

Ancient Order of Hibernians



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

President's Message:



Hope all of you are dug out from Winter Storm Jonas, and welcome to the first Dooley Dispatch of 2016. I am honored and humbled to be leading this great group of Irish men for 2016.

A big thanks to our outgoing president, Chad Costello, for his leadership of this past year as well as to our other past presidents and each of you who help make our division the success it is.

I'm especially proud to be representing you in this 100th anniversary year of the Easter Rising. Our division's 1916 Centenary event will be held at Keagan's Irish Pub in Short Pump on the evening of Saturday, April 23rd. Please mark your calendars, our Centenary Team has been putting together quite a presentation.

Like just about everyone on the weekend of January 23rd, the snow interrupted some part of our lives.

We had our annual visit to Major Dooley's mausoleum postponed. Stay tuned for rescheduling details.

RAFFLE NEWS (you can take the boy out of the raffle, but you can't take the raffle outta the boy...or somethin' like that). If they weren't handed out to you in person, you should have had your set of tickets for the 2016 "Trip For Two to Ireland" raffle mailed to you by new Raffle Chairman Jim Woods. Please reach out to Jim (jwoods0701@gmail.com or 804-747-9286) if you haven't received yours (or need some more to sell). And this year for the first time, there is triple the chance to win with second and third place cash prizes. Last year, a brother Hibernian from the Southside's Msgr. Kelly Division won...it can happen to you! A reminder that the raffle is a huge source of the funding for the Division's activities and charitable contributions. We had a nice start to our selling & recruiting weekends at St. Michael's on January 30th and 31st. We'll be at St. Bridget's February 6th/7th, St. Benedict's 20th/21st and St. Mary's 27th/28th. Please stop by the table before or after Mass, and by all means...please wear your green!

Just over a month away to "our time of year" surrounding the St. Patrick's Day celebration. As we approach the Big Day, please think of one brother Catholic of Irish descent in your world to invite to become a member of the Dooley Division.

Looking forward to a great AOH Year!

In árMana

Tim McDonnell.

On the back cover – left to right Past Division President and State Treasurer Brian Kiernan, Vice President Brian Hegarty, Sentinel Peter “PJ” George Recording Secretary Scott Nugent, President Tim McDonnell, Financial Secretary Mike Sweeney, Marshall Mike Canning, Chairman of Standing Committees Bill Casey, Treasurer Patrick Knightly, State President Eugene Bransfield Sr.

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December..

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 –

- **Tom Barrett**, founding member of the Dooley Division, passed away January 6
- **Nathan McGann**, grandson of **Steve McGann**, needs tubes in ears (pray for his parents)
- **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain
- **Jack Griffin’s son Neil and wife Mary** are still receiving Chemo treatments. Jack had knee surgery. Mary at Beth Shalom now, not doing well.
- **Patrick McGowan’s uncle, Jerry Meranda**, is having dementia problems
- **Hugh Naughton’s sister Marguerite Anderson** has been diagnosed with Stage One Uterine Cancer, had hysterectomy. his **wife Jessie** is in pain again, **brother John** is recovering from stroke.
- **Don Reaves**, severe back pain,
- **Tom Forbes brother-in-law, Gene Pilardi**, facing bone-marrow transplant (cancer gone), **wife Lori** was experiencing some pain.
- **Fr. Zahn’s brother Thomas** for spinal bifida.
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis.
- **Elaine Peters (Bruce)** serious sickness.
- **Mike Smith’s sister Kari** ovarian cancer – 4 more chemo treatments.
- **PJ George’s father** in car accident (okay now). Mom blood pressure – out of hospital.
- Congratulations to Brother **Don Reaves** on becoming a granddaddy for the first time. Daughter, Shannon, had a 7 pound, 15 oz. boy. His name is William Patrick Tynan

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick Comm., at mcgannsteve@yahoo.com



Tom Barrett (l) and Jack Cassells (r) with Lord Mayor of Dublin, Robert Briscoe

Division Loses Another Cherished Charter Member – Tom Barrett

Tom Barrett took many a trip to Olde Sod with his Hibernian Brothers Jack Cassells and Jerry Gorman. They would always go where no regular tourist would get to go. Jack Cassells was the master of getting into places where normal tourists rarely see. The trick is to get a letter from a local or state dignitary made out an Irish dignitary and then make up an Irish organization that you represent. Jack Cassells and Tom Barrett were able to have a private meeting with the Lord Mayor of Dublin on one of their trips.

One of their more memorable stories involved a convent at Our Lady of Knock. After a dinner and a night of pubs, Jack and Tom stumbled into what they thought was a hotel. It turned out to be a convent. In the morning came a knock on the door. “Will you be saying Mass this morning, Fathers”, the Nun asked. Jack said, “It’s for you Tom as he made his way out the window”.

Jack drove all the way from Florida to be at Tom’s services. After the funeral a reception was held at Rare Olde Times. Jack and Jerry told many stories of their great craic in Ireland. The bonds between Tom, Jerry, and Jack are those of true Hibernian Friendship. Tom will be dearly missed.



Eamonn Ceannt (1881-1916)



Born in Galway in 1882, and son of a RIC officer, Ceannt was in command of the South Dublin Union post in 1916. After leaving school, he joined the Gaelic League in 1900 and founded the Dublin Pipers' Club. He also worked as an accountant with a salary of £300 a year in the City Treasurer's Office, Dublin Corporation. After taking part in the 1914 Howth gun running, Ceannt

was a founder member of the Irish Volunteers and a signatory of the Proclamation. It is told that during the fighting in the South Dublin Union he remained calm and brave and gentle still, he faced the firing-squad in Kilmainham on May 8, 1916..

Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887-1916)



Born 1887 in Dublin, and son of a papal count, George Noble Plunkett. Plunkett was educated by Jesuits at the Catholic University School, Belvedere College and Stonyhurst College in Lancashire, England. A gifted writer, he met Thomas MacDonagh when he had him as a tutor. MacDonagh was to become a close friend, as both were interested in poetry, religion and

mysticism.

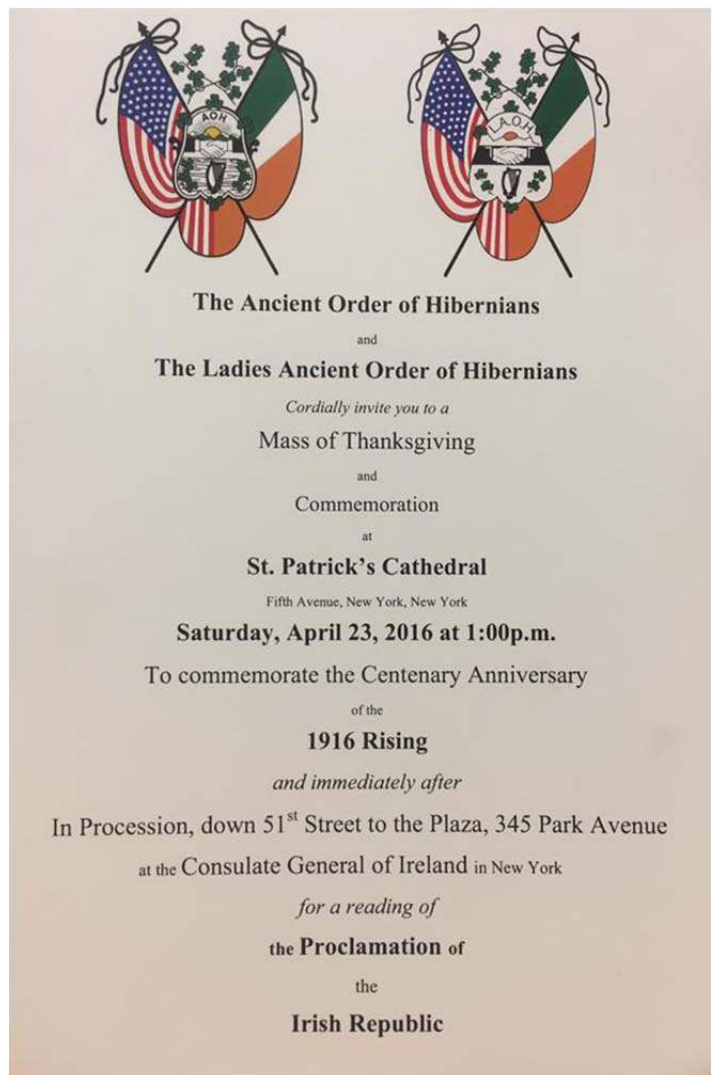
He graduated from UCD in 1909 but Plunkett contracted tuberculosis as a young man and spent periods in Italy, Algeria and Egypt in the years 1910-12. Plunkett edited the Irish Review, supported Arthur Griffith's Sinn Féin and took the workers' stand during the 1913 lock-out.

Along with MacDonagh and Edward Martyn, Plunkett also helped to establish an Irish national theatre. He was elected

to the provisional committee of the Irish Volunteers in 1913 and later became a member of the IRB and fully committed to armed revolution. In April 1915 Plunkett went to Germany to assist Roger Casement in procuring arms and assistance.

With James Connolly and Séan Mac Diarmada, he was involved in the military strategy for the Rising and was the youngest signatory of the Proclamation. He and MacDiarmada are believed to have forged a document released on April 19, 1916, supposedly emanating from Dublin Castle, which suggested the authorities were about to suppress the Irish Volunteers. In poor health and recovering from an operation on his glands, Plunkett still joined other members of the Provisional Government in the GPO for the Rising.

He married Grace Gifford — a sister-in-law of Thomas MacDonagh — at Kilmainham on the night before he was executed. Just before he faced the firing squad, on May 4, he said: "I am very happy I am dying for the glory of God and the honour of Ireland."



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