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Celebrating 43 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday November 8, 2022 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:

Brother Hibernians:

It is the time of year to be thankful. And as I finish my term, I am thankful for all the support I have received from my brothers. My election was not part of the normal officer progression through the positions. But since there was a need, and an ideal candidate did not surface, I was more than glad to take on the duties as an interim President.

Thanks go to a lot of different people. All my officers gave me strong support at all times. Those officers and other regular members went out of their way to make the year a success. For example, despite the cancelation of The Celtic Festival/ Highland Games, the raffle was a tremendous success. We were able to refill our coffers after two years of disruption due to Covid. St. Patrick's Day and Our Lady of Knock were well attended religious functions. The Ashland 4th of July parade, in honor of the request by past member Paul McFadden, was a fun family event. Next, we were one of two states to send all their delegates to the National Convention, with our Division sending a very large contingent. The baseball game had our biggest crowd ever. Meetings are well attended with strong presentations. Funerals for members were well attended. I could go on and on.

A special thanks goes out to my Vice President and right-hand man, Mike Smith. We all know of the medical trauma that Kelly went through. Despite our sympathy and prayers, no one can understand what Mike was going through in supporting her and the family. Despite the stress and worry, Mike was always there for me. He attended officer and regular meetings, handled his responsibilities, and was an active member. He even scoured the blue book for me when my eyesight didn't allow me to find the right pages. So thanks, Mike. We have an unbelievably strong membership, with a lot of talent, that is willingly offered with great results. My thanks go out to everyone of my brothers.

Best of luck to the soon-to-be-appointed new officers. I'm sure they will do an excellent job for this awesome Division. I look forward to finishing the year strong, with a great Christmas party and a new officer installation.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Tom Murphy

Upcoming Events:

December 13, 2022, Tuesday – Officer Installation for 2023 Officers by a State AOH Officer at St. Michael's Church.

December 04, 2022, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party. (Chair Mike Muldowney).

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For November 8, 2022 Meeting

Please contact Fr. Jim Arsenault if you need him to visit and pray for and with someone in the hospital. Contact him at M 804-221-1508 and/or jarsenault@stelizcc.org

From Previous Meeting and since then:

- **Fr. George Zahn** – Passed on October 4
- **Eugene Wilson** - First Cousin once removed of *John Costello* – Passed at the age of 95. Former proprietor of Sinnotts on South King Street in Dublin
- **Andy Cox** – Diagnosed with metastatic adenocarcinoma of the right lung. Having further tests and putting together a treatment plan.
- **Diane George** – Mother of *PJ George* – Passed on September 15
- **Michael Sweeney Sr.** – Father of *Mike Sweeney* – Passed on September 8

From Prior Meetings:

- **Dick Kemper** – Undergone medical procedure in late September
- **Chris Hill** (53) – Cousin of *Tim McDonnell* – Recovering from a stroke
- **Melissa Atchison** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Stage 3 cancer
- **Jack Griffin** – Rehab. Was dehydrated and has water around his heart
- **Helene Zaepeel** – Mother-in-law to *Steve McGann* – Covid recovery/rheumatoid arthritis pain
- **Mercedes McGann** – Mother to *Steve McGann* – Recovering from a fall
- **Lori Forbes** – Wife of *Tom Forbes* – Continuing blood pressure/neurological issues

- **Bill Shelton** – *Chad Costello's* sister's father-in-law – Covid
- **Barbara Muldowney** – Wife of *Mike Muldowney* – Having knee replacement surgery in December
- **Anne Gilligan** – Wife of *Ed Gilligan* – Recovering from an operation on October 25.
- **Bob Boyle** – Had bypass surgery and is recovering well
- **Kelli Smith** – Wife of *Mike Smith* – Kelli had Gamma Knife surgery and she is at home and feeling good. The doctor said it went really well. They will do scans every six months or so to monitor her progress.
- **Mrs. George** – Mother of *PJ George* – Having a pacemaker installed. Also pray for George family.
- **Melissa Stelman** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Has Stage 3 colon cancer. Finished chemo in early Sept.
- **Phyllis Collins** - Mother of *Mark Collins* – She is currently in the hospital
- **Siobhan Nolan** (53) – Sister of *Tom Nolan* – Having open heart surgery
- **Gary McAuliffe** – Dealing with tremors in his hand
- **Jim Calpin** – Recovering from stroke
- **Edward Maynes** – is having an upcoming heart procedure (date is not yet known)
- **Rita Hastings** – *Tom Hastings'* mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **Joanne Kennedy** – Aunt of *John Kennedy* – Breast cancer. Operable. Good success for recovery.
- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of *Jack Cassells*) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery
- *Mark Atchison* – Brother **Daniel Atchison** – Quadruple bypass in August, spot on lung discovered, biopsy indicated cancer, determining treatment.
- *Billy Spicer's* brother-in-law, **William McCracken**, had an infection on the brain and had brain surgery to remove it.
- **Pat Saizan**, sister of *Larry Keefe*, suffering from Lymphoedema

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PROPOSED DOOLEY DIVISION OFFICERS FOR 2023

As discussed at the October Division Business Meeting, the Officer Search Committee has been tasked to present a slate of prospective officers to serve for the Division's 2023 Hibernian Year. We will vote on this at the November Business Meeting held next **Tuesday (11/8)**...hey, whaddya know, Election Day.

Here is the list.....

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Irish Civil War: Friendship, Loyalty and Complexity Among Friends

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

Harry Boland died on August 1st, 1922. Upon his passing, Kathleen O’Connell, secretary to Éamon de Valera observed that Dev “looked crushed and broken. He lost his most faithful friend.” Michael Collins, having regretted his friend’s death, wrote to his fiancée Kitty Kiernan, “I passed Vincent’s Hospital and saw the crowd outside. My mind went in to him, Harry lying there dead, and I thought of the times together. I had sent a wreath. I suppose they would return it torn up.”



Harry Boland, Michael Collins and Éamon de Valera

This was just one of the many emotional reactions from Boland’s contemporaries on both sides of the Civil War divide. Much of Boland’s appeal was due to him being known as a genial, good-humored leader within the Irish revolutionary movement.

Harry Boland was born, like many nationalists of his generation, into Dublin’s lower middle class in 1887. His father, a prominent fenian and GAA official, had an enormous influence on his son. Harry followed that familiar path through the Irish Republican Brotherhood. Along with his two older brothers and sister Kathleen, Harry took part in the Easter Rising and

was imprisoned in England. On his release he became an active member of Sinn Féin, for whom he was elected TD for south Roscommon in the historic election of 1918. In 1919, he and Michael Collins narrowly escaped arrest when many of the members of the Dáil government were imprisoned by the British. The two worked closely together thereafter in Dublin, raising money for the underground Irish Republican government. He became a key figure in rebuilding the national movement, mainly in raising funds for the Irish Republic, becoming close friends to both Éamon de Valera and Michael Collins.

Around this time Boland and Collins had grown particularly close when other Sinn Féin leaders were in jail: they were around the same age, wrestled and played hurley together. It was with Collins that Boland spent most of his free time. On Sundays they would often head for Granard, Co. Longford to stay at the Greville Arms Hotel. Away from the hectic city life Harry and Mick enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the companionship of the Kiernan sisters. Boland and Collins’ fell in love with the same girl, Kitty Kiernan. She was originally Boland’s girl and at one stage it seemed it was Boland, not Collins, she planned to marry. But in the end, she eventually preferred Collins, probably because he was the bigger catch. Boland said he was sure the ‘triangle’ as he termed it would never spoil their friendship, although it did place an element of complexity in their relationship. He would hardly have been human if he had not felt some resentment afterwards. After their deaths, an acquaintance of theirs reminisced, “I remember seeing their two heads on the pillow, fast asleep, bedroom door ajar in case of a raid, and Collins’ bare arm rested on a bedside table – between two revolvers.”

In truth, their break in friendship came over their respective stances on the Anglo-Irish Treaty. While Anti-Treaty, Boland became a key player in trying to mend the split. Yet at the outbreak of the Civil War, Boland became quartermaster of the anti-Treaty IRA. Boland took a direct part and became a determined participant in fighting in both Dublin and Blessington, in Co. Wicklow.

Where Boland and Collins were genuine friendly soul mates, Harry’s relationship to Éamon de Valera’s was more in terms of a loyal lieutenant. In 1919, Boland was nominated by Éamon de Valera, the President of the Dáil Éireann, to join him as a special envoy to the United States as the advance man whose main duty was organizing every aspect of the American tour. They both made another trip to the United States in 1920 but when de Valera returned to Ireland in early 1921, Boland remained to coordinate Irish Republican publicity, fund raising and more secretly arms purchasing.

In 1922, the National Army were beginning to close on him. Boland was mortally wounded when shot during a botched arrest by National Army soldiers in Skerries' Grand Hotel. He lingered in Dublin's St. Vincent's hospital for two days before dying.

Boland told his sister Kathleen, the man who shot him was a friend with whom he was imprisoned with after the Easter Rising but refused to say the man's name. He asked to be buried beside Cathal Brugha in Glasnevin cemetery. Boland's funeral was a major procession through Dublin city, an extraordinary turnout for one of the most well-liked figures of the Irish revolution.

The Anglo-Irish treaty triggered Irishmen to turn on one another – neighbor against neighbor and sometimes family member against family member. Best friends did not seem like friends anymore, in fact in many cases, they were on opposing sides of the Civil War.

Harry Boland was lively and engaging man with real diplomatic skills. He was a communicator, not a desk man, and more a spokesperson and diplomat than a policymaker. Ireland lost many prominent future leaders; Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, and Cathal Brugha, just to name a few. The Civil War would leave many of the most talented participants in the struggle of independence dead, and a newly independent country deprived of their vital further contribution.

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