged with cancer, **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson’s sister is battling a long illness, **Jessie Naughton, Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn, **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**, has returned from Afghanistan. He is serving as Chaplain with the 1st Special Operations Wing of the Air Force. **CW2 David Bulger**, US Army has been deployed to Iraq with "B" Co. of the 5/159th Aviation Regiment, **Dennis Flanagan, son of Jack**, is a helicopter mechanic in Afghanistan.

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- 9/14 – Commodore Barry commemoration and picnic at St. Michael’s



One Irish person emigrates every six minutes

By Jamie Smyth in Dublin

Ireland’s rate of emigration is continuing to increase and at one stage one person was leaving the country to live abroad every six minutes – the highest number since modern records began in the late 1980s.

New figures published on Thursday, August 29th, show 397,500 people have emigrated since Ireland’s financial crisis began in 2008, with most travelling to the UK, Australia and Canada in search of work.

During the same period 277,400 people have returned or moved to Ireland, giving a net outward migration figure of 120,100. In a 12-month period from April last year, 10 people left every hour. The outflow, which is continuing despite a slight dip in unemployment over the past year, has prompted calls for the government to do more to provide opportunities for young people. “This underlines the need for immediate and stronger government action to stem the flow of young people leaving the country,” said Marie-Claire McAleer of the National Youth Council of Ireland.

The data provide a stark reflection of how the economic crisis has affected the Irish, who thought they had rid themselves of the historic scourge of emigration during the Celtic Tiger boom. Ireland experienced one of the highest immigration rates in the EU in the early to mid 2000s, when its economy was overheating as a result of a property bubble. But when the financial crisis struck, net emigration returned in 2009 with more people leaving the country than arriving.

Almost a third of 15 to 24-year-olds, who grew up during an era when highly paid jobs were plentiful, are now out of work and even those with jobs have seen their wages slashed. More than a third of people leaving the country in the 12-month period to the end of April were between 15 and 24 years of age. Some 50,900 of the 89,000 people who emigrated were Irish citizens while the rest were nationals from other countries.

“Emigration is a reflex action for Irish people in times of crisis,” says Niamh Hourigan, doctor of sociology at University College Cork. “The hope is that many of these young people can come back with new skills when the economy eventually recovers.”

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Even though Ireland slipped back into recession in the first quarter of the year, there are encouraging signs that employment has stabilised. Ireland’s Central Statistics Office said on Thursday that the seasonally adjusted unemployment fell to 13.7 per cent, down from 14.8 per cent a year earlier. The number of people in employment rose by 33,800 to 1.9m during the same period.

“We have a long way to go, of course, but what is encouraging about this is the increase in employment across all occupations,” said Richard Bruton, Ireland’s enterprise minister.

The number of immigrants moving to Ireland is also recovering following sharp falls when the economic crisis first struck the country in 2008. In the year to the end of April 2013, some 55,900 people immigrants arrived in the country, up from 52,700 a year earlier. The overall net migration figure in 2013 was minus 33,100, a slight drop on the minus 34,400 figure recorded last year.

This compares with the high point of immigration in 2007, when 151,100 immigrants moved to Ireland. That year the net migration figure was 104,800 people.

**Commodore Barry – Halfway to Saint Patrick’s
AOH Picnic**

Sunday, Sep 15, at 1:00 pm.

Saint Michael on Springfield Road, Glen Allen

If you’re Irish (especially members of the LAOH and Monsignor Kelly Division) come the party there’s a welcome there for you!! There will be plenty of food and drink is guaranteed. This is also an excellent event to invite possible new members to attend.

Please advise if you plan to attend, please notify Mike Muldowney (see below) with a head count. Also, don’t make any promises, but just for curiosity, how many kids are of the age where they would enjoy one of those bouncy things (moon-walk?)? No promises expressed or implied.

Mike also needs help with games and/or crafts for kids.

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**Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland
Games**

Richmond International Raceway

Saturday, October 20th

Gates Open 9am-6pm

ALL DAY: Historical Demonstrations, Blacksmith Demonstrations, Wee Ones Athletics by Scots for Tots, British Motorcycle and Car Show, Duty Bands, Highland Dance, Bagpipe Competitions, Vendor Village.

9:00am- Piping Competition – Pipe Band Competition Area

10:00am- Drumming Competition- Pipe Band Competition Area

10:30am- Sterling Swordplayers- Sterling Swordplayers Enclosure

Whisky Tasting

11:00am- X-Band – Smithwicks Music Stage

12noon- Opening Ceremonies, Massed Bands- Guinness Games Field

12:15pm- Glasgow Kiss- Smithwicks Music Stage Sterling Swordplayers- Sterling Swordplayers Enclosure

Whisky Tasting

1:00pm- Seven Nations- Smithwicks Music Stage

1:15pm- St. Andrews Society Bonnie Knees Contest- Sterling Swordplayers Enclosure

1:30pm- Whisky Tasting

2:00pm- Pipe Band Competition- Pipe Band Competition Area

Cutthroat Shamrock- Smithwicks Music Stage

2:45pm- Sterling Swordplayers- Sterling Swordplayers Enclosure

3:00pm- The Donnybrooks- Smithwicks Music Stage Whisky Tasting

4:00pm- Seven Nations- Smithwicks Music Stage

4:30pm- Heavy Athletics Awards Ceremony Whisky Tasting

5:00pm- Uisce Beatha- Smithwicks Music Stage

6:00pm- Event Closes- See you Sunday!

Sunday, October 21st

Gates Open 9am-6pm

ALL DAY: Historical Demonstrations, Blacksmith Demonstrations, Wee Ones Athletics by Scots for Tots, British Motorcycle and Car Show, Duty Bands, Highland Dance, Bagpipe Competitions, Vendor Village.

9:00am- Worship Service- Guinness Games Field

9:30am- Highland Dance Competition- Highland Dance Stage

10:00am- Amateur Heavy Athletics- Guinness Games Field

10:30am- Sterling Swordplayers- Sterling Swordplayers Enclosure

Whisky Tasting

11:00am- Sheepdog Demonstration- Guinness Games Field

Irish Fiddle Competition- Harp Stage

X Band- Smithwicks Music Stage

11:45am- Parade of Scottish Clans- Guinness Games Field

12:15pm- Glasgow Kiss- Smithwicks Music Stage Whisky Tasting

1:00pm- Seven Nations- Smithwicks Music Stage Rugby Match- Newcastle Rugby Field

2:00pm- Scottish Fiddle Competition- Harp Stage Uisce Beatha- Smithwicks Music Stage

Hurling Match & – Newcastle Rugby Field

2:30pm- Sterling Swordplayers- Sterling Swordplayers Enclosure

2:45pm- Blessing of the Animals

Hurling Workshop- Newcastle Rugby Field

3:00pm- The Havers- Smithwicks Music Stage

4:00pm- Seven Nations- Smithwicks Music Stage

4:30pm- Heavy Athletics Awards Ceremony

5:00pm- The Donnybrooks- Smithwicks Music Stage

6:00pm- Event Closes- See you next year!!

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Hibernian Charity



The greatest danger to our Church today is the dwindling pool of dedicated men and women who are following religious vocations. The Church can ill-afford to lose worthy candidates due to financial considerations.

- Twelve-year old project to provide stipends to those who seek a religious vocation in the Catholic Church.
- The goal of the Hibernian Charity would be to fund grants in perpetuity and increase support to these men and women of God

The main fund raiser is AOH Mass Cards. Card are available at <http://www.aoh.com/project-st-patrick/>