



# The Dooley Dispatch

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

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indicated*

Next Meeting – Tuesday May 14, 2022 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

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



Dear Brothers,

Looking forward to our meeting on **May 14, 2024 at 7 pm at St. Michael's.**  
Hope to see you there.

At our April meeting, we voted to donate **\$2,000 to St. Elizabeth's Church.**

This money is earmarked for needy students (mostly refugees) who are attending Catholic Schools. We will let our Chaplain and St. Elizabeth's Pastor, Fr. Jim Arsenault, determine how and whom to allocate these monies to.

We are also sending checks totaling **\$7,250 from our 2024 Raffle** to St. Mary's (\$2,000), St. Michael's (\$2,000), St. Bridget's (\$1,250), St. Elizabeth's (\$1,000) and St. Patrick's (\$1,000).

I will have some **AOH Bears** (small stuffed bears) for sale at our meetings. \$20 per bear. They'll make nice gifts to children. We have 19 bears to sell. This is a fundraiser for the AOH State Board to recoup expenses from their last AOH State Convention.

We celebrated **Major James H. Dooley** on April 13 but proceeding into **Maymont** and laying flowers at his Mausoleum. Thanks to Mike Valacer for leading this and talking about Dooley. Also, we had someone from Maymont do a nice presentation on Dooley. Afterwards we retired to Rare Olde Times. We'll look to have this in January in 2025 (our normal time frame). Maymont is doing some restoration on the Dooley Mansion that we might consider donating to.

We had 14 of us, mostly AOHers, on our **Golf Trip** to Mrytle Beach April 19-22. We had a great time.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we were at the **Montpelier Celtic Festival**. We had a good time selling tickets and helping at the event. Thanks to Kevin Kitrick and Annie McEntee (LAOH) for helping in the kitchen prior to the start of the event. Also, Steve McGann for working the grill during the event. Thanks to Dan McLaughlin for setting up and taking down the AOH stuff, also Vince Eikmeier. Thanks to John Condon for selling tickets at the event. Also, Mike Smith and Peter George were there. There was a Bob McNulty sighting and his son signed up for our Division.

Good news on the **Raffle Front**. John Condon signed us up for Square. So, now we can sell tickets by credit card with a tap on the phone. This was tested out at the Montpelier Festival and went great. I believe it will lead to more ticket sales. Remember our goal is to sell as many tickets as we can so we can donate more money to charities. The tickets that we buy as members (10 tickets) waive our dues and help us fund our events throughout the year (beer, food, etc.). I would encourage everyone to buy and/or sell at least 20 raffle tickets this year (2025 raffle year). If John can sell 1,250 tickets, I should be able sell 20 tickets.

Please look at our [Calendar of Events](#) for the year (see in the newsletter) and see where you might be able to volunteer. Hope you can attend our May and June meetings before our summer break. Remember, we don't meet in July and August. **The Flying Squirrels** season has kicked off. Looking forward to attending the game on June 8<sup>th</sup> with our group (see below), please let Tim know how many tickets you want. I'm also looking forward to the Silver Squirrels Group at every Tuesday home game with a number of us that attend.

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

**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](mailto:tmc1918@gmail.com) – let Tim know how many tickets).

**(TBC) 4th of July Picnic** at Columbian Center (Family Event) with the KOC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. Ashland Parade.

**August 3, 2024, Saturday, from 12 to 7 pm – St. Elizabeth's Jazz Festival, 2712 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Richmond, VA 23222. Work the Beer Tent.**

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Big Dan Caffrey

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**August 7-11, 2024, Fri. thru Sun.- AOH National Convention in Orlando, FL.** Register at [AOH – LAOH Convention 2024 Orlando \(OrlandoIrish2024.com\)](http://AOH-LAOHConvention2024Orlando(OrlandoIrish2024.com))

**(TBD) August 25, 2024, Sunday – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass** at 11 am at St. Michael's Church. Party afterward (brunch at ROT or late afternoon at someone's house?), location TBD.

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### AOH Dooley Division Prayer List

**From April 9, 2024 Meeting - For May 14, 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:

- **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, in hospice now.

- **Helene Zaepeel** – Mother-in-law to *Steve McGann* – passed away 3/23/2024.
- **Jennifer Diehl** – from *Brian Kiernan*, reconstructive hip surgery.
- **Shyler** – great niece to *Tom Forbes* – pneumonia.
- **Mitch Irvine** – recovering from surgical repair to aorta.
- **Jennifer Jordan** – niece of *Frank Kelly*, age 40, murdered in California.
- **Joe Moore** – friend of *Billy Spicer*, hip repair.
- **Sean O'Grady** – AOH brother, cancer.
- **Megan Keefe Sprague** – daughter of *Larry Keefe*, gall bladder surgery.

From Prior Meetings:

- **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. Ongoing treatment now
- **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* – 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.
- **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
- **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 well
- **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
- **Pat Saizan**, sister of *Larry Keefe*, suffering from Lymphoedema

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## Irish History Quiz – Sports, Pints & Politics

Written by Brian P. Hegarty Jr., Major James H. Dooley Division Historian

**Directions:** Circle the **best** answer.

1. Hurling dates back more than 2,000 years. What legendary figure is said to have defended himself from a wolfhound with nothing but a hurley and a sliotar?

- a) Cormac mac Airt      b) Fionn mac Cumhaill      c) Cú Chulainn      d) Oisín of Tír na nÓg

2. Ireland is world-renowned for its love of all things equine, with many champion thoroughbred horses born and raised here. In what county will you find the Irish National Stud?

- a) Co. Galway      b) Co. Down      c) Co. Dublin      d) Co. Kildare

3. What GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) sport needs just a ball, a field of grass and a set of goalposts?

- a) Gaelic Football                      b) Camogie                      c) Rounders                      d) Hurling

4. What County in Northern Ireland does golfing legend Rory McIlroy come from?

- a) County Antrim    b) County Down    c) County Tyrone    d) County Derry

5. Every September, thousands of fans decked in their county colors make their way to Croke Park for the GAA All-Ireland Football and Hurling Championship finals. In what Irish city is this iconic stadium located?

- a) Dublin                      b) Cork                      c) Belfast                      d) Galway

6. This Irishman is on record for the longest punt in NFL history.

- a) Shawn McCarthy                      b) John (Paddy) Driscoll  
c) Pat McAfee                      d) Steve O'Neill

7. This Irishman has the record for most career goals for the All-Ireland Senior Hurling games.

- a) Henry Shefflin                      b) Joe Canning                      c) Patrick Horgan                      d) T. J. Reid

8. What is the name of the All-Ireland Championship cup for Hurling?

- a) Sam Maguire Cup                      b) Liam MacCarthy Cup                      c) Corn Gael Linn                      d) O'Duffy Cup

9. What iconic island along the Wild Atlantic Way is known for its seabird sanctuary, its sixth century monastic settlement and a certain big-screen jedi-master?

- a) Fastnet Rock, County Cork                      b) Tory Island, County Donegal  
c) Valentia Island, County Kerry                      d) Skellig Island, County Kerry

10. Who was appointed First Minister of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, created under the terms of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement?

- a) David Trimble      b) John Hume      c) Ian Paisley      d) Martin McGuinness

11. This Roman Catholic man received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work bringing communities together in Northern Ireland in pursuit of peace and reconciliation.

- a) Séamus Heaney      b) David Trimble      c) Seán MacBride      d) John Hume

12. A former Taoiseach recently passed away February 6, 2024. He was instrumental in the evolving Northern Ireland peace process along with then-UK Prime Minister John Major, with whom he launched the Anglo-Irish Framework Document in 1995. Who was this Taoiseach?

- a) Albert Reynolds      b) John Bruton      c) Bertie Ahern      d) Brian Cowen

13. Recently, Northern Ireland's government made history by appointing their first nationalist First Minister. Who is this leader?

- a) Aisling Reilly      b) Mary Lou McDonald      c) Michelle O'Neill      d) Gerry Adams

14. In Ireland, the fourth Sunday of lent (March 10, 2024) is known as

- a) St. Patrick's Birthday      b) Mother's Day  
c) St. Brigid's Feast Day      d) Sheep Shearing Day

15. Guinness is the largest producer of stout made in Dublin. However, in the southern city of Cork, two smaller stout producers have enjoyed similarly passionate support. But with some predictability, one came to be known as the Catholic stout brewery and one as the Protestant brewery. Select the correct answers from the list below.

- |          |              |          |           |
|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Beamish  | Samuel Smith | Harp     | O'Malleys |
| Kilkenny | Smithwicks   | Murphy's | O'Hara's  |

Protestants prefer which kind of stout? \_\_\_\_\_

And Catholics prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

16. When the Irish Free State was established in 1922, it faced a challenge with finding the best symbol that best represented everything Irish. It has decided on the traditional Irish harp, but there was an obstacle, as Guinness had already trademarked the iconic symbol. Not willing to give up their choice of symbols, the Irish Free State (which later evolved into the Republic of Ireland) instead got by on a technicality. Today, a harp appears on Irish coins and paper money, as well as on the cover of Irish passports. But the observant stout lover will notice what change?

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Answers:

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. a
6. d
7. b
8. b
9. d
10. a
11. d
12. b
13. c
14. b
15. Beamish; Murphy's
16. **O**bservant Guinness drinkers will notice the official Irish harp is facing the opposite direction as that on the Guinness label.

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## AOH Bears for Sale

The AOH Virginia State Board is selling AOH Bears as a fundraiser to help offset the cost of the State Convention. The Bears are \$20. Bring cash or check to the meeting to purchase one.





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