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

President's Message:



Dia daoibh a deartháireacha,
Hello brothers. Maybe it's me but it feels too long since we last met. Looking forward to a grand March 14 meeting at Saint Paul's Church at 7pm. At the meeting we will be voting for Pat Naughton for a National Life Membership. It is quite an honor to be recognized for his continued support and participation in AOH at the National as well as at the Divisional level.

Thanks again to Jim Woods and all the members who helped out with ticket sales at our four area churches. We had successful weekends with ticket sales

increasing from last year at all churches. We still have a little time for members to get their raffle tickets in to Jim Woods. Please remember that the raffle is a large source of our funding for the division's activities and charitable contributions. We cannot accomplish the great things that we do without it.

Thank you Patrick Shea for setting up a Facebook page. We encourage all members to join the group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AOHRichmond/>

Dr. Bayliss' book about the life of our namesake Major James Dooley will be out shortly. The good news is if we order in bulk we can get a 44% discount off the retail price of \$34.95 which comes out to about \$20 per book. We would like to order soon so please contact Daniel Caffrey to secure your order.

Please plan on attending for our annual 9am Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Church Hill on March 17. The JP Carroll Memorial Breakfast will follow and then our pilgrimage to Rosie's. The Church Hill Irish Festival is March 25 and 26 with the parade at 10am Saturday. The festival will conclude with the drawing of the "Trip for Two to Ireland" on Sunday at 5:30 pm.

I am looking forward to our May 13 fishing trip in the Chesapeake Bay. We leave early Saturday morning. This is always a fun family event. For more details, contact Daniel Caffrey.

Slán go fóill.
(goodbye for now)

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Brian P. Hegarty Jr

Reminder Tickets/Dues:

- If you sell/buy 10 tickets, your \$35 annual dues are covered
- **Ways to turn in tickets:** –
 - Meeting March 14
 - Mail or drop off to Jim Woods 9506 Pine Shadow Dr., Henrico 23238
jwoods0701@gmail.com 804-747-9286
 - Blarney Bash (March 11) in the Bottom by Rosie's, LAOH Gala (March 12) at Keagans or Irish Festival (March 25/26 by 5 pm on the 26th)
 - Return unsold tickets to Jim Woods
- **In lieu of ticket sales**, pay \$35 dues in support of our Division and the AOH, Mail to John Costello 9524 Meredith Creek Lane, Glen Allen 23060 or bring to meeting.

Upcoming Events:

(also on the new **Event Calendar** on the website)

- Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August, December.
- **March 12, 2017, Sunday; LAOH Irish Gala** at Keagan's 2251 Old Brick Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Tickets- \$25, children 6-12 are \$10 and 5 and under are free. Harp Music, story teller (Donnybrooks), dancers. Hors d'oeuvres.
- **March 17, 2017, Friday - 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 to Follow; 11 am - Rosie Connolly's Pub; Pub Crawl.
- **March 25 and 26, 2017 - 32nd 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.
 - **March 25th, Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade** at 10 am– volunteers needed for selling of Dooley Raffle tickets and recruiting new members at Booth.
<http://www.churchhillirishfestival.com/>
 - **March 26th, Sunday - recruit & sell Dooley Raffle tickets**– Annual Raffle Drawing at the end of day. (5:30 pm)
- **May 12/13, 2017 Fri/Sat - Fishing Trip to Chesapeake Bay**, Spend Friday night, fish early Saturday morning (all day); Captain Crabbe.
- **June 24, 2017, Saturday at 6:05 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family)**, The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Tim McDonnell - Chair) (ph 804-678-9764)

Prayer List – Please Pray for the following:

- **Paddy Sweeney, uncle of Brian Kiernan**, passed away end of January.
- **Joe McGann (USAF), brother of Steve McGann**, has been deployed to ME.

- **Ann Gillikin wife of Brother Ed Gillikin, Sr.;** complications after recent back surgery. Currently laid up at home and Ed is taking care of her.
- **Brother Mike Gawkins** – was in hospital for 11 days and is now at home recovering from congestive heart failure.
- **Dr. Michael McMunn** – past Dooley member passed away.
- **Brother John McCann** who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for metastatic prostate cancer.
- **Brother/Past President Chad Costello** – was in hospital for shortness of breath. Found blood clots in lungs and legs. Was in hospital for a while and just released (1/23/17). Has oxygen with him at home and is on blood thinner. Please pray for a speedy recovery.
- **Brother Chad's parent-in-laws** – MRI on father-in-law (Jim) for bulge on aorta. Mother-in-law (Sally) has irregular heartbeat.
- **Sister Elizabeth Eugene (Costello)** (John Costello's Aunt) of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Passed away from breast cancer at age 97. She joined the convent in 1937.
- **Bishop Francis Xavier DiLorenzo** recently had stents put in.
- **Mark Collins' wife Nita.**
- **Elizabeth Moore** (girlfriend of division Treasurer **Patrick Knightly**). Elizabeth was been in the Surgical Trauma ICU at MCV since Friday. She underwent significant intestinal surgery. Recently left the hospital (1/23/17)
- **Ed Rossmore** shared that his father, who had been in hospice, passed in the early hours of New Year's Day. Ed and his family are grateful for the support received from his Dooley Division brothers.
- **Brother Kevin McGranahan** – recent visit to hospital for low blood sugar. Pray for complete recovery and good health.
- **John Condon's mom**, passed away Dec 17, 2016.
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis, back spasms.
- **Deacon Wayne Snellings** – inoperable cancer.
- **Bob Strutton, Past Dooley President**, multiple cancers.
- **Fr. Jim Arsenault's mother** Patricia Arsenault - She's had some complications recovering from hip surgery.
- **Rich Aleksy, Past State Pres.** - Rich had surgery this morning to remove the lower node of his left lung and several lymph nodes which will be sent out for biopsy.
- **Hugh Naughton's** wife Jessie is in pain again – scheduled for surgery on October 17th with a high success rate to relieve the pain; brother John is recovering from stroke, progress is slow; sister – knee replacement; **brother Mike** – diagnosed with Parkinson's or MSA; **brother Bob** broke leg.
- **Johnny Cates** – son's fiancé stage 1 cancer, shrunk tumor 50% (Hayden).
- **Sean and Matt Costello's sister Maura**, had hysterectomy and is in chemo for cancer treatment.
- **Jim Woods** – mom is had 3rd knee replacement, going to PT, doing great.

- **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain
- **Patrick McGowan's** uncle, Jerry Meranda, is having dementia problems
- **Craig Holtz's** aunt, **Katherine Holdoff**, is elderly and fading;
- **Scott Nugent** – Kin Headley, neighbor, had brain surgery for tumor. Recovering.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick

Irish Songs

This month's featured Irish song is "Rocky Road to Dublin" by Celtic Thunder. Click on the link to go to the video on the Division Website

[Rock Road to Dublin](#)

St. Patrick's Day History and Traditions

This holiday is celebrated every year on March 17th, honoring the Irish patron saint, St. Patrick. The celebrations are largely Irish culture themed and typically consist of wearing green, parades, and drinking. Some churches may hold religious services and many schools and offices close in Suffolk County, the area containing Boston and its suburbs.

People all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially places with large Irish-American communities. Feasting on the day features traditional Irish food, including corned beef, corned cabbage, coffee, soda bread, potatoes, and shepherd's pie. Many celebrations also hold an Irish breakfast of sausage, black and white pudding, fried eggs, and fried tomatoes. Common traditions include:

- Parades – This event is most often associated with the holiday. Cities that hold large parades include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Savannah, and other cities worldwide.
- Dying water or beer green – Chicago dyes its river green for the festivities, and many bars serve green-dyed beer. The White House fountain is also dyed green.
- Other incorporations of green – In Seattle, the parade routes are painted in green. Observers are

supposed to wear green or else risk being pinched. Parade floats and decorations will feature the color green.

- Religious services – Those who celebrate the holiday in a religious context may also hold a feast. Outside of this context, overindulgence tends to revolve around drinking.
- Pea planting – In the Northeast, many celebrate by planting peas. This is largely due to the color and time of year (prime pea-planting conditions).

The History of St. Patrick's Day and why it's celebrated.

St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in 1737, organized by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston, including a feast and religious service. This first celebration of the holiday in the colonies was largely to honor and celebrate the Irish culture that so many colonists had been separated from.

Early celebrations continued this modest tradition. In New York, the first celebration took place as a small gathering at the home of an Irish colonist. St. Patrick's Day parades started in New York in 1762 by a group of Irish soldiers in the British military who marched down Broadway. This began the tradition of a military theme in the parade, as they often feature marching military units. The holiday eventually evolved from the modest religious dinner into the raucous holiday we know today.

Little Known Facts about St. Patrick

1. This St. Patrick's Day we'll all be wearing green, but shouldn't it be blue?

The original color associated with St. Patrick was blue but because the Saint preached about the Holy Trinity through the symbol of the shamrock and the Irish 'little folk' were also associated with green, it became the most common shade in connection with him.

Parade committee organizers across the world wouldn't take too kindly to us changing the color, so maybe we'll leave it at green for now.

2. 100 lbs. of green dye was poured into the Chicago River in honor of St. Patrick's Day

In 1961, business manager of Chicago's journeymen Plumbers Local Union, Stephen Bailey, received permission to turn the Chicago River green for St. Patrick's Day.

Due to uncertainties about the amount of dye it would take to turn the river green, a massive 100 lbs of vegetable dye was used in comparison to the 25 lbs used today.

The Chicago River stayed green for a full week.

3. Saint Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland



... and not a snake in sight. Patrick is said to have banished the snakes from Ireland but in fact, Ireland never had any snakes as the weather was too miserable for the cold-blooded reptiles.

The banished snakes were thought to be symbolic of the pagan druid priests with whom Patrick might have had a few issues to iron out.

4. George Washington ordered that "St. Patrick" be the response to the password "Boston" on Evacuation Day



George Washington at the surrender of General Burgoyne.

On Evacuation Day, March 17, 1776, the General Orders issued by Washington were that those wishing to pass through Continental Army lines should give the password "Boston," to which the reply should be "St. Patrick."



5. The resting place of Saint Patrick



Though never fully proven, Down Cathedral in the town of Downpatrick, Co Down, is thought to contain St. Patrick's remains and, according to legend, he lies beside Saints Columcille and Brigit.

Apparently, he's missing a few things like a jaw and a tooth, but these can be seen in Dublin Museum.

6. Saint Patrick's Relics



St. Patrick's Bell in the National Museum.

A few of the Saint's relics can still be viewed in Ireland today: St. Patrick's Bell and shrines of the Saint's jaw and tooth can be viewed in Dublin in the

National Museum, while Patrick's copy of the four gospels is held at the The Royal Irish Academy.

Saint Patrick's Crozier, with which he banished the imaginary snakes, was venerated for centuries in Dublin's Christ Church only to be publicly burned in 1538 under the orders of the archbishop, George Browne.

Sounds like George had a few issues too.

7. Drink, drink, and yet more drink!



The global corporate-relations director of Guinness says 5.5 million pints of Guinness are sold on any given day, but this figure rises to an astounding 13 million on St. Patrick's Day.

IBISWorld also reports that Saint Patrick's Day 2012 brought in \$245 million in beer sales.

8. The Royal Dublin Dog Show was the place to be on St. Patrick's Day



Due to strict laws on the curtailment of sales of alcohol on Holy Days in Ireland, from 1927 to 1961, the only place a thirsty Irish person could legally get a drink on Paddy's day was at The Royal Dublin Dog Show.

One TD was reported to complain that it was a grand occasion "except for all the dogs."

At the time, the church and state were worried that the Irish would drink too much on the day.



To order green jackets, click on the picture:



To order sashes, click on the picture:



In Fact, Patrick Was Not His Given Name "Patrick's 'real' (i.e. Brythonic) name was Maewyn Succat, or in Latin, Magonus Succetus," reveals Giraffe Childcare and Early Learning, citing Irish legend, in a recent educational infographic it created for the holiday. He took on the name Patrick when he became a priest.

Drowning the Shamrock Refers to Trefoils The phrase "drowning the shamrock" is rooted in a tradition in which a shamrock worn on the lapel for St. Patrick's Day was tossed in the last drink of the evening.

Beantown Started the Party in the U.S The first St. Patrick's Day celebration took place in America in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737.

St. Patrick's Day Beers Were Verboten for Decades in Ireland Despite the majority of modern-day St. Patrick's Day celebrations centering around bar crawls and drink specials, from 1903 until 1970 all pubs were closed on the holiday due to religious observances.

St. Patrick's Day Rakes in a Lot of Green The average amount American St. Patrick's Day revelers will spend this holiday is \$36.52 per person, totaling a combined \$4.6 billion, according to a report by the National Retail Federation.

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, but 33.3 Million Really Are According to the most recent census data, 33.3 million U.S. residents claim Irish ancestry, which is seven times Ireland's total population, cites WalletHub.

There are No Female Leprechauns If Irish folk tales are to be believed, the mystical beings are expressly male

That Pot O' Gold Won't Go as Far as You Think If, by chance, one did happen to find a mystical pot at the end of a rainbow this St. Patrick's Day, and it contained 1,000 gold coins weighing one ounce each, WalletHub estimated the total current worth at \$1.26 million.

Saint Patrick



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that

I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

St. Patrick's
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