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Celebrating 40 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday February 12, 2018 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church



President's Message:

SELL...RECRUIT...PRAY...SOCIALIZE

Sell – We're right in the middle of our raffle season, with raffle weekends at St Michaels and St Mary's already behind us, and St Bridget and St Benedicts coming up. If you are a parishioner at those parishes please show up and support one or more Masses – a show of unity goes a long way to increasing sales. Beyond that, consider helping out at one of the other parishes if you can; attend Mass in your green jackets or at least with nametags. Remember to sell your allotment of 12 tickets as well, to help offset our increase to \$5,000.

Recruit – No better time to recruit new members than during our raffle ticket weekends!

Pray – Our faith and Church are under increased attack. The Knights of Columbus called an "extremist group" by members of Congress; Little Sisters of the Poor being pressured by government; young students are being threatened for being Catholic. Infanticide is being proposed and in some cases made into law across the country. Predators have taken advantage of the faithful. Prayer does work. It is a deterrent to sin in our lives, and it is our best weapon to fight demoralization. Pray for our families, pray for our Order, pray for our Church and pray for our Country.

Also, remember to pray for the repose of the soul of our Division's charter president, Jerry Gorman, and for his family. Jerry was a founding member of our Division and an AOH National Life member. Jerry loved his Irish heritage and helped found the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which used to be held in the West End. He was well-loved by everyone and his goal in life was to make people smile. We will miss him.

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Socialize - We had a great showing our annual Major Dooley Ceremony on February 2nd at Maymont. Dr Lynn Bayliss' speech was on the importance of friendship. Don't forget the Mary Ryan Division Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala. It is Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 PM at St Michaels. Music for the event will be performed by Glen Allen's own Irish band The Donnybrooks. For more information, please reach out to Annie McEntee. (annie.l.mcentee@gmail.com or 804-514-1003). Also, I've reserved a table for the Division at Rare Olde Times on March 1st. They are celebrating their 25th anniversary. Let me know if you want me to reserve a seat.

Lots of other events coming up next few months, so check the Division website regularly for updates.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Steve McGann

Upcoming Events:

Dooley Division Business Meetings in 2019 at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of each Month, except for July and August, at St. Michael Catholic Church. 2019 Meeting Dates - 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, **12/10 (Officer Installation)**

Celebrate 40th Anniversary?

Remaining Raffle Sales/Recruiting at Churches after Masses (Jim Woods - jwoods0701@gmail.com), St. Bridget, St. Benedict, St. Mary and St. Michael: January, February and 1st Weekend in March (Lent starts March 6)

February 17, 2019, Sunday, 9 am Mass- bringing and serving breakfast for the parishioners St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Fr. Jim Arsenault's parish), 2712 2nd Ave, Richmond, VA 23222; To Help or if attending contact Chad Costello – 929-7897; costellocw@yahoo.com

March 9, 2019, Saturday 7 pm; LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's Catholic Church Tickets- \$20 each. Dinner, (Donnybrooks). For tickets contact Annie McEntee with LAOH at annie.l.mcentee@gmail.com

March 16, 2019, Saturday at 6:30 at St. Mary's Church, Irish Night (hosted by KofC 14129)

(TBD) March 17, 2019, Sunday- St. Patrick's Day Mass – 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.

8:30 or 9 am Sunday? 10:45 am Sunday (Have Mass at that time)?

Prayer for the Sick

(We removed some of the names which have been on the list for quite some time. If you would like them added back, please contact Steve McCann or Dan Caffrey)

From and since April meeting (new):

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- **Brother Jerry Gorman** (Past President, Past State President, Founding Member, AOH National Life Member passed away. Pray for the repose of his soul and his family.

- **Brother Jack Cassells** (Past President, Historian, St. Patrick, Founding Member) had surgery on Aorta on 1/2/2019 to improve circulation. Surgery went well. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **Fr. George Zahn** - This year is 51 years as a Priest. Keep our Chaplain in your prayers. Please contact Steve McGann (email below) if you'd like his phone number.
- **Tom Nolan's** Aunt Barb – broken hip.
- **John Mulligan**, Jack Rowe, 18, 2nd kidney surgery.
- **PJ George's** Uncle Tony – spleen.

Updates from January Meeting and coming off list:

- **Larry Keefe's mother** was in hospital, respiratory failure, improved and at home.
- **Steve McGann's** mother-in-law and Helene's Mom, **Helene Zaepfel**, suffered a stroke over the Thanksgiving holiday. At home recovering, in therapy.
- **(CLEARED) - Jim Donahue's** brother-in-law, **Tom Edwards**, had esophagus removed, extensive cancer cells, chemo next 6 mos.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Jim Gimmel**, friend of Gary McAuliffe
- **Billy Spicer's (new guy) brother-in-law, William McCracken**, had an infection on the brain and had brain surgery to remove it. Also his heart is very weak. And he has emphysema as well. He's been doing better recently.
- **Pat Saizan, sister of Larry Keefe**, reoccurrence of breast cancer.
- For the salvation of the soul of **Margaret Bacalakis, mother-in-law of Michael Muldowney.**
- **Firefighters and first responders in memory of 9/11.**
- **Paulie McFadden's** wife, **Mary Ellen**, back pains.
- **Fred Gerloff – Jude Crouch** leukemia, husband of cousin Cecelia.
- **Gary McAuliffe's wife, Betty**, macular hole in retina needs surgery.
- **Lori Forbes**, brother **Mike Shannon**, has stage III non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Started Chemo.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Don Lattanzi**, AOH Brother, had 2 back surgeries, pneumonia and breathing problems. Out of hospital and back at rehab in Waverly. Keep in your prayers.
- **Hugh Naughton's** wife, Jessie, has lower back issues, Rosie Ramocki broke hand, Friend Dick Brennan – cancer.

- **Sue Gerloff, mom of Fred**, recovering from stroke.

Contact Daniel Caffrey at 804-512-6288 or at kkcaffrey@hotmail.com

Dooley Division Charter Member and Charter President Passes



GORMAN, Jerry D., 81, of Richmond, passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Hawkins Gorman; and is survived by his wife of 20 years, Joyce Bryant Gorman; his three children, Beth Henry and her husband, Mike, Sandy Helbert and J.D. Gorman and his wife, Rhonda; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; one brother, William Gorman; two sisters, Marguerite Miletic and Henryetta Weidman; and many other family members and friends. Jerry was the founder of Charity Companies Inc. He served as the Charter President of the Richmond chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, past Faithful Navigator of Knights of Columbus Council #395, a past president and member of the Fraternal Order Police Associates (FOPA), member of many other organizations and served his country in the U.S. Navy and Merchant Marines. Jerry loved his Irish heritage and helped found the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which used to be held in the West End. He was well-loved by everyone and his goal in life was to make people smile. Bringing humor to any situation was a favorite pastime for Jerry, including being known by many alias' over his life. Jerry loved eating dinner (almost) every night at Pegasus and he will certainly be missed there. The family (and Jerry) would like to thank the staff at both Henrico Doctors Hospital and VCU (MCV) Medical Center, especially MaKayla, Wendy, Lauren and Erin, for all they did to help him the past few months. A funeral Mass will be offered 11 a.m. Saturday, February 9, at St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church, 4611 Sadler Road, with the family receiving friends at the church beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Westhampton Memorial Park. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Anthony's Church, 4611 Sadler Road, Glen Allen, Va. 23060. Arrangements provided by Bliley's-Staples Mill, Richmond, Va.

"Wrong Way" Corrigan Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

Douglas Corrigan, the last of the glory seeking fliers, took off from Brooklyn's Floyd Bennett Field on July 17, 1938, on a flight that would finally win him a place in aviation history. He carried two chocolate bars, two boxes of fig bars, a quart of water and a U.S map with the route from New York to California marked out. It was a foggy morning and Corrigan flew into the haze and disappeared. Twenty-eight hours later, in a plane that was structurally unsound, leaking fuel, lacking a reliable compass and equipped with reserve fuel tanks mounted in such a way that they blocked his straight-ahead view, he landed in Dublin, Ireland and instantly became a national hero. Although the transatlantic flight was far from unprecedented, Corrigan received national attention simply because the press was amazed that his rattletrap aircraft had survived the journey.

Eleven years earlier, American Charles Lindbergh had become an international celebrity with his solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic to Paris. Corrigan was among the mechanics who had worked on Lindbergh's *Spirit of St. Louis* aircraft and this inspired Corrigan to make a transatlantic flight. Since Corrigan was an Irish-American, for him Dublin became the obvious choice.

In 1933, Corrigan bought a 1929 Curtiss Robin aircraft off a trash heap, rebuilt it, and modified it for long-distance flight. "I always considered my plane as a little ray of sunshine," Corrigan said, "so now I put the name *Sunshine* on the plane's engine." He built and installed extra gas tanks as he was hoping to receive permission for a transatlantic flight. Corrigan practiced flying around the country, but bad weather often forced him grounded. In 1936, he installed two more gas tanks for good measure. When he practiced flying nonstop from Floyd Bennett Field back to California he had reason to be thankful he had not tried an Atlantic crossing. Over the Mississippi, it was so cold that ice began forming on his carburetor. That caused the engine to slow down, and he had to keep moving the throttle back and forth to break the ice loose and keep it from forming again. The winds were against him too, which meant he did not have enough gas to make it nonstop to Los Angeles. When inspectors caught up with him they deemed *Sunshine* unworthy for flying. To get *Sunshine* to fly again, he overhauled the engine and had the plane re-inspected. The inspector said the plane was good enough for an experimental license which put Corrigan in the same position as before – flying only in the continental United States. He ran some tests on gasoline consumption at various speeds, eventually deciding that 85 mph was the best speed for his Curtiss Robin. He had spent three years trying to get permission to fly from New York to Dublin, had been told that he could only fly nonstop from New York to California, that an ocean crossing was out of the question.

He registered and filed his flight plan – New York to California, just as his license said. On July 17, 1938, at Brooklyn's Floyd Bennett Field, he climbed into *Sunshine* and took off. The plane was so weighed down with fuel that it traveled 3,200 feet down the runway before leaving the ground. When it passed the eastern edge of the airfield, it was only 50 feet above the ground. Not long after that, it disappeared into the thick fog heading east.

Corrigan had been flying for 10 hours when his feet suddenly felt cold. The leak in the gas tank was running over his shoes and onto the floor of the cockpit. He was losing fuel by the minute. As time went on, the leak only got worse, and if it reached the exhaust pipe he would have no chance of surviving. So, he used the only tool that he had, a screwdriver, and punched a hole in the floor of the cockpit.

He planned to conserve fuel by running the engine slowly, but now realized that would only give the fuel more time to leak out. So, he decided to run his engine fast by increasing his rpms.

Approximately twenty-six hours into his flight, Corrigan dropped down out of the clouds and noticed that he was over a large body of water. Knowing that it was too early to have reached the Pacific Ocean, Corrigan looked down at his compass and suddenly noticed that he had been following the wrong end of the magnetic needle.

When a small fishing boat was seen from his aircraft he realized he must be close to land, so he opened a package of fig bars to celebrate and when he reached land he opened the chocolate bars. When Corrigan reached Dublin, Ireland, he introduced himself by saying "I left New York yesterday morning headed for California. I got mixed up in the clouds and must have flown the wrong way." Public interest in such a colossal mistake earned him the nickname "Wrong Way" Corrigan.

Corrigan met Éamon de Valera, Ireland's Taoiseach (Prime Minister), the next morning and told his story. When he got to the part about misreading the compass, everyone started laughing. "From then on everything was in my favor," Corrigan later wrote. "He came into this country without any papers of any kind, why, we'll just let him go back without any papers," said de Valera. De Valera also thanked Corrigan for putting Ireland on the map again.

Corrigan headed home, a New York Evening Post writer H.R. Knickerbocker wrote:

You may say that Corrigan's flight could not be compared to Lindbergh's in its sensational appeal as the first solo flight across the ocean. Yes, but in another way the obscure little Irishman's flight was the more audacious of the two. Lindbergh had a plane specially constructed, the finest money could buy. He had lavish financial backing, friends to help him at every turn. Corrigan had nothing but his own ambition, courage, and ability. His plane, a nine-year-old Curtiss Robin, was the most wretched-looking jalopy.

The New York Post printed a front-page headline "Hail to Wrong Way Corrigan!" – backwards.

After all, no matter how many rules he had broken, "Wrong-Way" Corrigan was a hero – and in America he was granted a hero's welcome. In August 1938, New Yorkers so admired his moxie that he was given a ticker-tape parade down Broadway with more than a million-people lining the street, more people than had turned out to honor Charles Lindbergh after his transatlantic flight. The following year Douglas Corrigan starred the lead role in a film about his journey as *The Flying Irishman*.

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To order sashes, click on the picture:

News from our Brother Abroad

The Air Force transferred me in 2018.

My new mailing address is:

Reverend David V. McGuire
PSC 103 BOX 453
APO, AE 09603

This address will be good until my next transfer (June 2020).

In other news, Christmas was beautiful at Aviano Air Base, Italy. We are located at the foot of the Dolomite Mountains. There was a cap of white snow on the mountains. Everyone was in a good mood.

I went to Assisi and Siena in January, and really loved my time during that week.

Attached is a photo taken of me from this past September's Italian - American Friendship Week Mass at one of the parishes in the city of Pordenone.



Reverend David V. McGuire, a Dooley Division member since 1990 has been promoted to Major in the US Air Force. He is now stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy, at the foot of the Dolomite Mountains. He reported a cap of white snow on the mountains at Christmas. In January, he had the opportunity to go to Assisi and Siena, and said he really loved his time during that week. The photo was taken during this past September's Italian - American Friendship Week Mass at one of the parishes in the city of Pordenone.

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