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Next Meeting – Tuesday November 14, 2017 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



### President's Message:

Hello my Hibernian Brothers. We are off to a good start to our annual raffle season with last month's Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games at the Richmond Raceway. Thanks to Jim Woods for heading this up once again. Thank you to all that came out to sell raffle tickets and share the fraternal comradery. Thank you to Brian K. and Vince for getting there early to set up the tent and providing people, throughout the day, with information about their Irish heritage. Gratitude to Amy Hegarty, representing the LAOH, for staying behind to watch the cash box while the men were parading and helping sell raffle tickets in the afternoon. Unfortunately, due to possible inclement weather for Sunday we made the call to cancel participation that day.

We install our new officers at our December 12 meeting. This is not a regular business meeting but one where we encourage family to come out to support our newly elected officers.

Our annual Christmas party is Sunday December 10 at 1pm at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. This is always a GRAND family event. This year we are doing something different. We'll be collecting donations and money for the Pregnancy Resource Center at this Christmas Party. We will also accept donations at our December 12 meeting. Make checks out to PRC of Metro Richmond to make a monetary donation. Items that they need include: Baby gowns and shoes, bottles, diapers (sizes 1 and 5), baby towels, washcloths and baby toiletries. Only new items can be donated. For more information and a full list of items contact Mike Smith ([mike@capstoneaccess.com](mailto:mike@capstoneaccess.com)).

May God hold you in the palm of his hand and wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday.

Slán go fóill  
(goodbye for now)

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

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## Upcoming Events:

### Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August.

- **November 12, 2017, Sunday, Memorial Mass** for deceased military veterans and Dooley - request prayers at Masses at individual parishes.
  - **December 10, 2017, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party.** (Chair Mike Muldowney)
  - **December 12, 2017, Tuesday 7:00 pm St. Paul's~ Installation of Officers** at our meeting. Family members are invited to attend.
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### Prayer List – Please Pray for the following:

#### From and since October meeting (updated and new):

- **Brian Hegarty's Uncle Kenny** passed away.
- **Mike Smith, Aunt Joan** bypass surgery in Boston and Sylvia – afib.
- **Hugh Naughton**, old friend, **Dick Brennan**, has cancer. His **sister-in-law** has breast cancer, tumors removed.
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda**, is having dementia problems and took a turn for the worse and is in a facility. **Passed away.**
- **Jim Woods' sister-in-law, Wendy**, diagnosed with breast cancer and has 2 young children.
- **Jim Woods' mom** recovering from knee surgery and **brother** has pancreatic and gall bladder issues.
- Prayers for a **new Bishop of the Diocese** of Richmond to replace Bishop DiLorenzo.
- **Sue Gerloff, mom of Fred**, recovering from stroke, doing better released from Lakewood Manor.
- **Howard Rollins, brother-in-law of Tom Forbes**, passed away last month. Thanks for prayers from Lori.
- **Jana Strickland, client/friend of Daniel Caffrey**, attacked by a monkey, recovering from wounds to both arms and one leg.
- **Bill Hutchins, friend of Jim Whelen**, for recovery from major stroke.
- **Kevin Kitrick**, AOH Brother, recovering from a motorcycle accident. Had shoulder surgery, still recovering from head injuries.

- **Keith Wandtke**, AOH brother, please pray for him.
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis, back spasms. **Not** considering spinal surgery anymore, pray for less pain and discomfort. Next year will be 50 years as a priest.
- **Pat McGowan's** uncle Warren Henderson. Pat's mom, **Mary Margaret**, atrial fibrillation was in hospital doing better.

#### From Prior Meetings:

- **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 – recovering from** 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.
- **Patricia Dore and Andrea Dworkin, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### Prior to March Meeting:

- **Elizabeth Moore** (girlfriend of division Treasurer **Patrick Knightly**). She underwent significant intestinal surgery. Pray for continued recovery.
- **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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## We will be voting for the officers listed below and Gael of the Year at our November Meeting.

### NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 AOH Dooley Division Officers

President	Scott Nugent
Vice President	Mike Canning
Recording Secretary	John Condon
Financial Secretary	John Costello
Treasurer	Patrick Knightly
Standing Committee	Bill Casey
Marshall	Rob Kutz
Sentinel	Peter 'PJ' George

Congratulations to Dooley Brother and Past President Brian Kiernan on his recent election as AOH Virginia State Board Secretary (Elected at 2017 Convention for a 2-year term)

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*Contributed by Brian Hegarty*

### The incredibly fertile Irish warlord, Niall of the Nine Hostages, is thought to have 3 million descendants worldwide. Could you be one of them?

Millions of Irish Americans, especially those in New York, may be directly descended from Niall of the Nine Hostages, the most prolific warrior in Irish history. A team of geneticists at Trinity College Dublin led by Professor Dan Bradley discovered that as many as 3 million men worldwide may be descendants of the Irish warlord, who was who was the Irish "High King" at Tara, the ancient center of Ireland from A.D. 379 to A.D. 405.

Harvard Prof. Henry Louis Gates Jr., who made headlines when he was arrested by an Irish police officer while trying to break into his own locked home, is also a descendant of Niall of the Nine Hostages —and is related to the cop who booked him!

### The legend of Niall of the Nine Hostages

The story of Niall of the Nine Hostages is already the stuff of legend, passed on to countless Irish schoolchildren over the years.

The supposedly fearless leader battled the English, the Scots, the French and even the Romans, and struck fear into the heart of his enemies. His dynasty lasted for centuries, continuing up until the Elizabethan conquest of Ireland at the end of the 16th century.

Legend has it that it was Niall of the Nine Hostages who, on a raid in Wales, captured a young slave and brought him to Ireland. That slave would later escape and go to become Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick.

But one story not told to most Irish elementary schoolchildren was Niall's prolificacy.

When it came to the bedroom, it seems that Niall of the Nine Hostages was even more fearless and energetic than he was on the battlefield.

This warlord was responsible for the very common Irish surname “O’Neill” (“Ui Neill” in Gaelic) – which literally means ‘descendant son of Niall’ – also the name of Irish pubs all over the world.

## One in 12 men in Ireland

The researchers also found that as many as one in 12 men in Ireland have the same DNA as the Irish king and in Ireland’s northwest, that figure rises to one in five.

"We sampled 60 people with these names and found the strongest association was with them," Bradley told the London Independent. "Before this, everything was mythology, but now there does seem to have been a single male ancestor of this group of powerful dynasties."

"In many countries, powerful men historically have more children, and it's not that hard to believe that it happened in Ireland too.

"We estimate there are maybe two to three million descendants in the modern age, with a concentration in Ireland, obviously. Then there are Scotland and New York - you find the particular chromosome in reasonable frequency in New Yorkers of European descent."

## 1 in 50 New Yorkers who have European roots

That means that around one in 50 New Yorkers who have European roots – with surnames such as O’Connor, Flynn, Egan, Hynes, O’Reilly and Quinn – have the same genetic signature as Niall of the Nine Hostages, Bradley said.

Which prompted Peter Quinn, the renowned Irish-American author from the Bronx, to tell the New York Times, "I hope this means that I inherit a castle in Ireland."

So Niall joins Thomas Jefferson and Genghis Khan as one of the major historical figures when it comes to DNA.

Jefferson, the third president of the U.S., slept with one of his slaves, a woman called Sally Hemings and fathered a child with her. A 1998 study found that Jefferson has an extremely rare DNA type, his Y chromosome belonging to just 1 percent of the population.

A 2003 study found that 8 percent of all Mongolian males are the descendants of Genghis Khan, sharing with him the same Y chromosome. His son had as many as 40 sons, and his grandson, as many as 22. The Khan family may have as many as 16 million descendants in Asia today.

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