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**Major Dooley Division  
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# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 38 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian  
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Next Meeting – Tuesday October 10, 2017 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church



### President's Message:

Hello my Hibernian Bothers! Just back from the Virginia State Convention held at Virginia Beach. Congratulations to brother Brian Kiernan for being elected to State Secretary. The Donnybrooks played and the James H. Dooley Division represented the most enthusiastic members in the audience. If they gave out a spirit award we would have gotten it! Thanks to all who attended and especially all of those involved in the planning of this annual event.

Dr. Ruan O'Donnell accepted an AOH invitation to be the keynote speaker at the convention during our meeting. He was brilliant. Dr. O'Donnell is the senior Lecturer in History at the University of Limerick. Just to mention one of his books, he is Co-General Editor of the ground breaking '16 Lives' publication series which re-examined the political contribution of the sixteen men executed for the involvement in the Easter Rising.

I was happy to see some of the gang for our annual halfway to Saint Patrick's Day at Rare Olde Times. Doesn't the renovation there look great?

Looking ahead to the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games held on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This event kickoffs the selling of 2018 Dooley Division's "Trip for Two to Ireland" raffle sales and recruitment of new members. This two-day event will require volunteers to help man the tent and sell raffle tickets.

We'll be collecting donations and money for the Pregnancy Resource Center at the Christmas Party on December 10 and at our monthly meeting on December 12. Make checks out to PRC of Metro Richmond to make a monetary donation. Items that they need include: Baby gowns and shoes, bottles, diapers (size 1 and 5), baby towels and washcloths and baby toiletries. Only new items can be donated. For more information and a full list of items contact the Dooley Division Pro-Life Chairman [Mike Smith](#).

Slán go fóill  
(goodbye for now)

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

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## Upcoming Events:

### Business meetings second Tuesday of the month except July, August.

- **October 28 & 29, 2017 (TBC) Central VA Celtic Festival at Richmond Raceway;** [www.vacelticfestival.com](http://www.vacelticfestival.com) Kickoff the selling of 2018 Dooley Raffle Tickets and Recruiting at Double Booth (FAMILY Event).
  - **November 12, 2017, Sunday, Memorial Mass** for deceased military veterans and Dooley - request prayers at Masses at individual parishes.
  - **December 10, 2017, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party.** (Chair Mike Muldowney)
  - **December 12, 2017, Tuesday 7:00 pm St. Paul's~ Installation of Officers** at our meeting. Family members are invited to attend.
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### Prayer List – Please Pray for the following:

- **Sue Gerloff, mom of Fred**, recovering from stroke.
- **Vince Eikmeier - Ken Spainer** passed away, **Cathy**, sister of Linda, dies at age 59.
- **Howard Rollins, from Tom Forbes**, pacemaker put in.
- **Tom Swift, Jim Donahue's** wife's father, passed away at age 93, was in US Navy.
- **Jim Contreras**, colleague and friend of **Mike Canning**, died in motorcycle accident.
- **Jana Strickland, client/friend of Daniel Caffrey**, attacked by a monkey, recovering from wounds to both arms and one leg.
- **Bill Hutchins, friend of Jim Whelen**, for recovery from major stroke.
- **Kevin Kitrick**, AOH Brother, recovering from a motorcycle accident.
- **Jane Caffrey Favrot** passed away, Aunt (like mom) of **Daniel Caffrey. Keith Wandtke**, AOH brother, please pray for him.
- **Fr. Zahn** for spinal stenosis, back spasms. Considering spinal surgery, pray for discernment.
- **Fran Gawkins**, comfort after the passing of **Mike**.
- **Pat McGowan's** uncle Warren Henderson. Pat's mom, **Mary Margaret**, atrial fibrillation was in hospital doing better.
- **Friend Gordon Flynn's** wife, Betty Ann in ICU, by **Vince Eikemeier**.

### From April/ May Meeting:

- **Ed Gillikin's wife, Ann**, pray for recovery from ongoing complications from spinal surgery. Was in hospital recently to get medications and infection under control. Is walking (good news), home in a week or two.
- **Hugh Naughton recovering from foot surgery.** His wife **Jessie** might need to replace a plate in her hear; **brother John** is recovering from stroke, progress is slow, working on his speaking; **sister** – knee replacement and had shoulder injury and was being cared for by **Jessie**; **brother Mike** – diagnosed with Parkinson's or MSA is doing well; **brother Bob** broke leg and is walking around.
- **Patrick McGowan's uncle, Jerry Meranda**, is having dementia problems and took a turn for the worse and is in a facility.
- **Patricia Dore and Andrea Dworkin, 1<sup>st</sup> cousins of Steve McGann**, undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for cancer
- **Sean and Matt Costello's mother and sister Maura**, had hysterectomy and is in chemo for cancer treatment.
- **Brother John McCann** who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for metastatic prostate cancer.
- **Brother/Past President Chad Costello** – Please pray for his continued recovery from blood clots.
- **Brother Chad's parent-in-laws** – MRI on father-in-law (Jim) for bulge on aorta. Mother-in-law (Sally) has irregular heartbeat and is getting valve replaced.
- **Jim Woods** – mom had 3rd knee replacement, going to PT, doing great. Now needs other knee replaced.

### Prior to March Meeting:

- **Elizabeth Moore** (girlfriend of division Treasurer **Patrick Knightly**). She underwent significant intestinal surgery. Pray for continued recovery.
- **Deacon Wayne Snellings** – inoperable cancer.
- **Rich Aleksy, Past State Pres.** - Rich had surgery to remove the lower node of his left lung and several lymph nodes which will be sent out for biopsy.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick

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# Legend of Finn McCool

Contributed by Brian Hegarty

The giant Finn McCool (anglicized version of his Irish name Fionn Mac Cumhaill) was 54 foot tall who built what we know as the Giant's Causeway. Finn is the leader of a band of warriors called the Fianna in Irish stories that may date as far back as the third Century A.D.

Finn lived happily on the Antrim coast with his wife Oonagh until he discovered he had a rival in Scotland known as Benandonner. Finn was frequently taunted by Benandonner from afar and on one occasion Finn scooped up a clod of earth and hurled it across the sea at him but missed. The huge clod of earth landed in the middle of the Irish Sea making the Isle of Man and the depression formed from scooping up the earth filled up with water to become Lough Neagh.

Finn finally challenged Benandonner to a proper fight and decided to build a causeway of enormous stepping stones across the sea to Scotland, so he could walk across without getting his feet wet. But as he approached and caught sight of the great bulk of Benandonner, Finn became afraid and fled back home, with Benandonner hot on his trail. In his haste as he ran, Finn lost one of his great boots and today it can be seen sitting on the foreshore in Port Noffer where it fell to the ground.

When Finn arrived at his house, he asks his wife Oonagh to help him hide as Benandonner is not too far behind. Clever Oonagh thinks fast and disguises Finn as a baby and pushed him into a big cradle. When Benandonner saw the size of the sleeping child, he assumed the father must be GIGANTIC. Benandonner fled home in terror, ripping the Causeway as he went in case he was followed.

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## Pictures from the AOH/LAOH State Board Convention in Virginia Beach September 22 -24



2017–2019 VA State Board Officers  
Bill Halpin-President, Jay McCarthy-Vice  
President, Brian Kiernan-Secretary, Bob  
Fay-Treasurer



Dooley Division Brothers Brian Kiernan  
and Vince Eikmeier



Entertainment provided by the  
Donnybrooks of Richmond



Steve McGann, Brian & Amy Hegarty,  
Maggie & Helene McGann



LAOH President Lori Forbes and  
Dooley Division Tom Forbes



Brian & Amy Hegarty, Holly & John  
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More pictures can be found on the [AOH VA State Board Website](#).

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