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Next Meeting – Tuesday February 9th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:



Hopefully you are one of the two or three people that haven't been nicked by this awful cold that's been in just about every household this year (especially with households with small kids!). And if you have had, hoping you're recovering just in time for "our time of year".

Thanks to all who helped with our raffle sales and recruiting weekends at our parishes. Just finished up a successful weekend at St. Mary's, and so much of that came down to familiar faces being there to engage with the parish. Raffle chair Jim Woods has a "weekend off" before the mad push begins. If you need more tickets please reach out to Jim at jwoods0701@gmail.com or 804-339-3628.

Also, if you are not able to sell your allotment, we would certainly welcome them mailed or handed back. Thanks to all of you for your participation in this vital endeavor to fund our division's activities.

We've been given a table by our friends at Rosie Connolly's to sell raffle tickets at the rechristened Shockoe Bottom "Blarney Bash" on Saturday March 12th. In exchange, we'll be looking for volunteers to help with ID'ing & pouring at the beer trucks. The following afternoon is the St. Patrick's Day Gala at Keagan's Pub presented from our friends over at the Mary Ryan LAOH division. \$20 (\$25 at the door) gets you a buffet, door prizes, a cash bar and music performed by local faves, the Donnybrooks. \$12 for children under 12 and free. Tickets are moving fast, please contact Lori Forbes at 804-437-1521 or Lmfherself@aol.com to get yours. Sure to be a good time.

Our St. Patrick's Day will start with our traditional 9am Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Church Hill. Then after a J.P. Carroll Memorial (continental, this year) breakfast we'll host for the parish, we'll head out for a pub crawl (likely starting at Rosie's). Our supporters at Rare Olde Times have offered a table there to sell our raffle tickets from when they open...so you'll certainly see Dooley members there throughout the day.

The Church Hill Irish Festival starts less than 36 hours after last call on St. Patrick's Day. That two block parade will start at 10am across from the firehouse on N. 24th & Broad. Wear your green jackets & sashes (if you have them) or just anything green if you don't. We are looking for a big crowd of Dooley members to show their "Irish" that morning. As usual, we will be selling our raffle tickets at our booth at the SW corner of N.25th & Broad. The drawing of the Trip For Two to Ireland is at the end of the festival late Sunday the 20th.

As I've mentioned, not a better time of year to invite that fellow Irish Catholic that has been on the sidelines. There is still that discount available on a green jacket or sash, if you bring in a new member.

A couple of items on the April calendar are the fundraiser breakfast on the 8th for All Saints School (contact Mike Smith at 804.873.2198 mike@capstoneaccess.com for ticket information) and our Easter Rising Commemoration at Keagan's on the evening of Sat. 4/23.

Yikes! I need to eat my Wheaties and take my medicine. Need that energy back! Hope all can join me in good health and great fellowship this month.

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Tim McDonnell

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December.
- **March 5**, Saturday at 6:45 pm - Irish Night (family event put on by St. Mary's KofC) at St. Mary's.
seanpconnor@verizon.net
http://www.stmarysrichmond.org/Irish_Night
- **March 8**, Tuesday at 7 pm at St. Paul's Church. Monthly Business Meeting. We're asking for a \$3 donation for each meeting for attendees to offset food and beverage costs (if you like you can pay for the year - \$24 for all 8 meetings remaining). Instead of raising dues for everyone, this is a good way to raise money from those who attend to offset the costs. Also, bring in your tickets and money if you have them.
- **March 13**, Sunday 1 to 5 pm - St. Patrick Gala with LAOH see adjacent column
- **March 17**, Thursday - St. Patrick's Day Mass- 9:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 213 North 25th Street, Richmond, VA 23223, JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast (Continental) to Follow; 11 am - Rosie Connolly's Pub; Rare Olde Times; Pub Crawl.
- **March 19 and 20**, - 31st Church Hill Irish Festival - Street Festival in front of St. Patrick's Church on North 25th Street between Broad and Franklin Streets and will run from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10 am- volunteers needed for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at Booth.
Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets @booth- Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of the day. (5:30 pm)
<http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>
- **April 8**, Friday at 7:30 am Breakfast with the Saints All Saints Catholic School, 3418 Noble Ave., Richmond, Mike Smith invites all AOHeers to join him at his table at the "Breakfast With The Saints" event for All Saints Catholic School. This is a free breakfast for people to come and learn about the school. Yes, it's a fundraiser too. You will be asked to consider making a contribution. There is no minimum and no maximum gift requested. As much as anything, we want people to come out and find out about the great things going on at the school.

Joseph Jowaisas in need of a ride to meetings and events. He lives at 6161 River Rd #15. Please call him at 288-2428, if you can assist him.

Prayer List –

- Please pray for the repose of the souls **Jeanne Claire Barrett**, wife of Tom Barrett who passed away two months ago, and **Margaret Muldowney**, mother of **Mike Muldowney**.
- **Jack Griffin's son Neil and wife Mary** both have terminal cancer and have 2 months to live. Jack's phone number is 741-0304, if you would like to reach out.

- **Nathan McGann**, grandson of **Steve McGann**, needs tubes in ears (pray for his parents)
- **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda**, is having dementia problems
- **Hugh Naughton's sister Marguerite Anderson** has been diagnosed with Stage One Uterine Cancer, had hysterectomy. his **wife Jessie** is in pain again, **brother John** is recovering from stroke.
- **Don Reaves**, severe back pain,
- **Tom Forbes brother-in-law, Gene Pilardi**, facing bone-marrow transplant (cancer gone), **wife Lori** was experiencing some pain.
- **Fr. Zahn's brother Thomas** for spinal bifida.
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis.
- **Elaine Peters (Bruce)** serious sickness.
- **Mike Smith's sister Kari** ovarian cancer – under going chemo treatments.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick Comm., at mcgannsteve@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Day Gala

You are invited!

Keagan's Irish Pub

2251 Old Brick Road Short Pump, VA 23060
Sunday, March 13, 2016
1 – 5 PM

Live Music by:
The Donnybrooks

Buffet
Cash Bar
50/50 Raffle
Door Prizes

\$20 in Advance
\$25 at the Door
\$12 Children under 12 Free Children under 5

Sponsored by Mary Ryan Div., LAOH, Inc.

For more information or tickets contact Lori Forbes at 804-437-1521 or Lmfherself@aol.com

Name NPS Reservation #302 the Robert Emmet Park!

This significant effort in our nation's capital is worthy of our Order's total support.

The project is being spearheaded by Brother Jack O'Brien and our DC AOH. Robert Emmet Park would, indeed, be a very visible and appropriate reminder of Ireland's past and enduring struggle for a United Ireland. Therefore, I urge you to contact your congressperson immediately.

Brendan Moore,
AOH National President



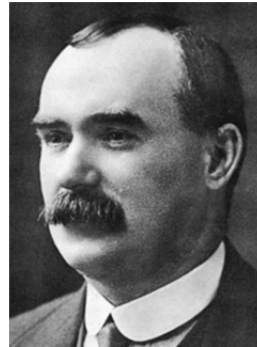
U.S. Reservation 302 at
Massachusetts Avenue and
24th Street, NW, in
Washington, DC

We are requesting the United States Congress officially name the small triangular shaped park bordering Massachusetts Ave and 24th Street NW in Washington, DC as the Robert Emmet Park in honor of the heroic Irish Patriot. Doing so would complete the process begun 50 years ago, April 22, 1966, to commemorate the Easter Rising in Dublin when the impressive statue of Robert Emmet (1778-1803) was installed on the prominent pedestal on this site. The Park

is presently designated US reservation number 302 by the US National Park Service. Representative Joe Crowley will sponsor and introduce the necessary legislation.

How to make it happen: Contact your Congressman and ask him/her to contact Rep. Joe Crowley's office to sign on as a co-sponsor to the Bill at (202) 225-3965 or email his Deputy Chief of Staff, Jeremy Woodrum, at jeremy.woodrum@mail.house.gov

There will be a commemoration at this location on April 27, 2016 to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Easter Rising and its influence on the ideals of Irish freedom and independence. For more information:
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James Connolly (1868-1916) was born in Edinburgh in 1868. He immigrated to Dublin in 1896 where he founded the Irish Socialist Republican Party. He spent time in America and then returned to Ireland to look for worker's rights with a man called James Larkin. There was a workers strike in Dublin in 1913 and many of the workers were attacked by the police. James Connolly was one of the founders of an army set up to protect workers. It was called the Irish Citizen Army. During the Easter Rising he was appointed Commandant-General of the Dublin forces. About 150 of the rebels took over the General Post Office in Dublin and James Connolly lead that group. He was wounded in the G.P.O. and was executed on the 12th of May 1916. He was the last of the leaders to be executed.



Eamon De Valera was born in New York, the son of a Spanish-born father and Irish immigrant mother. After his father's death in 1885, he was brought up in Limerick and educated both there and in Dublin. He studied mathematics at the Royal University and subsequently taught the subject at a teacher training college. After joining the Gaelic League in 1908, which stimulated his interest in Irish politics, he was drawn to militant nationalism and enlisted in the Irish Volunteers in 1913. During the Rising, he was commandant at Boland's Bakery; following the surrender he was court-martialled and sentenced to death. In part because of his American birth he was reprieved. His subsequent rapid rise was due as much to his being the most senior officer to survive as to his undoubted political talents. After his release from Dartmoor prison in June 1917, he almost immediately won a by-election in East Clare, standing for Sinn Féin. He was elected President of the Sinn Féin party and of the Irish Volunteers in October 1917, and on 1st April 1918, was made President of the first Dail.

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Hibernian Unity St. Patrick's Church Festival and Parade



March 19th and 20th
St. Patrick's Church, Church Hill