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Next Meeting –Tuesday June 13 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:



Hello Brothers,

It is with great sadness that we attended the funeral of another fallen brother, Bill McKay, in June. Bill was born in County Down, Ireland and served in the U. S. Army during Vietnam. Although I never met Bill, our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

I'm looking forward to attending the Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game on Friday, June 23 at 7:05pm. Since that night is Irish Heritage Night the first 1000 people will receive a free t-shirt. And to top off the event, Vince Eikmeier will sing the Irish National Anthem.

Please plan on attending the June 13 meeting for Dr. Bayliss' book talk and signing. Daniel Caffrey and I attended the book signing ceremony at Maymont on June 6 and Dr. Bayliss did an excellent job. Dr. Bayliss spent some time explaining the impact that John Dooley (James Dooley's father) had on Richmond and we could tell from her talk he was very proud of Ireland. I know you will enjoy her visit to our next meeting. We will have a short business meeting at 6:30 and Dr. Bayliss will begin her talk at 7:00.

Looking ahead, September 22 – 24 is the AOH Virginia State convention at the Virginia Beach Resort. Registration information to be sent out as soon as it becomes available.

Lastly, I recently completed an Ancestry DNA analysis. The good news is a little more than half my DNA is of Irish decent. The bad news is 8% is with Great Britain. That must explain this incident that happened last week while walking in my neighborhood. My wife, Amy and I walk with our dog Buddie every morning. Along the way we pass a house with an American flag and the flag of Great Britain hanging next to it. On one occasion, I saluted those flags and mumbled some inaudible words to Amy's ear. Amy asked "What did you just say?" I replied quickly and said "nothing." She answered "oh I'm positive you said something like 'GOD SAVE THE QUEEN' when you saluted those flags." I'm not sure why I said it but perhaps it was an involuntary action due to my British heritage conquering the Irish in me.

But I hope it never happens again. Brothers please forgive me.

Slán go fóill.
(goodbye for now)

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

Upcoming Events:

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August.
- **June 13, 2017 – Meeting at 6:30** followed by Dr. Bayliss presentation and book signing. Family and friends are invited.
- **June 23, 2017, Friday at 7:05 pm (NEW DATE & TIME)– Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game** Outing (Family), Irish Heritage Night (free Irish shirt to first 1,000). Vince Eikmeier to sing the Irish National Anthem. The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Tim McDonnell - Chair) (ph 804-678-9764).
- **August 20, 2017, Sunday - Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass** at 11 am at St. Paul's Church with Brunch/Party to follow at the McGann's (Steve) House, 12013 Blairmont Ct, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (RSVP mcgannva@comcast.net). (NEW LOCATION FOR PARTY)
- **September 17, 2017** Sunday at 5 pm – Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at Rare Olde Times.

Prayer List – Please Pray for the following:

- **Brother Bill McKay passed away.** Charter will be draped at June meeting. June 8, 2017 service at St. Peter's Church at 12 pm.
- **Fr. Zahn for spinal stenosis, back spasms.** Considering spinal surgery, pray for discernment.
- **Don Lattanzi** neighbor Vern has mass on brain.
- **Johnny Cates** brother Tim had a stent put in.
- **Ed Gillikin's wife, Ann,** pray for recovery from ongoing complications from spinal surgery. Was in hospital recently to get medications and infection under control. Is walking (good news), home in a week or two.
- **LAOH Mary Ryan President (and wife of Dooley Brother Tom Forbes) Lori Forbes.** She's home and doing better.
- **Pat McGowan's** uncle Warren Henderson.
- Lexi Shumway, 25-year old daughter of friend & co-worker of **Tim McDonnell**, diagnosed with thyroid cancer, caught early.
- **Paulie McFadden** fell down and injured his shoulders, recovering. Mary Ellen (wife) has sciatica and needs surgery.

- **Hugh Naughton recovering from foot surgery.** His wife **Jessie** might need to replace a plate in her hear; **brother John** is recovering from stroke, progress is slow, working on his speaking; **sister** – knee replacement and had shoulder injury and was being cared for by **Jessie**; **brother Mike** – diagnosed with Parkinson's or MSA is doing well; **brother Bob** broke leg and is walking around.
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda,** is having dementia problems and took a turn for the worse and is in a facility.
- **Patricia Dore and Andrea Dworkin, 1st cousins of Steve McGann,** undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for cancer
- **Sean and Matt Costello's mother and sister Maura,** had hysterectomy and is in chemo for cancer treatment.
- **Brother John McCann** who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for metastatic prostate cancer.
- **Brother/Past President Chad Costello** –Please pray for his continued recovery from blood clots.
- **Brother Chad's parent-in-laws** – MRI on father-in-law (Jim) for bulge on aorta. Mother-in-law (Sally) has irregular heartbeat and is getting valve replaced.
- **Jim Woods** – mom had 3rd knee replacement, going to PT, doing great. Now needs other knee replaced.
- **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)
- **Deacon Wayne Snellings** – inoperable cancer.
- **Rich Aleksy, Past State Pres.** - Rich had surgery to remove the lower node of his left lung and several lymph nodes which will be sent out for biopsy.

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MOLLY MAGUIRES

On the wall of the old county jail in what was then Mauch Chunk (today's Jim Thorpe), Pennsylvania, is a handprint that, according to folklore, was made by Alex Campbell, one of four members of an Irish labor organization called the Molly Maguires, executed on June 21, 1877. Insisting he was innocent, Campbell declared that "this is proof of my words. That mark will never be wiped out." And it never has.

Were the Mollies terrorists, working-class heroes, or something in between? To this day, the guilt of the twenty Mollies executed between 1877 and 1879 is hard to discover. Nearly all of the evidence that led to their convictions was provided by James McParland, a Pinkerton detective who infiltrated them. What is not in doubt, however, is the dangerous precedent in the history of Pennsylvania law enforcement that the convictions and execution of these Irish coal miners initiated.

Molly Maguire was, supposedly, the leader of riots in Ireland against exploitative English landowners during the 1840s. In the 1850s, Irish coal miners brought the organization with them when they crossed the ocean to work in the anthracite coal fields of northeastern Pennsylvania. Conditions were terrible in the Pennsylvania mines - safety regulations were non-existent or neglected; breaker boys as young as six worked picking slate; families lived in poor company-owned houses, and were forced to shop at company stores; nothing except a few dollars compensated those injured or the families of those killed in this dangerous trade; and foremen frequently abused workers or undervalued the quantity of coal mined, which determined their wages.



Pinkerton detective James McParland, circa 1886.

During the Civil War, Irish immigrant miners killed a number of mine supervisors and executives on local draft boards who attempted to induct them into the Union army. After the war, the violence and lawlessness continued. Northeastern Pennsylvania was in many ways like the Wild West. An isolated region with towns that had few, if any, police and constant conflict between the coal operators and their workers, disputes were settled by the men who took action.

We may never know whether the Mollies carried out any murders, and what, if any, connections existed among the Mollies, the murders, the local Democratic Party, the Order of Ancient Hibernians, and the union formed in the coal regions in 1868. What we do know is that Frank Gowen, the ruthless president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, was secretly buying enough mines to gain control of the industry, and had starved miners into submission during the disastrous "Long Strike" of 1875 to break the back of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association. The Mollies, in league with the local Democrats, had their own political machine, which controlled a number of local governments in Schuylkill County.



Franklin Gowen, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, circa 1885.

In the early 1870s, Gowen hired the Pinkerton Detective Agency to infiltrate the Molly Maguires and eliminate the last opposition to his control of the anthracite mines.

For two and a half years, James McParland, an Irish Catholic from Ulster, worked under cover, working, fighting, and conspiring with his fellow countrymen. After McParland's cover was blown, Gowen himself, serving as the district attorney of Schuylkill County, led the prosecution of the Molly Maguires who were indicted and then convicted largely on McParland's testimony. On June 21, 1877, the last of the Molly Maguires were hanged in the Carbon County prison in Mauch Chunk.



John Kehoe, "King of the Mollies," soon before his execution in 1878

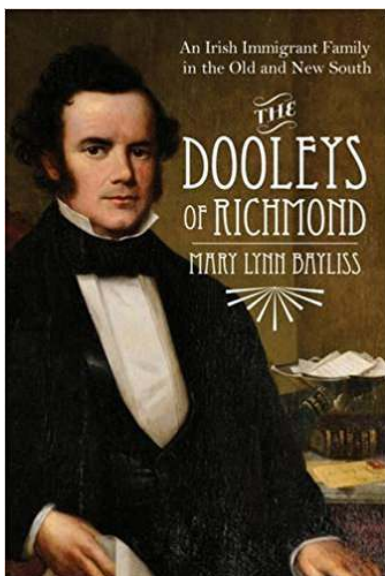
The execution of the Molly Maguires helped cement Gowen's control of the anthracite-coal industry, and crushed union activity in the coal regions for close to a decade. It also won the Pinkerton Agency national celebrity. Indeed, to capitalize on the publicity, and to attract clients, Allen Pinkerton wrote *Molly Maguires and the Detectives*, a romanticized history of the story, which he published in 1879. The executions did not, however, intimidate workers elsewhere in the state. Less than a month after the Molly Maguires execution, the great rail strike of 1877 erupted in Pittsburgh, and then spread to rail yards across the state.

Despite all the confusion about the history of Molly Maguires, what is not at issue is what the trial of 1877 reveals about the domination of Pennsylvania business interests over the state's political and legal system. What took place, according to historian Harold Aurand, was "one of the most astounding surrenders of sovereignty in American history. A private corporation initiated the investigation through a private detective agency; a private police force arrested the alleged offenders; the coal company attorneys prosecuted them. The state only provided the courtroom and hangman."

In the decades that followed, railroads, coal companies, and steel companies continued to use Pinkerton agents, deputized under Coal and Iron Police commissions, to enforce their will upon workers and their families. Henry Frick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel Company, used them in 1884 to guard his coal fields and strikebreakers, in 1891 to protect Italian strikebreakers, and again, with disastrous results during the Homestead Strike of 1892. Only then did the state of Pennsylvania become alarmed that private armies rather than public servants were wielding police powers in William Penn's Commonwealth, including the powers to enter private homes, disperse crowds, and arrest and imprison citizens.

The Dooleys of Richmond

Dr. Bayliss will be giving a presentation and signing her book at our meeting on June 13, 2017. A short business meeting will start at 6:30 and Dr. Bayliss will start her presentation at 7:00 pm. Family and friends are welcome for this presentation.



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