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Next Meeting –Tuesday May 12th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message:

Hopefully the days upon days of rain that April is known for are behind us. But what a beautiful month May is turning out to be. I love everything about spring, except for the pollen, my blue car looks more like yellow now. Now we all get a chance to catch a breath of fresh air. At our April meeting we draped the charter for our Brother James Cremins and had wonderful words spoken to us by Fr. George. On April 11th we had a large crowd for the special tour of the Dooley Mansion. Afterwards everyone made their way to Rare Olde Times for fellowship and food. Looking forward, we are having our business meeting on May 12th where we hope to offer the Shamrock degree. If you have not already gone through this first degree, please plan to join us on the 12th. On May 30th and 31st the division will be holding its annual fishing trip. If you have not signed up already, please see Dan Caffrey for the details. Then on June 13th the State AOH will be having their state meeting at Virginia Beach and they will be holding the Tower Degree right after the business meetings. If you have never participated in the Tower Degree, you should. Take my word, it is well worth it. As a side note, to take the Tower Degree you have to have taken the Shamrock Degree. Let Mike Sweeny, your financial Secretary, know if you would like to attend the Tower / Major Degrees of the Order. Last but not least we will be rounding out June with a trip to ballpark to watch the Flying Squirrels on June 20th. If you would like to attend the game, please contact Pat Naughton. Hope to see you all at the business meeting on the 12th.

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Chad Costello



Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- May 30-31, 2015 – Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay, Spend Saturday night, fish early Sunday morning (all day); Captain Crabbe. Reply to Daniel at kkcaffrey@hotmail.com or 804-512-6288.
- June 13, 2015, Saturday morning – AOH State Quarterly Meeting at St. Patrick Division, Virginia Beach, VA; Major Degrees to follow. Great opportunity to get your Tower (Major) Degree.
- June 20, 2015, Saturday at 6:05 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Pat Naughton, Chair)(ph 360-2969)
- July 12th 2015, Sunday at 10:45 a.m. The parish has invited to AOH come celebrate Fr. Wayne Ball time with St. Patrick's Church before his departure this summer.

Joseph Jowaisas in need of a ride to meetings and events. He lives at 6161 River Rd #15. Please call him at 288-2428, if you can assist him.

Prayer List –Please pray for **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, **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**, is serving as Chaplain with the 1st Special Operations Wing of the Air Force.

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

Annual Fishing Trip for May 30-31, 2015.

This year it's a Saturday / Sunday trip, giving us more time to get up there early enough on Saturday to have dinner and enjoy the setting on the River. If we can get a Deacon/Priest to join us we can have Mass/service there at 5 pm Saturday.
Depending on the number of people, the cost per person is in the range of \$125-150 and includes Fishing, lodging, dinner, breakfast, beverages and lunch (more details to follow).
The maximum # we can accommodate is 12, so please reply to this email if you're interested in joining us.
See below to website links for Captain Crabbe and Sloop Creek Lodge.

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Capt. Danny Crabbe
51 Railway Dr.
Heathsville, VA 22473
804.761.0908
www.CrabbesCharterFishing.com

Sloop Creek Lodge
91 Lucys Lane
Reedville Va. 22539
www.vacationhomerentals.com/47098

AOH Night at the Diamond Now Twice the Fun Saturday June 20th 5 p.m. Double Header and Fireworks

Superblast Saturday, Camo Cooler Sleeve and Military Appreciation Night
Doubleheader at The Diamond! Come celebrate those who have and are serving in the Armed Forces with post game fireworks and a Camo Cooler Sleeve Giveaway (1,500 21 & up), sponsored by Budweiser. Gates open at 3:30 PM with the first pitch of the first game at 5:00 PM.

Tickets \$11, contact Pat Naughton 360-2969,
pnaughton09@gmail.com or sign up at [signup genius
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45AAAF2FA46-squirrels](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45AAAF2FA46-squirrels)

Galway Races, Ireland's Kentucky Derby July 27th – August 2nd

This famous race has been sung by many Irish groups including the [The Clancy Brothers](#), [The Dubliners](#), and [The Pogues](#).

This weeklong event dates back to 1869. It takes place just outside Galway city at Ballybrit, the races now pull in crowds of over 150,000. Both hurdle and flat races are seen over the course of the week, but the hurdles are the big draw.

Why? Well, at Ballybrit the track is built to allow punters get an especially close view of the horses as they jump.

They've been described as "Ireland's Mardi Gras", and they're the biggest event of the island's equestrian calendar. So what are the Galway Races all about?



Thursday is Ladies Day and the best-dressed gal in attendance wins a substantial prize – 2012's Best Dressed Lady took home a one-carat diamond.
For the family

Sunday is Mad Hatter's Day at the races, and the fun gets bigger as the hats get wackier. Expect branches, flowers, feathers, balloons, oversized cupcakes... we've even seen sandwiches and shoes on people's heads.



The races can be watched on RTE TV, if you can find an Irish Pub with a feed.



Brendan Behan (1923-1964)
by Mike McCormack, AOH National Historian

He was a man admired and admonished. He represented an age and a culture that many could relate to, yet just as many wished to forget. To some he was the epitome of the rebel, born to the poverty of a Dublin slum, who rose to become an international literary figure. To others he was the opposite of all that was noble about the Irish.

In reality, he was a product of his environment, born in working class Dublin to Stephen and Kathleen Behan on Feb. 23, 1923. His mother's extensive repertoire of Irish ballads served him well in later years. At age 16, Irish Republican principles led him to participate in a bombing campaign in England. He was caught, tried, and sentenced to three years in Borstal detention. In jail, he became an avid reader, continuing the education he had quit at 14. Within two months of his release from jail, in April 1942, he shot at two policemen during an Easter Rising commemoration and found himself back on the road to incarceration – this time to Mountjoy for 14 years. In 1946, a general amnesty put him back on the streets of Dublin, but he was not the boy they had arrested six years earlier. His jail time had been filled with study; not only of the classics, Irish language, and poetry, but of his fellow inmates and their colorful pasts. He had also begun to take up writing seriously, and had contributed to such notable publications as Sean O'Faolain's 'The Bell.'

After another brief spell behind bars in 1948 for republican activities, Behan headed for Paris and artistic freedom. After two years of being published on a regular basis, he returned to Ireland. His first work after returning home was a dramatic masterpiece, 'The Quare Fellow.' An international success, he followed it with an even more successful work, 'The Hostage'.

A tireless worker, during the 50s he wrote a weekly column for the 'Irish Press', appeared on radio shows and musical programs, published several short stories, wrote some superb poetry in the Irish language, completed two plays for radio, wrote a serialized novel for the 'Irish Times' and wrote his first major book, 'The Borstal Boy' which became an immediate international success; all the while he managed to keep busy with illegal smuggling activities.

He was now a well-known and loved character on the Dublin scene, entertaining listeners with songs, stories, and impersonations on his frequent all-night sojourns to the local pubs. His reputation preceded him wherever he went, and depending on the interpretation of that reputation, he

was received accordingly. A cultured, yet simple man, international fame thrust him into a spotlight he may not have been ready to handle. He had created an image to live up to, and the success of his works on the major stages of England, Paris and America demanded his presence as a wild and boisterous Irish rogue. The audience did not know that he was a serious diabetic, nor did he let them know, for he was the Borstal Boy, and anything less would have damaged his pride, not to mention the box office appeal of his works which were playing to packed houses and rave reviews. By the time he reached America, 'The Quare Fellow' and 'The Hostage' were roaring successes, and his novel 'Borstal Boy' had sold 20,000 copies in New York in just two months. In spite of his literary successes, the New York Irish were less than enthused with this personification of what they considered to be the 'Stage Irish', appearing 'drunk' at the curtain call of his play at a major Broadway theater, and on prime time TV. Further, the New York press – never friendly to the Irish – wasted no time in lambasting him as a talented, but typical drunken Irish hooligan. More in reaction to the press that he was generating, than to his literary achievements, the New York St. Patrick's Day parade refused him permission to march in their annual procession, saying that he did not represent the true Irish. He scorned their rebuff and headed for Boston, where he was denied again. He didn't understand. The character he created was in demand on the stage and in books, but when that image appeared in the flesh, he was rebuked. It must have been a sad realization for a true Irish Republican son of Dublin to encounter such prejudice from people who weren't even born in Ireland, yet claim to be the true defenders of Irish tradition. It certainly showed the distance that had grown between the now distinct cultures of Ireland and Irish America. Behan never acknowledged his hurt at the rebuff delivered by Irish American leaders; instead he made grand displays of gratitude to those who did appreciate him by hosting the cast of his plays and numerous friends to his legendary all-night parties. In the end, time is the only victor, and Brendan Behan died at the early age of 41 on March 20, 1964. Today he is acclaimed as one of Ireland's premiere novelists, playwrights, and poets. His plays are part of the regular curriculum in many schools in Ireland, where they were once banned.

Brendan Behan quotes:

"There is no such thing as bad publicity except your own obituary. "

"One drink is too many for me and a thousand not enough."

"Other people have a nationality. The Irish and the Jews have a psychosis."

"They took away our land, our language, and our religion; but they could never harness our tongues"

"Ah, bless you, Sister, may all your sons be bishops."

"It's not that the Irish are cynical. It's rather that they have a wonderful lack of respect for everything and everybody."

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Hibernian Friendship

**To All AOH, LAOH, and Friends of the Irish
Batter UP!!!**



Saturday June 20th

Flying Squirrels Double Header

Game Time 5:00 p.m.

Tickets \$11

Call Pat Naughton 360-2969 or email

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You can also signup at Signup Genius www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45AAAF2FA46-squirrels