



**Major Dooley Division
Richmond, Virginia**

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Celebrating 35 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting –Tuesday June 9th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



President's Message:

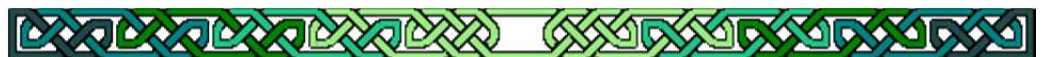
Hello My Hibernian Brother, I trust that the approaching summer is treating you as well as it has me. The month of May is always a busy one for those of us with school age children as we hurry to finish another school year and make plans for the summer. And there is no shortage of events for our division in the summer. On June 9th we have our last business meeting before the summer break. On June 12th the Tower degree is being held in Virginia Beach after the State Quarterly meeting. If you have never participated in the Tower Degree, this is a great opportunity to take it. Let Mike

Sweeney, your financial Secretary, know if you would like to attend the Tower / Major Degrees of the Order. Also in June we will once again be heading to the ballpark to watch the Flying Squirrels on June 20th. Please see the newsletter for details on these events. On the last weekend of May there were seven brothers that participated in the Divisions Annual Fishing Trip. I am told that it was one of the most successful so far with everyone attending catching their limit. Brian Kiernan catching the largest fish and Dan Caffrey catching two fish at the same time. The group even enjoy a Saturday Evening Communion Service held by Deacon Wayne Snellings.

Please make every effort to attend the Dooley Division business meeting on June 9th as we will be discussing the details for the summer events on our calendar. We will not have a business meeting in July or August as is our tradition. I trust all our members and families had a relaxing and enjoyable Memorial Day. Please remember all those who gave so much that we can take freedom for granted. Our freedom was not free, we continue to fight for our right to be free, and to keep our way of life as protected by our Constitution. Don't forget Flag Day is June 14th, be proud, and fly it high.

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Chad Costello



Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- June 7, 2015 Kelly Kennedy and Andy Cleveland performing traditional music at Rare Olde Times during brunch. The performance is from 12:30-2:30 but you are welcome anytime during brunch from 10-3.
- 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 5:00 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Pat Naughton, Chair)(ph 360-2969)
- June 28, 2015 – Rare Olde Times will be hosting a Jameson whiskey dinner at 4:30. It is a 5 course menu details can be found at Details and full menu can be found at <http://www.rareoldetimes.com/news/> For AOH and IAS members we are offering a \$10 discount. It should be an excellent event and a great gift for whiskey lovers. Reservations must be made by June 21st. Seating is limited and reservations are required.
- 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 the repose of the souls of the following loved ones who have passed away into the God's arms:
Irene McGeen wife of **Mike McGee** former member of the Dooley Division and past president of the Kelly Division
John E. Bickford father of brother Mike Bickford
Eleanor Grimely past president of the LAOH National and State.

Please pray for those under medical care. **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, **Thomas Zahn**, brother of Father Zahn, **Jeannie Barrett** wife of **Tom Barrett**, and **Don Reilly**.

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

The Way Home: The Story of the AOH

The National AOH has a short video (28 minutes) on the history of the AOH. It is very good. Check it out at http://www.aoh.com/?page_id=513

O'Theatre at O'Tooles '15 Celtic Entertainment at its Best

Wednesdays: July 1st and 22nd and August 12th

JULY 1st at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)

You Fancy Yourself by Maja Ardal

A staged reading starring Kelly Kennedy. Directed by Keri Wormald

A beautiful, comic gem about growing up a foreigner on the mean streets (and playgrounds) of Edinburgh. Kelly Kennedy plays twelve characters to perfection and sings a fair bit too.

"It's easy to recommend You Fancy Yourself as a play with equal portions of heart and humor." Robert Ouzounian Toronto Star

Tickets are now available at <http://www.youfancyyourself.brownpapertickets.com>

JULY 22nd at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m. for dinner in the back room)

"Something Old, Something New" – An evening of Irish Wedding Plays

The Tinker's Wedding by John Millington Synge

and a new play to be announced (and written for the occasion)

by Reid Kirtley and Keri Wormald

And Wayne "O'Ruotolo"

performing traditional and contemporary music with an Irish flavor

Tickets will soon be available otheatre2.brownpapertickets.com

AUGUST 12 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m. for dinner in the back room)

Married to the Sea by Shona McCarthy

The Women's Mercury performed this sumptuous Irish treat about Irish family life in 2013 to great acclaim. The whole cast is back under Bridget Gethins' direction.

Starring Kelly Kennedy, Jacqueline O'Connor and Billy Christopher Maupin

"Beautiful...lyrical...haunting...utterly compelling and often very funny." The Irish Times

"Married to the Sea is a brilliant affirmation of the power of a good story simply told" --The Sunday Business Post

Tickets will be available at otheatre3.brownpapertickets.com

Dooley Division Supports Restoration of Dooley Family Portraits

Thirty-five years ago 32 charter AOH members in Richmond selected Major James H. Dooley as their namesake for the new Division in Richmond Virginia. Major Dooley was a philanthropist to Richmond after the Civil War. This year the Dooley division returned the spirit of benevolence by donating \$1,760 to help restore paintings of his parents (John and Sarah Dooley), who left Limerick in 1832.

According to oral tradition gathered from members of the Sisters of the Visitation order at Monte Maria Convent in Richmond, the portraits belonged to Mother Superior Mary Madgalen, Major Dooley's sister (Sarah Evelyn Dooley [1854-1927]), and were thought to be of her parents. Test cleaning confirmed their identity, revealing John Dooley's name on a letter from "J. M. Gill," dated "Jun/14/1859/New York" addressed to "John Dooley Esq./Richmond, Va." One of the titles of books on a table was the "History of Ireland".

The second portrait showed 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 Major James Dooley's sister Sarah Evelyn in 1859.

Both portraits were in very poor condition, having been stored in the attic of Monte Maria for quite a number of years before being acquired by the Maymont Foundation in 1986. The Maymont Foundation is an organization established to care for Major Dooley's land and mansion that were donated to the city.

In appreciation for their \$1,760 donation to the conservation of the portraits, the Division was treated to a private viewing of the paintings and of the Montgomery Guard Coat during our tour of the Dooley Mansion at Maymont Park. Prior to the tour Dr. Lynn Bayliss gave a talk on the details of the paintings and John Dooley's Irish ancestry. Dick Cheatham, a specialist on 19th century military history, gave a presentation on the Montgomery Guard. The Montgomery Guard was a citizen militia organized by John Dooley. This primarily Irish regiment was active in the Civil war between July 1861 and June 1862, under Company C of the First Virginia Infantry. The distinctive green Coat was worn at drills, parades, and other official functions, including the reburial of President Monroe in Hollywood Cemetery. The sole surviving Montgomery Guard Coat belongs to a private collection in Texas. The Coat is on loan to Maymont for display in the Mansion from March 6 to July 5, 2015. Maymont would like to be able to purchase the Coat if a benefactor interested in Irish American History could support them in doing so. Mr. Cheatham gave a detailed talk as he showed the Coat to us during our Mansion tour.

The tenets of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are reflected in John Dooley's writings. 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."

Catholic Church of Ireland view on Same Sex Marriage By Rónán Duffy, TheJournal.ie, Jun 1, 2015

The catholic primate of All Ireland Eamon Martin has said that no decision has yet been taken on whether priests will continue to solemnise marriages following the passing of the same-sex marriage referendum.

Currently, men and women who get married in a Catholic church also complete the civil part of the ceremony by signing the Marriage Registration form. This must also be overseen and signed by a solemniser of marriages.

The vast majority of solemnisers are Roman Catholic priests and, during the referendum campaign, the church warned that priests may be prevented from carrying out the role if the church and State's definitions of marriage were different.

Speaking to RTÉ News yesterday after delivering a Mass at the Marian Shrine Knock, Martin said that the church has yet to clarify its position.

"We will look at all of these issues in due course, we haven't seen the legislation," he said.

We were given a lot of assurances during the debate and during the Yes campaign that there would be no threat to the church's celebration of marriage so we'll have to wait and see.

Speaking during yesterday's Mass, Martin made several references to the referendum.

He said that the church's position on marriage remains unchanged but that the debate was a reminder to followers of the church that they should care for anyone in society who has been victimized.

"Among the many lessons that we as Church can learn from the referendum debate is to re-commit ourselves to the pastoral care of anyone in society who experiences victimization and stigmatization," he argued.

To reach out pastorally to different kinds of families and relationships while at the same time continuing to be advocates for a Christian vision of marriage and for the unique and fundamental contribution to society of the family founded upon the love and marriage of a man and a woman.

Martin also says that he has received letters in the past week both from people criticizing the church for "not doing enough to stop the amendment" and others alleging that the church is "out of touch with the people" on this issue.

"I hope and trust that the Catholic Church shall continue to have an important voice in discussions in the public square on a range of matters, particularly those relating to human life, the dignity of the person, the family, care for the poor and marginalized, the environment, justice and peace," he added.

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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