



The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 45 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday September 10, 2024 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:

Dear Brothers,

Welcome back to our AOH Meetings, hope to see you at our meeting on September 10 at 7 pm at St. Michael's.

We have a few things to vote on and past and upcoming events to discuss. We'll also be praying and learning about our Irish History from Brian Hegarty. Also, we'll have pizza and drinks and socializing after the meeting.

Looking for some of our brothers to step up for consideration to be an officer in the Dooley Division for the 2025 Hibernian Year. Please let Immediate Past President **Mike Smith** know if interested in serving. You certainly won't be left out on your own...there are many Dooley brothers by your side who will be able to assist those new to a role.

Mike's contact info....

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We'll be voting on the following items. These were proposed at our June meeting:

- \$1,000 for Vocations in addition to the \$500 donation we make annually from our 50/50 Meeting Raffle.
 - \$1,000 for Cristo Rey School (we had budgeted \$500).
 - \$1,000 for All Saints School (we had budgeted \$500).
 - \$1,000 of the East End Pregnancy Center (we had budgeted \$500).
 - Budgeted already - \$1,200 to St. Michael's, which is already budgeted.
- This is for allowing us to have 10 meetings at St. Michael's and other events (Picnic, Christmas Party and Our Lady of Knock Mass).
- New item - \$200 to KOVAR – a Knight's charity for the intellectually disabled. This is a way to thank KofC Council 395 for hosting us at the July 4th Picnic at the Columbian Center.

Thanks to all of those who attended or assisted with the following events since our last meeting in June:

- Ashland July Fourth Parade – PJ George lead.
- Independence Day Picnic at the Columbian Center – Brian Kiernan and

Vince Eikmeier leads.

- St. Elizabeth's Jazz Festival – volunteers for the Beer Tent.
- AOH National Convention in Orlando - attendees – Brian Kiernan, Vince Eikmeier, Mike Valacer, Matt Costello and Dan Caffrey.
- Our Lady of Knock Mass and Brunch at Rare Olde Times – great attendance. Ed Rossmore lead for Mass and Vince Eikmeier singing the Our Lady of Knock hymn at Mass.
- Silver Squirrels – several of us had a great time attending Tuesday games this summer. Consider joining us next year.

From our AOH National Convention the following Constitutional Amendment was approved:

- By far the most contested amendment proposed changing membership requirements
From: .. "Be a practicing Roman Catholic"
To:... "Roman Catholic, who has received First Communion, confirmed, and living in harmony with the teachings of the faith".
So, someone doesn't have to attend Mass on a regular basis to become an AOH member. They feel this could be a way to bring men back to the Catholic Church. Also, someone must be of Irish birth or descent.

Following are our upcoming events for the remainder of the year:

- **AOH Golfing** - we have up to 12 of us on average play 9 holes every Thursday afternoon (4:40 pm) at Sycamore and every Sunday afternoon (2 pm) at Hanover Golf Club. Please let me know if you'd like to join us.
- **September 15, 2024, Sunday from 4:30 to 7 pm – Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at Rare Olde Times.** Our AOH Brother, Jim Guy, will be performing along with others. Reservations recommended - please make your own reservations. [Half-Patrick's Day! Jim Patrick Guy of Uisce Beatha & Special Guests — Rare Olde Times - Irish Pub in Richmond, Virginia \(RVA\)](#)
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A reminder to try and recruit **new AOH members** (Irish Catholic men). Invite them to attend our meeting (they can be installed at the meeting), or invite them to attend one of our events, Picnic or Christmas Party.

Reminder to **bring cash to each meeting** for our 50/50 raffle (50% to our Vocations Fund) and donations to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Hope you can attend our September meeting.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Big Dan Caffrey

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AOH Dooley Division Prayer List

From June 11, 2024 Meeting to September 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:

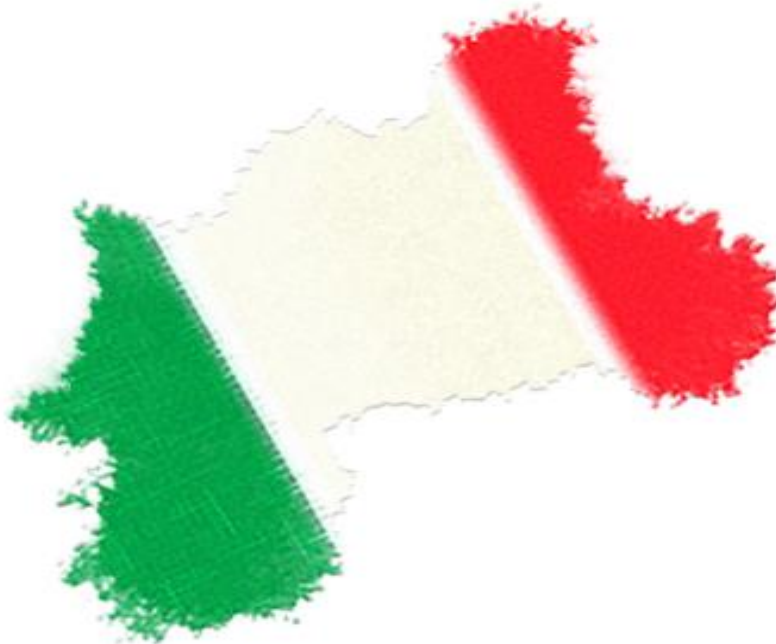
- **Lori Forbes** – Wife of *Tom Forbes* – had pacemaker implanted and will be getting a heart ablation procedure soon
- **Debbie Brokaw** – Wife of *Matt Brokaw* – diagnosed with colon cancer and starting chemo
- **Robert Boyle** – died on June 25

- **Jack Griffin** – died on July 8

From Prior Meetings:

- **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.
- **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 and wife who was in a recent car accident
- **Megan Keefe Sprague** – daughter of *Larry Keefe*, gall bladder surgery.
- **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
- **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
- **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
- **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
- Contact Scott Nugent at 804-503-9888 or at swnugent44@yahoo.com
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How well do you know Ireland, its people, and its culture?
Try to answer these questions and find out.

1. What Irish city is the birthplace of the Titanic?
2. What HBO series is filmed in parts of Northern Ireland?
3. What Irish author born in Dublin penned Dracula?
4. What famous Irish Cathedral features a crypt containing a mummified cat chasing a mummified rat?
5. What day of the year do most Irish take down their Christmas decorations?
6. What Irish tradition happens at Forty Foot Rock on Christmas Day?
7. What iconic Irish symbol is carried on top of a pole on St. Stephen's Day?
8. What was pounded on the door to chase away bad luck on New Year's?
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13. What are the national colors of Ireland?
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17. What are the two currencies used in Ireland?
18. How many provinces are in Ireland?
19. What is Ireland's national flower?
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21. What is the main ingredient in an Irish Crisp Sandwich?
22. What instrument is found on Ireland's presidential seal?

Irish Trivia Answer Key

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2. What HBO series is filmed in parts of Northern Ireland? The Game of Thrones
3. What Irish author born in Dublin penned Dracula? Bram Stoker
4. What famous Irish Cathedral features a crypt containing a mummified cat chasing a mummified rat? Christ Church Cathedral

5. What day of the year do most Irish take down their Christmas decorations? January 6 (Little Christmas)
6. What Irish tradition happens at Forty Foot Rock on Christmas day? Hundreds of people jump off the rock into the Irish Sea for charity.
7. What iconic Irish symbol is carried on top of a pole on St. Stephen's Day? A dead wren
8. What was pounded on the door to chase away bad luck on New Year's? Cake or bread
9. What is the last line of the infamous "Irish Blessing?" ...may God hold you in the palm of his hand
10. What is the main religion of Ireland? Roman Catholic
11. What is the second most popular language spoken in Ireland? Gaelic
12. What does the color white unofficially represent in the Irish flag? Peace between the Gaelic traditions and the Orange traditions (supporters of William of Orange)
13. What are the national colors of Ireland? Blue and green
14. Who wrote the lyrics for "The Soldier's Song," Ireland's national anthem? Peadar Kearney
15. What is Ireland's top export? Pharmaceuticals
16. What is Paddy, Shanahans, and Bushmills? Irish whiskey
17. What are the two currencies used in Ireland? The Euro and pound sterling
18. How many provinces are in Ireland? Four
19. What is Ireland's national flower? Shamrock
20. In which Irish city did Frank McCourt's memoir, Angela's Ashes, take place? Limerick
21. What is the main ingredient in an Irish Crisp Sandwich? Potato chips (also known as crisps)
22. What instrument is found on Ireland's presidential seal? Celtic harp

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