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Next Meeting – Tuesday April 9, 2024 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:



Dear Brothers,

Looking forward to our meeting on April 9, 2024 at 7 pm at St. Michael's. Hope to see you there.

What a March we had. A great time of year to be Irish. I enjoyed the LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's on March 9th. The Ladies did a nice job with the help of Brothers Larry Keefe (cooking the wonderful Corned Beef) and Kevin Kitrick working in the kitchen and Pat McGowan and John Costello working the bar. We also had some other Brothers helping out and cleaning up. At our March meeting we enjoyed Shepherd's Pie and Irish Trivia presented by Brian Hegarty.

The following weekend was the St. Patrick's Day/Irish Festival Weekend on Church Hill (March 16-17). Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day and we had a record turnout even though Shamrock the Block was happening at the same time. Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, started with our 8 am Hibernian Mass at St. Patrick's Church celebrated by Fr. Brian Capuano, Pastor, and our own Deacon Peter McCourt. Also, thanks to Mark Collins for leading this effort and to Vince Eikmeier for leading us in song. After Mass we enjoyed some food thanks to our VP Mike Valacer and then paraded down Broad St. at 10 am and sounded good singing the Irish National Anthem led by Vince. We had another good day selling raffle tickets and we had many Brothers manning the Entrance gate throughout the weekend.

At the end of the day on the Main Stage we pulled the winning raffle ticket for Jennifer Wiegand for \$5,000. She is the wife of our own Joe Wiegand. Also, we awarded our own Stokes McCune with the Hibernian Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of tireless service to the Irish Community. Thanks to Tom Nolan for spearheading this.

This weekend helped us have a record year with raffle ticket sales which will be reported on at our April 9th meeting. Thanks to John Condon who sold 1,250 tickets this year. Also, our own St. Patrick, Brian Hegarty, for welcoming and working the crowd in front of the tent. As well as others who bought and sold tickets at the Festival and throughout the year. Thanks to Jim Woods for leading our raffle sales over these many years of great success. At our March meeting, a proposal was made to donate \$2,000 to St. Elizabeth's Church. This will be voted on at our April 9th meeting. This money will be earmarked for needy

students who are attending All Saints School or Cristo Rey. We will let our Chaplain and St. Elizabeth's Pastor, Fr. Jim Arsenault, determine how and whom to allocate these monies to.

See below for our upcoming events, please plan to attend if you can:

April 13, 2024, Saturday at 3:30 pm – Dooley Ceremony at Maymont; proceed to Dooley's Mausoleum for flower laying; Presentation on Dooley in the Garden Hall; Rare Olde Times afterwards for a Toast. Dooley DOB 1/17/1841. At 1700 Hampton St, Richmond, VA 23220 entrance.

May 4, 2024, Saturday, 2 to 6 pm; Montpelier Celtic Festival – Volunteer. Kickoff the selling of our Raffle tickets; Irish food, drink, Whiskey tasting, music. Order tickets online at <https://www.montpeliercenter.org/celtic-festival.html>

June 8, 2024, Saturday, at 6:35 pm; Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family), The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Tim McDonnell - Chair) (ph 804-678-9764; tmc1918@gmail.com – let Tim know how many tickets).

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Big Dan Caffrey

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April 19-22, 2024 (Fri-Mon) – Golf Trip to Myrtle Beach – Big Dan Caffrey

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AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For April 10, 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

From Previous Meeting and since then:

- **Mitch Irvine** – Recovering from surgery for aneurism repair
- **Barbara O'Connor** – Wife of *Charley O'Connor* – has Multiple System Atrophy. In VCU at home hospice program
- **Jim Woods' father** – Back pain, trouble walking.

From Prior Meetings:

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- **Stokes McCune** – Brain surgery, heart issues, lung issues. Stage 4 cancer.
- **Celeste Jelen** – relation of *Vince Eikmeier* – cancer of the appendix
- **John Hegarty** – cousin of *Brian Hegarty* – Diagnosed with cancer. In chemo.
- **Scott Nugent** – Finished initial treatment for his brain tumor. Next MRI at the end of April. Then determine next steps.
- **Debra Fitzgerald** – Wife of Past President *Jim Fitzgerald* – Had a bad fall and recovering.
- **Caitlyn Woychik** – Daughter of *Dave Woychik* – Having kidney issues. Still recuperating
- **Aunt Carol** – Diagnosed with liver cancer
- **Tom Murphy** – Has Covid and low oxygen levels
- **Jim Donohue** – Meniere's disease
- **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. Ongoing treatment.
- **Caitlyn Woychik** – Daughter of *Dave Woychik* – was hospitalized for kidney issues. Is home now recovering but still has pain.
- **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
- **Bill Shelton** – *Chad Costello*'s sister's father-in-law – Covid
- **Barbara Muldowney** – Wife of *Mike Muldowney* – Having knee replacement surgery in December
- **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** – Diagnosed with Parkinsons and has Lewy body dementia
- **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.
- **Pat Saizan**, sister of *Larry Keefe*, suffering from Lymphoedema

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