

Ancient Order of Hibernians



**Major Dooley Division
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The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 36 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday June 14th 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:

As is tradition, the Dooley Division cools down as the summer heats up. Still a couple of events coming up before we "See You In September". June's business meeting on the 14th is followed by a trip to The Diamond on Saturday the 18th to see the Richmond Flying Squirrels take on the Portland Sea Dogs. The Sea Dogs the Red Sox AA affiliate, so apologizing in advance for not root rooting for the home team. In July, six of our division members including myself will be headed to Atlantic City to represent us at the National Convention. In August, plans are for a Mass for to celebrate Our Lady of Knock.

Speaking of sporting pleasures, please indulge me in another passion of mine (and maybe some of your children & grandchildren's), international soccer. While many of us are cheering on the USA as they host the 100th anniversary of "Copa America", there's another storied competition reconvening. This one takes over Ireland and the rest of Europe from June 10th to July 10th, the "Euro 2016" tournament in France. And if you are searching for another rooting interest, the Ireland team will be one of the 24 nations which have made it through qualification to the competition. They are hoping to advance from a difficult opening group with Belgium, Italy and Sweden to the knockout rounds. The side is managed by Martin O'Neill. O'Neill, raised in a nationalist Catholic family in County Derry, actually captained the Northern Ireland squad to the quarterfinals the 1982 World Cup. His father started the Gaelic Football team called Pdraig Pearse's Kilrea, and his older brothers played in the All-Ireland Championship for Gaelic Football. He was also a big part of a 2-time European club winners ("Champions League" now) Nottingham Forest in the late 70's, and he hopes to lead his crew to the same glory, Ireland finished 16th of 16 in their most recent competition (Euro 2012 in Ukraine & Poland). Speaking with folks who had been there, it was said that Ireland was everyone's second favorite team (outside of their own national squad they were there following). They sang until the very end of every match (usually "The Fields of Athenry").

And if you're not particularly a fan of this footie stuff, at least you can see the Boys in Green to line up to sing "A Soldier's Song" prior to kickoff.

Stay tuned to Big Dan's emails over the summer for any Dooley news.

Mbeadh samhradh iontach!;

Jim McDonnell

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, and December.
- Remaining 2016 Meetings - 6/14, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13 - Officer Installation
- July 11-14, 2016 - AOH National Convention at Harrah's Casino, Atlantic City, NJ.
- August 21, 2016, Sunday – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass (TBC) at 11 am at St. Paul's Church; lunch/brunch to follow at an Irish Pub.
- September 17, 2016, Saturday at 7 pm – Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at Rare Olde Times.
- September 25, 2016, Sunday – Commemorate Commodore Barry Day (9/13/1803- date of death) at 1 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 – Family Picnic.
- October 22-23, 2016 Central VA Celtic Festival at Richmond Raceway; www.vacelticfestival.com Kickoff the selling of 2015 Dooley Raffle Tickets and the Recruiting at Double Booth (FAMILY Event).
- November 13, 2016, Sunday, Memorial Mass at St. Paul's (TBC) for deceased military veterans and Dooley Division members at 11 am Mass at St. Paul's Church.
- December 11, 2016, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party.
- December 13, 2016, Tuesday - Officer Installation for 2017 Officers by State AOH President at St. Paul's Church.

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 soul for Gene Pilardi, Tom Forbes brother-in-law.**
- **Please pray for Jack Griffin's wife, Mary.** Mary has terminal cancer. Jack is an AOH member and a St. Mary's Parishioner. Jack's phone # is 741-0304, if you'd like to reach out.
- **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda,** is having dementia problems
- **Hugh Naughton's wife Jessie** is in pain again, **brother John** is recovering from stroke, progress is slow. **Brother Mike** knee surgery.
- , , 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.

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

The Dooley Division has been invited to a Fourth of July Picnic The picnic will be held at the Columbian Center on Monday, July 4, from Noon to 2:00pm. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Baked Beans, Chips, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade are on the menu, all for only \$5.00 per person. Beer and wine can be purchased by the glass. Bocce Ball and Corn Hole Toss will be on site. Bring other games if you desire.



Richmond Flying Squirrel vs Portland June 18th 6:05

If you did not RSVP you can still get tickets near the gang. Contact the ticket office and ask for tickets near section 114 rows H-K.

Food Drive for St. Paul's Food Pantry

The Division, in conjunction the Knights of Columbus, Council 395, is collecting food for the St. Paul's Food Pantry. Food can be brought to the June meeting or call Pat Naughton for pick up 360-2969. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Church. The following are needed.



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| cans of tuna * | peanut butter * |
| jelly | cans of soup |
| can of pork and beans | package of pasta |
| cans spaghetti sauce * | cans vegetables |
| box of cereal * | box of crackers |
| box of pancake mix | |
| can of fruit (apple sauce, mixed fruit, peaches etc.) | |
| * - Urgently needed | |

Irish Wit

"You know it's summer in Ireland when the rain gets warmer."

Hal Roach



Irelands Best Beaches

By Susan Byron, Irelands-hidden-gems.com

Ireland's best beaches are not a secret pick a beach, any beach at all and feel free to claim it as your own. It is not unusual to find coconuts from the Caribbean or fishing buoys from New England on the West Coast or lumps of coal from Wales on the East Coast.



Irelands best beaches on the East coast are much busier due to their proximity to the capital, Dublin city.. In the sunny South East, miles of uninterrupted beaches such as Curraclloe in Wexford have doubled as Normandy landing beaches in WW2 movies. Whereas on the West coast of Cork, Kerry, Mayo and definitely Donegal, the beaches can be pretty isolated.

But be warned, even with the Gulf Stream warming the water the temperature never rises much above 43 degrees fahrenheit. The following is list of just ten, with a few extras thrown in for good measure!



Irelands Best Beaches are....

1 Bettystown County Meath miles of safe sandy beach it is where the Tara Brooch was discovered in a sandbank. Hotels, shops, cafés, golf course and tennis courts. The only approved beach in Europe for horse racing, there is a special event held each September which is very popular with the locals.

2 Skerries originally a small fishing village, great safe beach on the South Strand with an island with a Martello tower that you can walk out to at low tide but be very careful the tide turns quickly and you could get cut off. The Rockabill lighthouse is off

out in the distance, very pretty harbour with great pubs and restaurants.

3 Dollymount strand a traditional favourite with Dubliners and the Brent Geese who fly in from Canada to spend the winter there. It is backed by very pretty St Annes Park, if you get tired of sand in your sandwiches. Just up the road is Howth, a really lovely village with a large fishing harbour and marina and lots of great seafood restaurants

4 Brittas Bay County Wicklow is very popular beach in the summertime, though you can always find a nice private spot for yourself up in the sand dunes. Daily rate €4 for car parking, toilet facilities. Wicklow is known as the garden of Ireland so there are plenty of nice scenic drives inland to enjoy in this area also.

5 Baginbun Head County Wexford or the Sunny South East as it is known here for reputedly having the most sunny days in Ireland.

6 Inch Strand Dingle, County Kerry if you fancy yourself as 'Ryan's Daughter' find yourself a Robert Mitchum lookalike and get swept away on this vast beach. You can't miss Coumceenole on the Slea Head drive either or if you go over the Connor Pass, Kilcummin is another one of Irelands best beaches with a stunning backdrop of the Brandon Mountains.

7 Fanore County Clare, from Fáinne an Óir (Irish for ring of gold) aptly describes this small yet exquisite beach with golden sand. Great Atlantic breakers, so a surfing and kite flying hotspot. Other noteworthy beaches in Clare, Kilkee, Spanish Point and Lahinch.

Dog's Bay, Roundstone, County Galway is smashing too, but tends to get crowded in the summertime.

8 Thallabawn Killadoon, County Mayo (Irish for Silver Strand) possibly the windiest and most beautiful you will encounter in Ireland, but not the only Silverstrand by a long mile that you will come across in Ireland, there are loads of them along the Western seaboard so take your pick.....

9 Ballymaddock Bay on Fanad Head, County Donegal, another breathtaking beach

Also noteworthy in Donegal, Malinbeg or the Beach with 100 steps, magnificent Kennigoe Bay on the Inishowen Peninsula and Magheraarty, a spectacular crescent shaped beach where the ferry leaves for Tory Island.

10 Benone Strand a seemingly endless (7 mile) stretch of beach beneath Binevenagh Head and the famous Mussendun Temple part of the Downhill Demesne between Derry & Coleraine in Northern Ireland. Another fantastic beach in the area is Whiterocks with its limestone cliffs, caves and arches stretching from Portrush to Dunluce Castle.



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Hibernian Friendship

**To All AOH, LAOH, and Friends of the Irish
Batter UP!!!**

Saturday June 18th

Flying Squirrels vs Portland

Game Time 6:05 p.m.



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