



**Major Dooley Division  
Richmond, Virginia**

# The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 36 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

### President's Message:



Hello my Hibernian Brothers. Since our last meeting we had the start of our annual raffle sale at the Celtic and Highland games. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped sell tickets. The weather was better on Saturday than Sunday, but over all a good start to the raffle. Please remember my brothers that this raffle is how our division funds our charitable acts and runs our meetings and events. Please help out in any way you can. Grab a fellow member and a handful of tickets and head to a local pub and sell, sell, sell. Rare Olde Times has always been very welcoming to our efforts to sell tickets as has Rosie's.

Coming up this month we have a very special tour of the Cirrus Distillery after our business meeting. As a result, we will not have our normal food and drink at St Paul's. Instead, we will all head to the distillery for a private tour, vodka tasting, and we will have drink and pizza available there. It is bound to be a great event. Also at our November meeting we will be electing our officers for the 2016 Calendar year. Other upcoming events on the horizon are the November 8th Memorial Mass at St. Paul's, December Installation of Officers, and the December 13 Family Christmas party. Please keep an eye out for more details on these events.

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*Chad Costello*



### Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December
- November 8, 2015, Memorial Mass for deceased military veterans and Dooley Division members at 11 am at St. Paul's Church. Please Plan to Attend.
- November 10, 2015- AOH Dooley Business Meeting at 7 pm at St. Paul's; Chamberlayne and 909 Rennie Avenues with Cirrus Vodka Tour/Tasting and Food after Meeting (approx. 8:30 – 9 pm) Cirrus, 1603 Ownby Ln, RVA 23220, its actually on Botetourt next to the RR tracks.
- December 8, 2015 at 7 pm. Officer Installation for 2016 by State AOH President at St. Paul's Church. Not regular business Meeting; food and refreshments; Family invited.
- December 13, 2015, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party (Family); bring a dish, Division to provide main course food and beverages.
- December 17, 2015, Thursday at 7 pm at Rare Olde Times– Uisce Beatha - Christmas Event- table reserved for 20; let Dan Caffrey (804-512-6288 [kkcaffrey@hotmail.com](mailto:kkcaffrey@hotmail.com)) know if you're going.
- January 16, 2016, Saturday at 12 pm - Major Degree offered at St. Michael's; please plan to attend if you don't have your degree already (everyone pledged to get this when they joined); if you have your degree, you're welcome to attend and watch; Brian Kiernan and Vince Eikmeier are part of the Brian Boru Major Degree team; lunch will be provided; \$25 registration - register at event but please reply to Dan Caffrey if you plan on attending; plan on staying until 2 to 3 pm that day; follows the AOH State Quarterly Meeting at 10 am.

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**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 soul of **Kelly Atchison daughter of Jack Cassells** who passed away last month.

**Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, **Monsignor Irwin** diagnosed with Leukemia, **Maura, daughter of Brian Kiernan** after shoulder surgery, **Jack Griffin's son Neil and wife Mary** are still receiving Chemo treatments,. **Jim Whelen's Aunt Clancy's best friend, Eileen O'Keefe**, had a fall and broke her hip, **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda**, is having dementia problems, **Hugh Naughton's sister Marguerite** has been diagnosed with Stage One Uterine Cancer, had hysterectomy. his **wife Jessie** is in pain again, **Don Reaves**, severe back pain, **Tom Forbes brother-in-law, Gene Pilardi**, facing bone-marrow transplant, **Sean Costello's friend, Jan Jackson** suffering from back pain after car accident, **Mercedes McGann, Steve's** mother, with heart tremors, **Fr. George Zahn** dealing with pain, **Mike Wilde** – lost wife to cancer 7 months ago; has studied a lot about cellular healing since then. **Bill McCarthy**, Past AOH Division President, passed away.

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### **Trip to Ireland**

The Richmond's LOAH Mary Ryan Division is planning a trip to Ireland from May 18 -30<sup>th</sup> 2016. The cost is \$2300 which includes airfare, lodging, and car rental. Destinations include Dublin, Ring of Kerry, Cong, New Grange, Tara, Roscommon, to mention of few. For more information contact Lori Forbes, [lmfherself@aol.com](mailto:lmfherself@aol.com).

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### **Nominations for 2016**

The nominating committee has put forth the following for officers for next year:

President – Tim McDonnell  
VP – Brian Hegarty  
Fin Sec- Mike Sweeney  
Treasurer – Patrick Knightly  
Recording Secretary - Scott Nugent  
Standing Committee - Bill Casey  
Marshall - Mike Canning  
Sentinel – Peter “PJ” George

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the next meeting prior to the election.

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### Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa

The Centennial Commemoration began on August 1<sup>st</sup> this year with a re-enactment of the funeral of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa. It ends on August 3rd next year with the centenary commemorations to mark the execution of Roger Casement in Pentonville Prison. Each issue of the newsletter up to next year's commemoration in April will feature a prominent figure in the uprising that led to freedom for 26 counties in Ireland.



The uprising of 1916 began momentum at the funeral of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa at Glasnevin Cemetery on 1 August 1915. He was born Jeremiah O'Donovan at Rosscarbery, County Cork, to Denis O'Donovan and Nellie O'Driscoll, a family of tenant farmers. Rossa became a shopkeeper in Skibbereen, where, in 1856, he established the Phoenix National and Literary Society, the aim of which was "the

liberation of Ireland by force of arms", This organization would later merge with the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), founded two years later in Dublin.

In December 1858, he was arrested and jailed without trial until July 1859. In 1865, he was charged with plotting a Fenian rising in 1865, put on trial for high treason and sentenced to penal servitude for life due to his previous convictions. He served his time in Pentonville, Portland and Chatham prisons in England.

Rossa was a defiant prisoner, manacled for 35 straight days for throwing a chamber pot at the prison's warden and thrown into solitary confinement on a bread-and-water diet for three days for refusing to take off his cap in front of the prison's doctor. For most of his time in prison Rossa was denied the right of correspondence with his associates in the outside world for his violation of prison rules.

In an 1869 by-election, he was returned to the British House of Commons for the Tipperary constituency, in which he defeated the Liberal Catholic Denis Caulfield Heron by 1054 to 898 votes. The election was declared invalid because Rossa was an imprisoned felon.

#### Life in the United States

After giving an understanding that he would not return to Ireland, in effect his exile, O'Donovan Rossa was released as part of the Fenian Amnesty of 1870. Boarding the S.S. Cuba, he left for the United States with his friend John Devoy and three other exiles. Together they were dubbed "The Cuba Five".

O'Donovan Rossa took up residence in New York City, where he joined Clan na Gael and the Fenian Brotherhood. Rossa additionally established his own newspaper dedicated to the cause of Irish national liberation from British rule, The United Irishman. In it Rossa advocated the terroristic use of dynamite bombs as a means of overthrowing the British occupation. His paper was used to raise a so-called "resources for civilization



fund," presumably for the purchase of dynamite and other armaments for the Irish struggle.

Rossa organized the first ever bombings by Irish republicans of English cities in what was called the "dynamite campaign". The campaign lasted through the 1880s and made him infamous in Britain. The British government demanded his extradition from America, but without success.

In 1885, Rossa was shot outside his office near Broadway by an Englishwoman, Yseult Dudley, but his wounds were not life-threatening. The British government claimed she was mentally unstable, and not acting on its behalf, although Rossa's supporters and even many of his detractors found this hard to believe. More likely, she was incensed at the fund he organized (the so-called "Skirmishing Fund") which was intended to support the arming of those who would fight the British.

Rossa was allowed to visit Ireland in 1894, and again in 1904. On the latter visit, he was made a "Freeman of the City of Cork." Family

#### Death and funeral

Rossa was seriously ill in his later years, and was finally confined to a hospital bed in St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island, where he died at the age of 83.

The new republican movement in Ireland was quick to realize the propaganda value of the old Fenian's death, and Tom Clarke cabled to John Devoy the message: "Send his body home at once".

His body was returned to Ireland for burial and a hero's welcome. The funeral at Glasnevin Cemetery on 1 August 1915 was a huge affair, garnering substantial publicity for the Irish Volunteers and the IRB at time when a rebellion (later to emerge as the Easter Rising) was being actively planned.[9] The graveside oration, given by Pádraig Pearse, remains one of the most famous speeches of the Irish independence movement stirring his audience to a call to arms. It ended with the lines:

*They think that they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other half. They think that they have foreseen everything, think that they have provided against everything; but, the fools, the fools, the fools! — They have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace.*



Funeral Procession for O'Donovan Rossa

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## Hibernian Friendship Celtic Festival and Highland Games

