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Next Meeting – Tuesday April 8, 2025 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:



Dear Brothers,

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM at St. Michael's. Hope you will be there.

March was fantastic. The LAOH dinner, the Church Hill Irish Festival, and St. Patrick's Day mass at St. Patrick's Church.

The LAOH Irish Gala was wonderful and the AOH brothers' assistance was appreciated. Larry Keefe did a fantastic job with

the Corn Beef and Billy Spicer, Pat McGowan and John Costello provided support at the bar and in the kitchen.

The selling of raffle tickets was tremendous and I cannot thank you enough for all of your efforts. Mary Loving was the grand prize winner of \$5,000 when her ticket was pulled from the Main Stage on Sunday, March 16, 2025. The final numbers will be shared at the meeting on April 8th.

After Mass on St. Patrick's Day, we enjoyed a breakfast in the Parish Hall thanks to VP Jow McGowan.

We will have a full update on the 2025 raffle at the April 8th meeting and changes to the 2026 raffle.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Mike Valacer

To order green jackets and sashes, click on the picture:



Upcoming Events:

April 25-28, 2025 (Fri-Mon) – Golf Trip to Myrtle Beach – Big Dan Caffrey

May 17, 2025, Saturday, 11 am to 3 pm; Montpelier Celtic Festival, 17205 Mountain Road, Montpelier, VA 23192 – **Sell Raffle tickets; Irish food, drink, Whiskey tasting, music. Order tickets online at <https://www.montpeliercenter.org/celtic-festival.html>**

(NEW DATE) June 14, 2025, Saturday, at 6:05 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).

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

August 1-3, 2025, Fri. thru Sun.- AOH State Convention. Registration info available later. Hilton Garden Inn in Innsbrook, please plan on staying at the hotel for Friday and Saturday night and enjoying the Evening Events, as well as attending the Business Meeting on Saturday morning, Mass on Saturday afternoon. The Tower Degree will be offered as well, so please plan on attending especially if you need your Degree. Golf on Friday at 10 am at Sycamore Creek.

(TBD) August 24, 2025, Sunday - Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass at 11 am at St. Michael's Church. Party afterward (brunch at ROT).

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List From March 11, 2025 Meeting to April 8, 2025 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:

- **Chris Woods brother of Jim Woods passed away.**
- **Pat Naughton** – Diagnosed with glioblastoma
- **Vince Eikmeier** – surgery on April 30 to remove a small tumor from his right kidney. Stage 1.
- **Kay Sullivan wife of State Board Treasurer, Patrick Sullivan passed away in early March.**
- **Joanne Antenino** – myeloma. Dave Woychik.

- **Courtney McGowan - Pat McGowan's sister-in-law** – breast cancer surgery, had double mastectomy. Had another surgery in December of 2024. Surgery went well. Appreciate the prayers.
- **Marty Schofield** – Mike Smith's uncle in MA. Growth on pituitary gland survived long surgery to remove tumor on his jaw, undergoing chemo and radiation.
- **Qin Costello** – Matt's daughter-in-law, blood disease, doing ok now.
- **Bowen Burton** – surgery on 1/16 – by Brian Baker.
- **Brian Kiernan**- recovering at home from foot surgery.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Oscar Nauman** – recovering from car accident; facial reconstruction surgery.
- **Marty McAuliff** – cancer; brother-in-law of Brian Kiernan.
- **Taylor Ribar** – daughter of Marty; brain cancer surgery; Brian Kiernan.
- **Alesia** – Jim Whelen's wife – back surgery.
- **Stokes McCune** – update - went to the hospital recently, TIA – mini-stroke, should have been released on Monday. Had Brain surgery, heart issues, lung issues. Stage 4 cancer.
- **Scott Nugent** – Finished initial treatment for his brain tumor. Ongoing treatment now
- **Ruth McMurtray** – Grandmother of *Colin McMurtray* - has back pain
- **Mark Ambrozy** – Friend of *Tom Nolan* – has cancer
- **Karen Lucas** – sister of **Chad Costello** – breast cancer, Stage 1.
- **Debbie Brokaw** – Wife of *Matt Brokaw* – diagnosed with colon cancer and starting chemo
- **Sean O'Grady** – AOH brother, bone marrow cancer and wife who was in a recent car accident.
- **Theresa** – Sister of *Mike Canning* – Diagnosed with cancerous lesion on her face. In recovery from surgery
- **Barbara O'Connor** – Wife of *Charley O'Connor* – has Multiple System Atrophy. In VCU at home hospice program
- **John Hegarty** – cousin of *Brian Hegarty* – Diagnosed with cancer. In chemo.

- **Debra Fitzgerald** – Wife of Past President *Jim Fitzgerald* – Had a bad fall and recovering.
 - **Tom Murphy** – low oxygen levels
 - **Jim Donohue** – Meniere's disease
 - **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
 - **Jim Calpin** – Recovering from stroke
 - **Rita Hastings** – *Tom Hastings'* mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
 - **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of *Jack Cassells*) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery
- Contact Scott Nugent at 804-503-9888 or at swnugent44@yahoo.com

March 2025

Irish History Quiz

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

Directions: Circle the **best** answer.

1. Which city in Ireland has a nickname 'The Maiden City'?
a) Belfast b) Derry c) Galway d) Dublin
2. What does the city's original name of "Daire" (for Derry) mean in English?
a) Bend of the river b) Holywell c) Green Hill d) Oak grove
3. When did Derry/Londonderry become a city?
a) 1576 b) 1613 c) 1776 d) 1865
4. The city of Derry/Londonderry has two cathedrals; one is St. Columb's the Anglican cathedral. The other is the Roman Catholic cathedral. Which Saint is it named after?
a) St. Eugene b) St. Patrick c) St. Brigid d) St. Brendan
5. In what year did the Act of Union adding the Cross of Saint Patrick to the British flag, which joined Ireland to Great Britain creating the United Kingdom and Ireland, come into effect? (Hint: think about the English flag at Williamsburg, Virginia.)
a) 1691 b) 1760 c) 1801 d) 1848
6. Which two cities became the capital of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland respectively after partition?
a) Cork and Derry b) Derry and Dublin c) Belfast and Cork d) Belfast and Dublin
7. In the heat of battle, he looked down the line, clutched his rifle and shouted, "Come on, you sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?" before charging out to meet the enemy. Who is this famous Irishman?
a) Daniel Daly b) Audie Murphy c) Davey Crockett d) Michael Collins
8. The current Taoiseach of Ireland is

a) Leo Varadkar b) Micheál Martin c) Simon Harris d) Michael Higgins

9. The current Tánaiste of Ireland is

a) Simon Coveney b) Leo Varadkar c) Simon Harris d) Michael Higgins

10. What is the commonly referred name of Northern Ireland's Parliament Building

a) Stormont b) Leinster House c) Dukes of Leinster d) Mansion House

11. Since 1922, the Dáil Éireann has met in this Parliament building of the Republic of Ireland, before that it functioned as the headquarters of the Royal Dublin Society.

a) Mansion House b) Chichester House c) Dublin Castle d) Leinster House

12. The peace agreement signed in 1998 is sometimes referred to as what?

a) Holy Thursday Agreement b) Good Friday Agreement
c) Easter Sunday Agreement d) Easter Accord

13. When President Kennedy visited Ireland in June 1963, what gift did he present to the Irish people?

a) The Kennedy family bible from his great grandfather from County Wexford
b) a copy of the Declaration of Independence
c) a flag of the Irish Brigade
d) a banner from New York's Saint Patrick's Day Parade (America's oldest Irish parade)

14. The word "Yahoo" began life as a made-up word invented by

a) Jonathan Swift b) James Joyce c) Brendan Behan d) Oscar Wilde

15. The Taoiseach traditionally presents the U.S. President a gift on Saint Patrick's Day. What is the traditional gift? _____

1. b
2. d
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. d
7. a
8. b
9. c
10. a
11. d
12. b
13. c
14. a

15. **A bowl of shamrocks.** This tradition began in 1952 with a gesture to improve Irish-American relations, which had been strained due to Ireland's neutrality during World War II. The shamrock symbolizes the Holy Trinity and represents Ireland's cultural heritage. The bowl is often made of Waterford crystal or silver, symbolizing craftsmanship and the enduring ties between Ireland and the United States.



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