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Celebrating 46 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday November 11, 2025 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:



Brothers,

As we enter the holiday season and select new officers for 2026, I am thankful for all the support, friendship, and unity you have provided this year.

I am thankful for the brothers that are Veterans and for your service. I will never know the hardships and challenges you faced and know that all your AOH Brothers support you.

We will be holding elections at the November 11, 2025 meeting and look forward to the new leadership taking over in 2026. It is easy to be President in the Dooley Division with all of the support and leadership from you.

Peace on earth, goodwill to all men, and a long-lasting life for all of you!

Mike Valacer

Upcoming Events:

- **Nov. 11** – Business Meeting/Officer Elections
- **Dec 5** – Christmas Party at St. Michaels

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List

From October 14, 2025 Meeting to November 11, 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

Prayers work, thankfully removed from prayer list:

- **Scott Nugent**
- **Debbie Brokaw**
- **Molly Nugent**

New from Previous Meeting and since then including Updates:

- **Helen Woychick (update)** – Mother of Dave Woychik. Passed away on October 22, 2025.
- **Tom Forbes** – in hospital with pneumonia. St. Mary's Room
- **Tom Murphy:** update – he is in the hospital currently but should be going home soon for breathing issues. He has congestive heart failure, emphysema, COPD, HBP, gout, aortic stenosis.

John Condon - has throat surgery recently to remove a growth. It was found to be cancerous, but the surgeon said they got it all. He had a full body PET Scan done that did not detect any cancer. . As a precaution he'll be undergoing 7 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy starting in November. You can add he intends to maintain his charm, good looks and sense of humor through this process.

- **Sean McCarthy** – cousin of Tom Nolan, brain and lung cancer.
- **Lori Forbes** – wife of Tom, hip surgery

Updates:

- **Mike Canning** had thyroid surgery at VCU on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. **Update from Mike** - "The pathology from the surgery in June indicated that I need to get the rest of my thyroid taken out. That surgery is now scheduled for the first week of January."
- **Jim Donahue (update from the Original LOTB)** – "Yes, better! Meniere's is quiet. But,

diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (AFib) back in early May and been under treatment by doctors at Virginia Cardiovascular Specialists. Getting better on that front as well. Hoping to return to a meeting this fall. Thanks, and regards!"

- **Stokes McCune (update from Stokes)** – "Thank you and the brothers for the many prayers and cares! Fortunately the good Drs at VCU say the cancer is in remission, and Stokes didn't have any strokes ! Heart seems to be ticking fine, they told me last week they would see me in 6 months! Just gotta keep throwing punches! I'm a blessed man, great family, great friends and the Good Lord have gotten me through!"
- **Joanne Antenino (update)** – Family Friend of Dave. Myeloma (In Remission)
- **Pat Naughton** – has glioblastoma; update from Pat - "I'm doing well. The last MRI showed the tumor is Stable. The next MRI is in December so I'm good till then."
- **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** - had to begin chemotherapy in September. Doctors are not optimistic. Prayers needed.
- **Sean O'Grady** – AOH brother, bone marrow cancer. Update – hanging in there.
- **Marty McAuliff** – cancer; brother-in-law of Brian Kiernan. Still healing, continue prayers.
- **Taylor Ribar** – daughter of Marty; brain cancer surgery; Brian Kiernan. Still healing, continue prayers. • **Brian Kiernan**- recovering at home from foot surgery, getting close to complete recovery.
- **Barbara O'Connor** – Wife of *Charley O'Connor* – has Multiple System Atrophy. In-home hospice program.

Presented at Previous Meeting:

- **Melissa Atchison** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Stage 3 cancer
- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of *Jack Cassells*) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery

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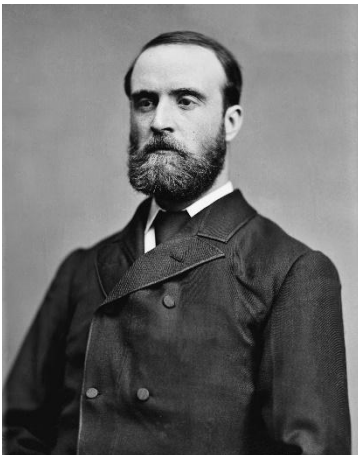
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October 2025

Charles Stewart Parnell - The Uncrowned King of Ireland

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.



Charles Stewart Parnell was an influential Irish nationalist politician whose leadership transformed Irish politics and the movement for Home Rule in the late 19th century. Born on June 27, 1846, in County Wicklow, Parnell became known as the “uncrowned king of Ireland” for his role in uniting Irish parliamentary efforts for autonomy and land reforms. His career was marked by remarkable achievements and a dramatic personal scandal that ended his political life. Parnell took over where Daniel O’Connell had left off, devoting his considerable talents and energies to resolving the land question and the struggle for Home Rule.

Parnell’s ancestors had come to Ireland from Cheshire, England, in the 17th century but quickly came to associate themselves with Ireland while remaining staunchly Protestant. Born to an American mother, his American grandfather, who had fought as an admiral against the British navy, possibly instilled in Parnell a streak of militancy that was lacking in O’Connell. Parnell was an aristocrat and was well known as a dictator, even naming one of his horses “Dictator.” Despite this autocratic reputation, Parnell was deeply committed to the political process.

Parnell co-founded the Irish National Land League in 1879. Upon taking leadership of the Irish Parliamentary Party, he transformed it into Britain’s first modern, disciplined parliamentary force. His leadership garnered significant financial support from Irish Americans and brought international attention to Irish causes.

The Irish Land League organized civil disobedience against exorbitant rents. One of its first cases involved a tenant farmer named Anthony Dempsey from County Mayo, who faced eviction after falling behind on his rent. The eviction was called off when Charles Parnell arrived with thousands of people to protest. Vast sums of money were raised through Fenian networks in America and used to subsidize evicted families. The Land League also tapped into rural traditions of coercion against those it deemed “the people’s enemies.”

The Land League developed a new tactic called boycott or social ostracism. Parnell was arrested in 1881 for encouraging tenants to stop paying rent but negotiated his release and a reduction in community unrest with the Kilmainham Treaty of 1882. By this time, Parnell was the undisputed champion of the Irish cause. His brief incarceration in Kilmainham Gaol had immeasurably enhanced his national stature, granting him a degree of popular support previously withheld.

The term “boycott” originated in 1880 during the Irish Land War, stemming from the actions taken against Captain Charles Boycott, an English land agent. He became the target of social ostracism organized by the Irish Land League for refusing to lower rents for his tenants. The community’s refusal to interact with him—including his workers and local businesses—became known as a “boycott.”

CHARLES STEWART PARNELL DELIVERS HIS FAMOUS SPEECH AT ENNIS IN WHICH HE INTRODUCES THE TERM FOR NON-VIOLENT PROTEST – BOYCOTTING.

During his speech at Ennis, Parnell asks his audience, “What are you to do with a tenant who bids for a farm from which another has been evicted?” Several voices reply, “Shoot him!” and “Kill him!” Parnell responds, “I wish to point out to you a very much better way, a more Christian and charitable way, which will give the lost man an opportunity of repenting. When a man takes a farm from which another has been evicted, you must shun him on the roadside when you meet him, you must shun him in the streets of the town, you must shun him in the shop, you must shun him on the fair green and in the market place, and even in the place of worship, by leaving him alone, by putting him in moral Coventry, by isolating him from the rest of the country, as if he were the leper of old – you must show him your detestation of the crime he committed.”

By the 1880s, Ireland was changing. The old system, dominated by landlords, seemed out of step in an age of massive industrialization and social change. Politics was also changing, with the vote extended to factory and farm workers. Parnell’s Irish Parliamentary Party benefited from a new secret ballot, which undermined the power of landlords to coerce their tenants into voting for them. Irish nationalists had become a formidable force in Parliament.

Consequently, in 1881, Prime Minister William Gladstone introduced a Land Act that offered Irish tenants security from eviction and a means of controlling their rent. Under further pressure, Gladstone moved closer to meeting a key demand of Parnell’s—the right of tenant farmers to buy their own land. When the British state enabled Irish tenants to buy out their holdings from landlords to become small proprietors, it had immense implications for the creation of a more conservative rural lower/middle class. This newly empowered, predominantly Catholic class of farmers, merchants, and professionals was a rising force, and the Church, already powerful, would come to dominate Irish life well into the modern era.

Despite this progress, the most divisive question remained: Home Rule. Ireland was still ruled from London, but Parnell hoped to change that. Under Home Rule, Ireland would stay in the empire but would be ruled from Dublin by a nationalist-dominated parliament. By 1885, Parnell was in a strong bargaining position; his party now held the balance of power in Parliament, and he found Gladstone a willing partner.

In 1886, Gladstone introduced the Home Rule Bill to the House of Commons, but the bill was defeated by thirty votes. The detractors feared the passage of the bill would lead to the breakup of the British Empire.

In 1890, Parnell's career swiftly declined following the revelation of his long affair with Katharine "Kitty" O'Shea, the wife of one of his key supporters. The ensuing public scandal led to his political downfall as many allies, including British Liberal politicians and Catholic bishops, refused to work with him. He married Kitty O'Shea in 1891 but died later the same year at the age of forty-five.

Over 200,000 mourners attended Parnell's funeral. He remains a significant figure in Irish history, remembered for his charisma and his transformation of the Irish Parliamentary Party into a powerful force for constitutional change. Land reform, Irish party discipline, and the push for Home Rule all bear his imprint, and he is commemorated in Dublin with locations like Parnell Square and Parnell Street named after him.

Parnell's life story highlights the paradox of a Protestant landowner leading Catholic Ireland's nationalist cause and how personal choices intersected with—and at times disrupted—historical political transformation.

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