



**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 April 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

### President's Message:



Whaddytellya? YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

That Irish luck followed the Dooley Division in March.

Winners of our annual raffle for a "Trip For Two To Ireland" were Dooley members Ed Rossmore (grand prize of \$4,000) and Kevin Kitrick (our first ever '2nd prize' winner of \$750). Big thanks to Jim Woods for running a success in his first go-round as Raffle Chair. There was great partnership with the Kelly Division, the Ladies' Mary Ryan Division, along with the pubs and parishes that have consistently supported us. The final number of sales is still being tallied...stay tuned.

Our St. Patrick's Day festivities were full of wonderful spirit and brotherhood. Big thanks to the Mary Ryan Division for inviting us to their inaugural "Gala" on the 13th at Keagan's Restaurant. We were entertained by perennial faves, the Donnybrooks and the crew from the Muggivan Dance School. On the 17th, St. Patrick's Church again hosted our Mass. Thanks to Fr. Jim Arsenaault, Mark Collins, Vince Eikmeier, Brian Kiernan and all our brothers who helped get The Big Day started out fine. We had another strong showing for our parade at the Irish Festival.

Thanks to all who helped out with the raffle sales and even those who came out to just sip a pint and share some Irish "craic".

April is a HUGE one in the celebration of our Irish heritage. One hundred years ago this month, Irish republicans rose up and began the battle to put an end to British rule and establish Irish independence. One of the bigger challenges (certainly, in my case) tracking down the facts & figures of our family's history is that with the Irish...the "story" often goes much further than the facts.

Outside of knowing my father's father (a boy from Mayo) was imprisoned by British forces in Dublin's Mountjoy Prison during those early days of the fight for independence, little has been unearthed about the events surrounding that. And I fear much of the hard facts were left behind when he departed Ireland (via Liverpool) in 1926 as a 27-year old to shores of Boston. We all have our Story, whether it was from that era of emigration or going further back to the 18th and 19th centuries. This month hopefully can inspire us to dig a bit deeper to discover from whence we came. On Saturday, April 24th at 7pm, our division's Easter Rising Centenary Celebration will be held at Keagan's Restaurant at West Broad Village. This performance is led by our Vice President (as well Dooley & State AOH Historian) Brian Hegarty. His team of players have been working on this reenactment for months, and we are waiting in anticipation. This is a family event with no charge for admission. Please come early if you would like to dine prior to the performance.

Looking forward to it brothers!

In ár Mana

*Tim McDonnell*

### Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December.
- April 23, 2016, Saturday at 5:00 pm - AOH 2016 Easter Rising Centenary Commemoration at Keagan's Restaurant.

**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 Jack Cassels' son Jack Jr. who passed away March 17. Prayers for Jack as he was in a car accident.**
- **Please pray for Jack Griffin's wife, Mary, and son, Neil.** Mary has terminal cancer and has 2 months to live. Neil passed away March 8. Jack is an AOH member and a St. Mary's Parishioner. Jack's phone # is 741-0304, if you'd like to reach out.
- **Mike Muldowney's mom, Margaret,** passed away. Please pray for Mike and the family.
- Pray for the **Barrett** family, **Tom** (Dooley Division founding member and wife **Jeanne** passed away).
- **Mike Sweeney's father Michael** just completed radiation treatment for Sinus cancer. Prognosis is good, pending post treatment testing in April.
- **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda,** is having dementia problems
- **Hugh Naughton's wife Jessie** is in pain again, **brother John** is recovering from stroke, progress is slow. **Brother Mike** knee surgery.
- **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.
- **Chad Costello,** right knee ACL and MCL damage; had surgery, pray for recovery.
- **Jim Wood's cousin Derrick and mother Kay** needs knee replacement

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick Comm., at [mcgannsteve@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgannsteve@yahoo.com)

**April 23, 2016, Saturday at 5:00 pm - AOH 2016 Easter Rising Centenary Commemoration at Keagan's Restaurant**

- Private Room, 2251 Old Brick Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (West Broad Village).
- The presentation will be from 7-8 pm.
- We will have the room from 5 o'clock on so people can come early for dinner, drinks, appetizers, if they would like.
- This is a FAMILY EVENT!
- There is no ticket price and everyone is on their own for food and drink.
- A number of AOH brothers have been working on this presentation (weekly), so it should be a great event.



### Food Drive for St. Paul's Food Pantry

The Division, in conjunction the Knights of Columbus, Council 395, is collecting food for the St. Paul's Food Pantry. Bags will be passed out at the next

meeting with a list of needed food items. Food can be brought to Irish Night at the Columbian Center, the April meeting, dropped off at the Columbian Center, or call Pat Naughton for pick up 360-2969. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to K of C Council 395. The following are needed.

- cans of tuna \*
- peanut butter \*
- jelly
- cans of soup
- can of pork and beans
- package of pasta
- cans spaghetti sauce \*
- cans vegetables
- box of cereal \*
- box of crackers
- box of pancake mix
- can of fruit (apple sauce, mixed fruit, peaches etc.)

\* - Urgently needed

The Easter Lily was sold in front of churches on Sundays in the period before Easter, as a way of raising money to help support the families of the men that had died in Ireland's fight for independence. It would then be worn as a mark of respect for those who had lost their lives, and also as a sign of hope and peace for the future.



The Easter Lily is a fitting symbol for Irish nationalists. It blooms in the springtime, which coincides with the anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, in which Irish rebels took control of major buildings in Dublin and declared Ireland an independent republic.



**Patrick (Pádraig) Pearse (1879-1916)** was born in Dublin and had a great interest in the Irish language and spent many summers in Rosmuc in Galway learning Irish. At

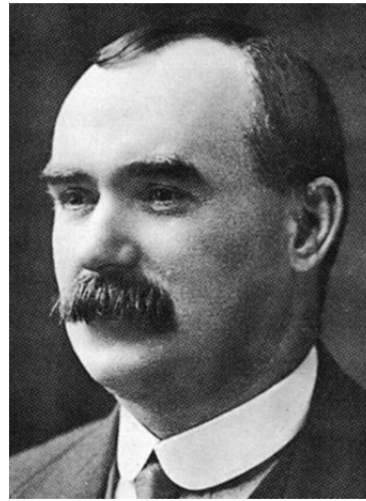
first he just wanted a parliament in Dublin rather than total independence from Britain. However, he later decided to start a rebellion and fight for independence. He established a school for boys, St. Enda's School, where children could learn about Irish culture and language.

During the 1916 Rising, Pearse was in charge of the General Post Office (G.P.O.). When the British army overpowered the Irish rebels, it was Pearse who ordered their general surrender in order to save further loss of life. He was tried and executed by a firing squad in Kilmainham Jail on the 3rd of May 1916. His younger brother Willie was also shot.

In addition to being a teacher and a revolutionary, Patrick Pearse was also a poet and a writer. One of his famous poems is called The Mother. It was written the night before his execution and describes his mother's thoughts on the death of her two sons.

'The Mother'  
By Pádraig Pearse

I do not grudge them: Lord, I do not grudge  
My two strong sons that I have seen go out  
To break their strength and die, they and a few,  
In bloody protest for a glorious thing,  
They shall be spoken of among their people,  
The generations shall remember them,  
And call them blessed;  
But I will speak their names to my own heart  
In the long nights;  
The little names that were familiar once  
Round my dead hearth.  
Lord, thou art hard on mothers:  
We suffer in their coming and their going;  
And tho' I grudge them not, I weary, weary  
Of the long sorrow--And yet I have my joy:  
My sons were faithful, and they fought.



**James Connolly (1868-1916)** was born in Edinburgh in 1868. He emigrated to Dublin in 1896 where he founded the Irish Socialist Republican Party. He spent time in America and then returned to Ireland to look for worker's rights with a man called James Larkin. There was a workers strike in

Dublin in 1913 and many of the workers were attacked by the police. James Connolly was one of the founders of an army set up to protect workers. It was called the Irish Citizen Army. During the Easter Rising he was appointed Commandant-General of the Dublin forces. About 150 of the rebels took over the General Post Office in Dublin and James Connolly lead that group. He was wounded in the G.P.O. and was executed on the 12th of May 1916. He was the last of the leaders to be executed.



The General Post Office



40 Children died during the Easter Rising

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## Hibernian Unity St. Patrick's Church Festival and Parade



The Dooley Division led by St. Patrick



The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians