



# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 45 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting – Tuesday February 13, 2024 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

### President's Message: President's Message:

Dear Brothers,

It's hard to believe that we'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day in a little more than 1 month. Because of weather warnings we were forced to cancel our January meeting. If we have to cancel a meeting for whatever reason we can't make it up because St. Michael's doesn't have any meeting room availability. We are fortunate to be able to meet at St. Michael's and have most of our family events here (Family Picnic and Christmas Party). Thanks to Ed Rossmore and others for their assistance it this.

Our next meeting is February 13, 2024 at 7 pm at St. Michael's. We'll be voting on the 2024 Dooley Budget and discussing our March activities.

I attended the State Quarterly meeting recently. After the meeting they offered the Tower/Major Degree. Congrats to our own Dave Woychik for getting his Degree. I encourage those who haven't done so to get their Tower/Major Degree.

Right now, we are at Churches selling our raffle tickets and recruiting after Masses. We had a successful weekend already at St. Bridget's. St. Michael's is February 10-11 and St. Mary's is February 24-25. Also, on February 18 we'll be at St. Elizabeth's for their 10 am Mass and serve food after Mass. Please plan to help where you can. Please sign-up on our website at [www.aohrichmond.org](http://www.aohrichmond.org).

The Church Hill Irish Festival will be on March 16-17, 2024 this year. It's usually the weekend after St. Patrick's Day, but this year that weekend is Palm Sunday so the Festival has to be on the same weekend as St. Patrick's Day. We'll be having our Hibernian Mass during the Festival on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at St. Patrick's Church at 8 am, we'll be serving breakfast afterwards and the Parade will be at 10 am on Sunday, not Saturday this year. They want the Parade to be on St. Patrick's Day.

Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for upcoming events.

Looking forward to our meetings and other activities mentioned above that we have scheduled for February and March. Hope to see you there.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Big Dan Caffrey

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## Upcoming Events:

### Raffle Sales/Membership Drives after Masses:

- **Feb 3-4, 2024 – St. Bridget's; 5:30 pm Sat; 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am Sun.**
- **Feb 10-11, 2024 – St. Michael's; 5:00 pm Sat; 7:45 am, 9:15 am, 11:15 am and 5 pm Sun.**
- **Feb. 24-25, 2024 – St. Mary's; 5:30 pm Sat; 9 am and 11 am Sun.**

**February 18, 2024, Sunday, 10 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church** – Attend Mass and Providing and Serving Breakfast to Parishioners (Fr. Jim).

**March 9, 2024, Saturday; Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's Catholic Church** (Food, Drink, Donnybrooks). [Mary Ryan Division \(laohmaryryandivision.com\)](http://Mary_Ryan_Division_(laohmaryryandivision.com)) Contact is Terry Duke - [teresa.duke@verizon.net](mailto:teresa.duke@verizon.net)

**March 15, 16 and 17, 2024 – 38th Church Hill Irish Festival** - Street Festival in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street and on Broad Street and will run from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers needed for Festival set-up, Festival Gate (8-6; 8-6), selling Raffle tickets & recruiting at Booth.

**March 15th, Friday** – set-up booth; volunteer set-up for Festival; happy hour, local get-together.

**March 16th, Saturday** - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets–<http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>

**March 17th, Sunday - St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 am**; recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets– Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of day. (approximately 5:00 pm)

**March 17, 2024, Sunday- St. Patrick's Day Mass at 8 am** – Hibernian Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223. Serve Breakfast after.

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### AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For February 13, 2024 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](mailto:jarsenault@stelizcc.org)

### From Previous Meeting and since then:

- ***Scott Nugent*** – On Dec 28 had a seizure. Taken to VCU for MRI. Found a brain tumor. Has surgery at Duke Medical Center on Jan 9 and then determining next steps.
- ***Debra Fitzgerald*** – Wife of Past President *Jim Fitzgerald* - On Christmas afternoon Debra suffered a fall at home which resulted in her being transported to the Henrico Doctors Hospital and subsequently admitted to the

ICU. After consultation, we were advised that she has a cracked skull and bleeding on the brain, however surgery will not be necessary at this time. Her breathing tube was removed and the doctors advised she will be transferred to the step down unit.

### From Prior Meetings:

- ***Diane Woods*** – Wife of *Jim Woods* – Complications from hip replacement, metal leaking into blood
- ***Caitlyn Woychik*** – Daughter of *Dave Woychik* – Having kidney issues. Still recuperating
- ***Tom Forbes*** – Seeing entire staff working to keep his cancer away
- ***Aunt Carol*** – Diagnosed with liver cancer
- ***Tom Murphy*** – Has Covid and low oxygen levels
- ***Jim Donohue*** – Experiencing extreme vertigo attacks. Cataract surgery Jan 8
- ***Greg Hill*** – Cousin of *Tim McDonnell* - Being treated for esophageal cancer (48 with young family)
- ***Mary Margaret McGowan*** – Mother of *Patrick McGowan* – Spent a few nights in hospital. Is out and adjusting to assisted living.
- ***Betty McGowan*** – Wife of *Joe McGowan* – Recovery from head surgery
- ***Theresa*** – Sister of *Mike Canning* – Diagnosed with cancerous lesion on her face. Undergoing surgery.
- ***Molly Nugent*** – Daughter of *Scott Nugent* – Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Beginning treatment.
- ***Caitlyn Woychik*** – Daughter of *Dave Woychik* – was hospitalized for kidney issues. Is home now recovering.
- ***Dick Kemper*** – Undergone medical procedure in late September
- ***Melissa Atchison*** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Stage 3 cancer
- ***Jack Griffin*** – Moved to extended care in Northern VA. Being looked after by his son
- ***Helene Zaepeel*** – Mother-in-law to *Steve McGann* – Covid recovery/rheumatoid arthritis pain
- ***Mercedes McGann*** – Mother to *Steve McGann* – Recovering from a fall
- ***Bill Shelton*** – *Chad Costello's* sister's father-in-law – Covid
- ***Anne Gillikin*** – Wife of *Ed Gillikin* – 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.
- ***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

- **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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Margaret Heffernan Borland (April 3, 1824 – July 5, 1873) was a pioneering frontier woman who ran her own ranch, as well as handled her own herds. She made a name for herself as a cattle baron and was famous for the drive of Texas Longhorn cattle that she took up the Chisholm Trail from Texas to Wichita, Kansas, with her three surviving children and her granddaughter. She is the only known woman in the history of the United States to run her own cattle drive and was considered one of the first cattle queens after being widowed thrice. To see the full story by Lynne Hewes go to <https://www.westerncattletrailassoc.com/blog/margaret-borland-woman-trail-driver>

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