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The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 47 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Wednesday January 14, 2026 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message: President's Message:

Brothers, Happy New Year

I immigrated with my parents in 1958 from Ireland and when growing up in the United States I wanted to find ways to keep in touch with my Irish roots and my faith. For this purpose joining the AOH was the best thing I did. I am. honored to serve as your President for the next year. I would like to thank past President, Mike Valacer for all his help in preparing me for this role.

We have a busy month this January. The Dooley memorial later this month, Quarterly State meeting in Woodbridge Dowd division January 31st. Please be advised the meeting is January 14th , Wednesday at St Michael's.also, Dues are due this month and sell some raffle tickets!

In Our Motto

Joe McGowan

President

Upcoming Events:

Raffle Sales/Membership Drives after Masses:

- **Feb. 21-22, 2026 – St. Mary's; 5:30 pm Sat; 9 am and 11 am Sun.**
- – **St. Bridget's; 5:30 pm Sat; 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am Sun.**
- **March 7-8, 2026 – St. Michael's; 5:00 pm Sat; 7:45 am, 9:15 am, 11:15 am and 5 pm Sun.**

(TBC) January 24, 2026, Saturday at 3:30 pm –

Dooley Ceremony at Maymont; proceed to Dooley's Mausoleum for flower laying; Dooley Presentation in Garden Hall; Rare Olde Times for a Toast. Dooley DOB 1/17/1841.

February 15, 2026, Sunday, 10 am Mass at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church – Providing and Serving Breakfast to Parishioners after Mass (Fr. Jim).

March 7, 2026, Saturday; Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's Catholic Church (Food, Drink, Donnybrooks). **Mary Ryan Division** (laohmaryryandivision.com) Contact is Terry Duke - teresa.duke@verizon.net

March 20, 21, 22, 2026 – 40th Church Hill Irish Festival - Street Festival in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street and on Broad Street and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers needed for Festival set-up, Festival Gate (8-7; 8-6), selling Raffle tickets & recruiting new members at Booth.

March 20th, Friday – happy hour, local get together

March 21st, Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 am – <http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>

March 22nd, Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets– Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of day. (5:00 pm)

March 17, 2026, Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9 am – Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223; JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast to follow; Rosie Connolly's, Rare Olde Times.

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List

From December 9, 2025 Meeting to January 14, 2026 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

New from Previous Meeting and since then including Updates:

- Repose of the soul of **Rose Thompson**, age 89, Western Australia, 3rd Cousin of **John Costello** (12/17/2025)

- Repose of the soul of **John Wilson**, age 65, County Meath, son of former Tánaiste of the same name, 2nd Cousin of **John Costello** (1/10/2026)
- **Debbie Carter-Cole**, breast-cancer survivor, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for cancer in brain, lungs and bones. Wife of **John Costello**'s 1st Cousin

Updates:

- **Tom Forbes** – in hospital with pneumonia and heart blockage
- **Tom Murphy** – update – he is in the hospital currently but should be coming home soon for breathing issues. He has congestive heart failure, emphysema, COPD, HBP, gout, aortic stenosis.
- **John Condon** had 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 for hip dislocation
- **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.
- **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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