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Next Meeting –Tuesday January 10th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:



Dia daoibh a deartháireacha,
Hello brothers. As you already know we will not have a regularly scheduled business meeting in February. Enjoy the day. We recently had a very successful ticket sale at St Mary's selling 163 tickets. I believe that could be a record for ticket sales at the churches. Fr. Mike did a great job promoting AOH and Jim Woods did a fantastic job managing the sales. We also increased sales at St. Bridget's this past weekend over last year's numbers. If you are a parishioner at St. Michael's or St. Benedict's, please stay after Mass and help out with ticket sales on February 11/12 and February 25/26 respectively. We had another well attended event at Maymont for the Major Dooley commemoration. We proceeded up to the mausoleum, laid flowers and Vince led us in song. Then we gathered to listen to Dr. Bayliss speak about her book which is coming out this spring. I received a letter from Dale Wheary, Curator/Director at Maymont - she is always grateful for our efforts.

On February 19, Tim McDonnell is organizing a breakfast to follow St. Elizabeth's 9 am Mass. Please contact Tim for more details.

As we look forward to March, LAOH will host an Irish Gala at Keagan's on March 12 starting at 1pm. Last year's event was a big success and this one should be just as grand. Please plan on attending. March 17, St Patrick's Day, is our annual Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 9 am in Church Hill. The JP Carroll Breakfast will follow and then our pilgrimage to Rosie's. The Church Hill Irish Festival is March 25 and 26 with the parade at 10am Saturday. The festival will conclude with the drawing of the "Trip for Two to Ireland" on Sunday at 5:30 pm.

Looking ahead to May 13 for our fishing trip in the Chesapeake Bay leaving early Saturday morning. This is always a fun event. For more details, contact Dan Caffrey.

I look forward to seeing you all at our March 14 meeting.

Slán go fóill

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

Upcoming Events:

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, December.
- **February 19 Mass/Communion Breakfast at St. Elizabeth's 9 am.**
- **Feb 25/26, 2016, Sat/Sun - Raffle Sales/Recruiting St. Benedict Church** - After each Mass (5:30/8:30/11)
- **March 12, 2017, Sunday; LAOH Irish Gala** at Keagan's 2251 Old Brick Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Tickets- \$25, children 6-12 are \$10 and 5 and under are free. Harp Music, story teller (Donnybrooks), dancers. Hors d'oeuvres.
- **March 17, 2017, Friday - St. Patrick's Day Mass** - 9:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223, JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast to Follow; 11 am - Rosie Connolly's Pub; Pub Crawl.
- **March 25 and 26, 2017 - 32nd Church Hill Irish Festival - Street Festival** in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street between Broad and Franklin Streets and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.
 - **March 25th, Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade** at 10 am- volunteers needed for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at Booth. <http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>
 - **March 26th, Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets**- Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of day. (5:30 pm)
- **May 12/13, 2017 Fri/Sat - Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay** , Spend Friday night, fish early Saturday morning (all day); Captain Crabbe.
- **June 24, 2017, Saturday at 6:05 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family)**, The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Tim McDonnell - Chair) (ph 804-678-9764)

Prayer List – Please Pray for the following:

- **Mike Gawkins** was in hospital for 11 days and is now at home recovering from congestive heart failure.
- **Dr. Michael McMunn** – past Dooley member passed away.
- **Brother John McCann** who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for metastatic prostate cancer.
- **Brother/Past President Chad Costello** – was in hospital for shortness of breath. Found blood clots in lungs and legs. Was in hospital for a while and just released (1/23/17). Has oxygen with him at home and is on blood thinner. Please pray for a speedy recovery.
- **Brother Chad's parent-in-laws** – MRI on father-in-law (Jim) for bulge on aorta. Mother-in-law (Sally) has irregular heartbeat.
- **Sister Elizabeth Eugene (Costello)** (John Costello's Aunt) of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

Passed away from breast cancer at age 97. She joined the convent in 1937.

- **Bishop Francis Xavier DiLorenzo** recently had stents put in.
- **Elizabeth Moore** (girlfriend of division Treasurer **Patrick Knightly**). Elizabeth was been in the Surgical Trauma ICU at MCV since Friday. She underwent significant intestinal surgery. Recently left the hospital (1/23/17)
- **Ed Rossmore** shared that his father, who had been in hospice, passed in the early hours of New Year's Day. Ed and his family are grateful for the support received from his Dooley Division brothers.
- **Brother Kevin McGranahan** – recent visit to hospital for low blood sugar. Pray for complete recovery and good health.
- **John Condon's mom**, passed away Dec 17, 2016.
- **Fr. Zahn for spinal stenosis, back spasms.**
- **Deacon Wayne Snellings** – inoperable cancer.
- **Bob Strutton, Past Dooley President**, multiple cancers.
- **Fr. Jim Arsenault's mother Patricia Arsenault** - She's had some complications recovering from hip surgery.
- **Rich Aleksy, Past State Pres.** - Rich had surgery this morning to remove the lower node of his left lung and several lymph nodes which will be sent out for biopsy.
- **Hugh Naughton's wife Jessie is in pain again** – scheduled for surgery on October 17th with a high success rate to relieve the pain; brother John is recovering from stroke, progress is slow; sister – knee replacement; brother Mike – diagnosed with Parkinson's or MSA; brother Bob broke leg.
- **Johnny Cates** – son's fiancé stage 1 cancer, shrunk tumor 50% (Hayden).
- **Sean and Matt Costello's sister Maura**, had hysterectomy and is in chemo for cancer treatment.
- **Jim Woods** – mom is had 3rd knee replacement, going to PT, doing great.
- **Bill McKay who continues to struggle with back pain**
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda, is having dementia problems**
- **Craig Holtz's aunt, Katherine Holdoff**, is elderly and fading;
- **Scott Nugent** – Kin Headley, neighbor, had brain surgery for tumor. Recovering.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick

Irish Songs

This month's featured Irish song is "My Land" by Celtic Thunder. Click on the link to go to the video on the Division

Website

[My Land](#)

The Dooley Division Annual Maymont Dooley Memorial



Brothers and their families line up at the entrance of Maymont to process to the Mausoleum of the Division's namesake Maj. James Henry Dooley



Scott Nugent presenting the memorial address



Dr. Mary Lynn Bayliss gives her presentation to the Division.



Vince Eikmeier, Lee Nowlan, Steve McCann, Dan Caffrey

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