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Celebrating 35 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting –Tuesday February 10th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message:

January, unlike February which is kind of like the calm before the storm, saw a busy start to the year with recruiting and ticket sales at three of the churches including St Bridgets, St Benedicts, and St Michaels. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the members that supported these efforts. We also decided at our January business meeting to forgo our traditional celebration of Major James Dooley's Birthday with bagpipes and Dr Bayliss talk in favor of supporting the restoration efforts of the portraits of Major Dooley's parents. Not wanting to completely abandon Major Dooley around his birthday we held a simple service of laying flowers at the mausoleum which included a few prayers and singing of the Irish National anthem. Thank you to Cantor Vince for leading us and continuing in Irish for the last verse. After the brief ceremony we had a great time at Rare Olde Times and our crack raffle sales team of McDonnell and Costello kids sold an astonishing 17 tickets. We had over 20 people at this scaled down event. At our January Meeting, we

welcomed Patrick Faye as our latest member and heard a special talk from Lori Forbes on the newly formed LAOH Mary Ryan Division. In keeping with our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity I encourage each of us to support Lori and the LAOH Mary Ryan Division. This letter started by saying February was like the calm before the storm and March is that wonderful storm of activity for our division. St. Patrick's Day will be upon us bringing several of our favorite events. This year we have been given a table at the March 14th Shockoe Fest by Helen of Rosie Connolly where we will sell raffle tickets. We have even been asked to help pour beers. I am certain this is something we know how to do. Our Irish Night will also be on March 14th at the Columbian Center. Mary Smith and Turf Fire are the musical entertainment for the evening. Please stay tuned for more information as it develops. Plans are also underway for the St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, March 17th. The J.P. Carroll Memorial Breakfast will be served after Mass. Of course the St. Patrick's Irish Parade and Festival will take over Church Hill on the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. The Irish Festival will conclude with the drawing of the winner of the Dooley Division "Trip to Ireland" on Sunday, March 22rd. As Paulie would say, "Are you feeling lucky?"

After we have been through the whirl wind that is March, it is on to April with its own full set of events including a private tour of the Dooley Mansion on April 11th as part of our Division's support of the restoration of the portraits of Major Dooley's parents. I am proud to say that as of the writing of this letter, our division has pledged nearly \$1,300 for the restoration. Please keep the pledges coming.

Be sure to add June 13th to your AOH calendar. The Major Degrees of the Order will be offered at Virginia Beach. More details on this event will be coming soon. Let your financial Secretary know if you would like to attend the Tower / Major Degrees of the Order.

In ár Mana

Chad Costello

Prayer List – Jim Cremins is convalescing, **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, Dick Canning** father of **Mike Canning**.

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. **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
- March 17, 2015, Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day Mass- 9:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223, JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast to Follow; 11 am - Rosie Connolly's Pub; Crawl.
- March 21 and 22, 2015 - 30th Church Hill Irish Festival - Street Festival in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street between Broad and Franklin Streets and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Sunday.
- March 21, 2015, Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 am- volunteers needed for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at Booth.
- March 22, 2015, Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets @booth- Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of the day. (5:30 pm)
- April 11, 2015, Saturday at 3:30 pm -Dooley Mansion Private Tour in recognition of our contributions to Dooley Portrait Conservation (John and Sarah Dooley Portraits and John Dooley Green Montgomery Coat (on loan); Dr. Bayliss Talk) (Family Event) 1700 Hampton Street Entrance, Richmond, VA; afterwards (Rare Olde Times) Happy Hour.

Division Supporting Dooley Portrait Conservation Project

Portraits of John and Sarah Dooley (father and sister of James H. Dooley) painted in 1859 were recently discovered. Maymont Foundation is in the process of having them conserved. The true identity of one of the paints was only recently revealed during conservation treatment. Cleaning has revealed John Dooley's name on a letter on a table nearby dated "Jun/14/1859/New York" and addressed to "John Dooley Esq/Richmond, Va." One of the books on the table beside him is the History of Ireland. The second portrait shows an elegantly yet soberly dressed lady with a young girl seated on her mother's lap. The girl appears to be about four years old which corresponds to the age of James Dooley's sister Sarah Evelyn in 1859. The portraits should be ready for public viewing this early summer.

It has also been announced that the green wool Montgomery Guard uniform of John Dooley (father of James H. Dooley) will be loaned by a private collection in Texas for public display in the Maymont Mansion from March 6 – July 5, 2015. This is the sole surviving Montgomery Guard uniform, and it belonged to James Dooley's father!

John Dooley was one of the founders of the Montgomery Guard, the militia company formed in 1850 by Irish Americans living in Richmond. The company later served in the Confederate Army as Company C of the First Virginia Infantry. In a handwritten note found in the pocket of the uniform coat, John Dooley described the purpose of the Montgomery Guard as "a permanent and respectable Irish organization composed of men, who love the green Island which gave them to the world & of those, who with affectionate reverence & devotion, remember her as the home of their Ancestors." The militia company's by-laws prescribed an impressive uniform with a green wool jacket with buff collar and cuffs. The distinctive uniform was worn at drills, parades, and other official functions, including the reburial of President Monroe in Hollywood Cemetery. After 1859, the green uniform was replaced by a standard gray uniform.

The Division is donating \$570 and members have donated \$750, making the total \$1320. Please consider donating.

Make check payable to "Maymont Foundation" and put in memo line "Restricted to Dooley Portrait Conservation".

Pledge intentions can be emailed to kkcaffrey@hotmail.com, mail checks to: Daniel Caffrey, 1703 Foxfire Cir, Henrico, VA 23238 or bring to the Feb 10 AOH Business Meeting.

Deadline for getting in donations is April 6 before our Dooley Mansion Tour on April 11.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Mary Ryan Division

Irish American Heritage Month Bus Trip to Washington DC March 10, 2015

Bus will leave from St. Michael's Church, Glen Allen, at 6:00 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m.

The trip will include:

Visit to the Basilica of The National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception with Mass Celebrated By Father Jim Arsenault

Lunch at The Dubliner Restaurant

National Museum of Women in the Arts – Picturing Mary, Woman, Mother, Idea

47 Passenger Bus – \$35 for bus and \$8 for museum, responsible for your own lunch cost.

Please send the number in party plus payment to Laura Rossmore by February 10th, 2212 Persimmon Trek, Henrico, Va 23233, 967-9779, lauraerossmore@gmail.com

Got Green White and Orange???

The Men's Wearhouse, 9101 W. Broad St. offers a discount to AOH members on green sports coats

Tricolor sashes are available from the LAOH Mary Ryan Division

Contact Lori Forbes, lmfherself@aol.com



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IRISH NIGHT

**Saturday, March 14, 2015
From 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm**

**Knights of Columbus 395 and the Dooley Division of the
Ancient Order of Hibernians will host a night of Irish
Music and Fellowship
At the Columbian Center
2324 Pump Rd., Richmond, VA 23233
(between Ridgefield Pkwy and Church Rd)**

Traditional Irish Music by Mary Smith and Turf Fire

\$5 per person in Advance/\$10 at door

\$10 per Family

And...Bring your favorite Irish dish to share

Dinner to Start at 7:00 pm

All beers \$3, \$1 sodas

Advance Payment Due March 8th

For reserved seating

call Steve McGann 804-747-8790 or Vince Eikmeier 804-262-6181

Seating is limited so make your reservations early (Sold Out Last Year)

Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 395

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Hibernian Unity

Annual Tribute to Major James and Sally May Dooley



At the step of the mausoleum



Looking out at the James River for Dooley mansion
back deck