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Next Meeting – Tuesday September 9, 2025 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:



Brothers,

Welcome back from our summer break. It was nice to see many of you at the State AOH Convention in August. As the host Division, along with the Mary Ryan LAOH Division, it was well received and all had a good time. Our National President Sean Pender was in attendance and The Honorable Gerldine Byrne Nason, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States kicked off the convention on Friday night. The highlight being the installation of our own brother, Vince Eikmeier as AOH State President for a two-year term.

Looking forward to a busy Fall leading up to Christmas. If you are interested in a leadership position, reach out to Dan Caffrey via email and let him know. I learned at the Lady of Knock Breakfast that Tom Forbes, Political Education and FFAI will be stepping down at year end. Tom has done a wonderful job of keeping us informed on the politics in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Thank you Tom for your service and sharing your knowledge with your brothers.

I continue to pray for good health, long lives, love and mercy for all.

Yours in friendship, unity, and Christian Charity,

Mike

Upcoming Events:

(TBD) September 17, 2025, Wednesday at Time TBD – Halfway to St. Patrick's Day, location TBD (ROT).

October 5, 2025, Sunday– Commemorate Commodore Barry Day (9/13/1803- date of death) at 1 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church. Family Picnic (Chair Mike Muldowney).

(TBD) Oct 25-26, 2025 or November 1-2, 2025 - Central VA Celtic Festival at Dorey Park;
www.vacelticfestival.com Kickoff the selling of 2026 Raffle Tickets and Recruiting at Double Booth.

December 9, 2025, Tuesday - Officer Installation for 2026 Officers by a State AOH Officer at St. Michael's Church.

December 14, 2025, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church - Family Christmas Party. (Chair Mike Muldowney).

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For September 9, 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:

- **Helen Woychik** – mother of Dave. Heart issues.
- **Pam Lingle** sister-in-law of Dave Woychik – passed away 5/30/25.
- **Mike Canning** thyroid surgery at VCU on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.
- **John Condon** throat surgery on September 18, 2025.

Presented at Previous Meeting:

- **Tom Forbes** – severe AFib, pacemaker – 6/25/2025
- **Tom Murphy** – update - congestive heart failure, emphysema, COPD, HBP, gout, aortic stenosis
- **Pat Naughton** – Diagnosed with glioblastoma
- **Joanne Antenino** – myeloma. Dave Woychik.
- **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. **UPDATE – no chemo needed! 30 days of radiation needed.**

- **Qin Costello** – Matt's daughter-in-law, blood disease, doing ok now.
- **Brian Kiernan** - recovering at home from foot surgery.

From Prior Meetings:

- **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
- **Debbie Brokaw** – Wife of *Matt Brokaw* – diagnosed with colon cancer and starting chemo
- **Sean O'Grady** – AOH brother, bone marrow cancer.
- **Jim Donohue** – Meniere's disease
- **Ruth McMurtray** – Grandmother of *Colin McMurtray* - has back pain
- **Karen Lucas** – sister of **Chad Costello** – breast cancer, Stage 1.
- **Barbara O'Connor** – Wife of *Charley O'Connor* – has Multiple System Atrophy. In VCU at home hospice program
- **Debra Fitzgerald** – Wife of Past President *Jim Fitzgerald* – Had a bad fall and recovering.
- **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.
- **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

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Liam the Kid

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.



So, who is William Henry McCarty? Well, he also went under the name of William H. Bonney. And if that does not ring any bells his nickname probably will. He was best known as Billy the Kid. The ‘Kid’ has had more books written about him, more films made about him, and more stories told about him – some by himself – than any other western outlaw.

He was born in New York City, probably in 1859, to an Irishwoman, Catherine McCarty, whose maiden name was Devine. No other parent’s name is listed on his birth certificate though his father may have been a Patrick McCarty. Billy was brought up in the lower east side of the city in the area known as the Five Points – made famous in the Martin Scorsese movie *Gangs of New York*.

By 1873 Catherine McCarty and her new husband, William Antrim were living in New Mexico. In 1874 Catherine Antrim died of tuberculosis. An interesting story about the Kid is around the time, 1874, he began working for a Co. Cork man Pat Coghlan, who owned the Three Rivers Ranch in New Mexico. The story goes that another employee of Coghlan’s, Clark Hurst, recalled a visit from Coghlan’s Irish niece, for a newspaper interview in 1954. He wrote that the girl “did not speak English, and thus she could communicate only with the Coghlands and Billy the Kid. The Kid acted as a translator between the niece and the ranch hands.” So, the Kid might have known some Irish.

The following year the Kid was arrested for the petty crime of stealing food. Ten days later he robbed a Chinese laundry and was arrested for stealing clothes in Silver City, New Mexico then escaping from jail and went on the run. In 1877, he was arrested for stealing horses from soldiers but managed to escape, even while shackled. He was just seventeen years old.

Then most celebrated and persistent myth about the Kid is that he killed a man for every year of his short life (he was dead by the age of twenty-one). This tale may have come from the Kid himself to counteract his youthful appearance and enhance his aura of invincibility. He was known to be personally responsible for the deaths of four men and was complicit in the killing of four, and maybe five more.

His first victim was a thirty-two-year-old Irishman, Frank Cahill a blacksmith, a native of Galway. The two men met, and fought, in Arizona. The Kid was immediately arrested but, once again, displayed his knack for escaping custody. Facing a murder charge in Arizona, he returned to New Mexico. There he became involved in what is known today as the Lincoln County War. This was a power struggle for economic and political domination of southern New Mexico fought out between a group of dishonest Irish businessmen. Lawrence Murphy, John Riley, and Jimmy Dolan on the one side, and an equally dubious young Englishman John Henry Tunstall as well as his Scottish American partner Alexander McSween. The Kid enlisted on the ‘British’ side of the conflict when he took a job as one of Tunstall’s cowboys and gunman. Tunstall treated him with respect and generosity, which earned Billy the Kid’s intense loyalty.

After Tunstall was murdered in 1878 by members of a posse sent out by William Brady, Sheriff of Lincoln County (originally from Co. Cavan), Billy the Kid joined the Regulators, which were a deputized posse formed to avenge Tunstall’s death and fight against the Murphy-Dolan faction. Then the Kid claimed his second

Irish victim a few days later when he, and at least two more of Tunstall's former employees, gunned down Sheriff Brady in Lincoln.



The Kid went on the run again but after numerous brushes with the law, and some more violence, he was captured by the new Lincoln County Sheriff, Pat Garrett. He was tried and found guilty of the murder of Brady in April 1881. He was taken to Lincoln jail to await hanging but escaped yet again, this time killing two of Garrett's deputies, Bob Ollinger and James Bell as he made his getaway.

New Mexico Governor Lew Wallace, the author of *Ben Hur*, put a \$500 reward on Billy the Kid's head, dead or alive, and Garrett went in pursuit again. He tracked the Kid down in July 1881 and shot him dead in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Later Garrett capitalized on their association by writing a suitably self-serving biography, *The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid*. As with Jesse James, Jim Morrison and Elvis Presley, there were many reports of sightings of the Kid after his apparent demise. So far, he's been played by Audie Murphy, Roy Rogers, Paul Newman, Kris Kristofferson and Emilo Estevez, among many others.



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