

Ancient Order of Hibernians



**Major Dooley Division  
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# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 34 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting - Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



WOW!! If you have not heard by now, the Irish Night Party on March 15<sup>th</sup> was fantastic. I am very sorry if you missed it. We had the greatest music and a lot of really tasty food. This division knows how to cook. I had leftovers for a week. At only \$5.00 a person/ \$10.00 per family, we cleared all the bills and have a little left in the bucket. We'll get more details at our April meeting.

Please mark your calendars... we're gonna do this again next year. I have asked Mary Smith to write the AOH Party on her calendar for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I hope we can put it all together again.

As for St. Patrick's Day, mass and the First J.P. Carroll Memorial Breakfast was pretty well attended despite the nasty weather. A half inch of ice and snow tried to cancel our morning plans, but it all worked out very well. A BIG THANKS goes out to VP Chad Costello and the whole breakfast team who braved the slippery conditions and warmed us quite well with a Pancake and Sausage meal. The day continued in true AOH fashion with a visit to Rosie's, then Sine', and then our to Rare Old Times. I am sure all had a wonderful day and all the Irish Songs were sung in full voice.

The Irish Festival weekend was much like last year. A beautiful Saturday for the Parade and all the festivities. Thank You to ALL who showed up for the Irish Parade on Saturday morning. We had about 40 of us and the crowd was surprised and pleased that we sang "God Bless America". That has never been done before. Sunday was one of those Irish days, a bit colder than necessary for the enjoyment of all, but good for sipping the Irish Coffee. We sold a lot of Raffle tickets and held the drawing on Sunday. If you did not receive a phone call from me on Sunday, you did not win. The winner of our "2014 Trip to Ireland" Raffle is Kathleen Dart, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes, my parish. Kathleen purchased here ticket at the St. Patrick's Irish Festival... Congratulations Kathleen!!

I hope you enjoy your trip to Ireland.

April is upon us and we must look to a couple events coming up soon. Fr. Jim has asked that our Division attend Sunday mass and sponsor a breakfast for the parishioners of St. Elizabeth's Church. That event will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact VP Chad Costello to offer your assistance. I understand the LAOH is planning to assist as well. The more the merrier. Chad is checking on the Kitchen facilities and will have more information on this event at our April business meeting.

Plans are in place to run a bus trip to the Cmdr. Barry Memorial Dedication at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. This ceremony Celebrates the contributions of John Barry, "Father of the American Navy." Please see the invitation to join us for this day trip in this issue of the "Dooley Dispatch". Contact me to reserve your seat on the bus.

Please check the Calendar of events and call in your reservations to secure your attendance.

Mise le meas, (mish-e leh mass) Yours Respectfully,

*Vince.*

**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 Chaplin with the 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- April 27, Communion Breakfast at St. Elizabeth's. Chad Costello chairman. Fr. Jim Arsenault requested that the AOH attend mass and serve breakfast. The LAOH will also be assisting with this event.
- May 10, The Barry Memorial Formal Dedication at the U.S, Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.
- May 16-17, Annual Division Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay. Overnight May 16th, Contact Past President, Dan Caffrey, kkcaffrey@hotmail.com, 804-512-6288. Fish all day Saturday, May 17 and Saturday night is Optional as well.
- June 14, Saturday at 6:05 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Pat Naughton, Chair)(pnaughton09@gmail.com 360-2969)
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic (TBA) at Columbian Center (Tentative Family Event Plan) with the KOC 4th Assembly.
- August 17, Sunday – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass at 11 am at St. Paul's Church with Annual Pool Party (Family) to follow at Tom Murphy's House, 11908 Dalkeith Ln, Henrico, VA 23233.
- September 14, Sunday – Commemorate Commodore Barry Day (9/13/1803- date of death) at 1 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 – Family Picnic.
- September 17, Wednesday, – Halfway to St. Pat's Day at Sine Irish Pub...Happy Hour.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games, at Richmond Raceway; www.vacelticfestival.com Kickoff the selling of 2015 Dooley Raffle Tickets and the Recruiting of New Members at Double Booth (FAMILY Event).
- November 9, Memorial Mass for our deceased military veterans and Dooley Division members at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Church.

- December 7, Sunday – Family Christmas Party & Officer Installation at 1 pm (St. Michaels's? - to be confirmed) 2015 Officer Installations by State President. (to be Confirmed)



#### **Invitation... Bus Trip to Annapolis**

The Dooley Division is planning a bus trip to the Dedication Ceremony of the John Barry Memorial at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The bus will depart from the Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Rd. at 8:00 am returning about 6:00 pm. Cost for this trip is \$15.00 to cover your box lunch and refreshments on the bus.

Commodore John Barry was issued Commission Number 1 in the United States Navy by President George Washington, backdated to June 4, 1794. His title was thereafter "Commodore." He is recognized as not only the first American commissioned naval officer but also as its first flag officer. His earlier commission was in the Continental Navy and was appointed a Captain on December 7, 1775. He was the first Captain placed in command of a US warship commissioned for service under the Continental flag. This Irish born Catholic American is honored by members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who have worked diligently to bring this memorial to its proper place at the Barry Gate of the U.S. Naval Academy. See The National Hibernian Digest for more details on this memorial.

If you would like to attend the Dedication Ceremony, Please call Vince Eikmeier to reserve a seat on the bus. Your Reservation must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Phone 804-262-6181 home or 804 402-9414 cell.** Should there be fewer than 18 reservations on April 15<sup>th</sup> this bus will be canceled and car pools will be organized among those who wish to attend.



## Food Drive for St. Paul's Food Pantry

The Division, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, Council 395, is collecting food for the St. Paul's Food Pantry. Bags will be passed out at the next

meeting with a list of needed food items. Food can be brought to Irish Night at the Columbian Center, the April meeting, dropped off at the Columbian Center, or call Pat Naughton for pick up 360-2969. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to K of C Council 395. The following are needed.

- cans of tuna \*
- peanut butter \*
- jelly
- cans of soup
- can of pork and beans
- package of pasta
- cans spaghetti sauce \*
- cans vegetables
- box of cereal \*
- box of crackers
- box of pancake mix
- can of fruit (apple sauce, mixed fruit, peaches etc.)

\* - Urgently needed



*'For the sake of our fellow citizens and our comrades across this city who are likely to be shot or burned to death, I propose . . . we surrender.'*

-- Patrick Pearse addressing his fellow rebels Saturday, April 29, 1916.

## April 29<sup>th</sup> 1916 Order of Surrender

On April 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 a small band of Irish Volunteers stormed the General Post Office and declared their freedom from British rule.

To the British Forces in Dublin the rising came as quite a shock. They were confident that with only a limited supply of arms the rebels would not rise, and on Easter Monday most were away enjoying a day out at the races.

The first British incursion into Rebel-held territory was one of some antiquity. A group of lancers (mounted soldiers) rode up O'Connell Street and were cut down by firing from the GPO. With this small success the rebels went about their work preparing their defenses with some confidence.

Rumors abounded the city of a German landing, and a mass rising in the rest of Ireland. However, these rumours were nearly all untrue. The question was now: How long could they hold out? By Monday evening British reinforcements were pouring in from all over Ireland and preparations were being made in England for sending many more over. General Lowe took charge of the British and Martial Law was declared.

The IRB had not anticipated that the British would use artillery to attack. They preferred to think that there would be cavalry charges and street fighting. The lack of sufficient arms proved also to be a vital factor and it was reported that some men were using pikes.

Dublin was surrounded quickly and by Thursday 12,000 British had arrived. The rebels had not one machine gun. All they could do now was to sit and wait for the attack and it did come.

On Wednesday the bloodiest battle of the whole week was in progress. A party of seventeen men in houses on Northumberland Road and overlooking Mount Street Bridge faced a whole battalion of the British Army (700-800 men).

The British used tactics from the trenches to try and get through and casualties were massive. After 8 hours of charges the British had lost 230 killed and wounded. Most of the seventeen Irish escaped with their lives. In support of their infantry attacks the British brought a gun ship, the *Helga*, up the River Liffey and it bombarded the rebel positions.

By Thursday the British had over 12,000 soldiers in Dublin. A cordon had been established to isolate the rebel positions. They began to edge closer in on the volunteers. On Friday the GPO had to be evacuated because the roof and much of the building was burning as a result of artillery bombardment.

Much of O'Connell Street was also burning by now and the street was a death trap to any volunteer that ventured out because of the machine gun bullets filling it. The end was in sight for the rebels.

At noon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1916, decided that to avoid further deaths of civilians they must surrender. At 3.30pm Pearse handed General Lowe his sword and wrote the surrender order.

Elsewhere things in Ireland did not go as planned. In Ashbourne, Co. Meath, a party of volunteers fought and won a battle with the RIC (Royal Irish Constabulary); in Galway several hundred wandered until they were dispersed by a British ship which fired at them; in Cork they turned out but then went home; in Enniscorthy they captured the town and set up camp on vinegar hill (as in 1798) but later dispersed.

Elsewhere little happened. Some men made it to Dublin but had little consequence.

### Casualties

64 Rebels Killed, 120 Wounded

British Army and Police 132 Killed, 397 Wounded

Civilians 300 Killed, 2,000 Wounded



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# Hibernian Friendship Sisters and Brothers 2014 St. Patrick's Parade

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