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Next Meeting – Tuesday June 12, 2018 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

President's Message:



Brothers,

As you may know, my father, Robert Nugent, passed away fairly unexpectedly on May 4 from complications from a surgery he had two days prior. He was 81 when he died and was the backbone of my Catholic faith and Irish heritage. I wanted to thank all of you not only for the beautiful flowers that you sent but for the support and prayers. It really meant a lot to my family and me.

Because of the passing of my father, I was not able to attend Father George Zahn's 50th Anniversary of his ordination. I did talk with him and other attendees and I was told that a great time was had by all. Father George told me how much he appreciated what we did for him. I told him that doesn't even come close to equaling how much he does for us. And I know everyone would agree.

We had another solid year for raffle tickets. Great job by Jim Woods leading the effort and the Order for selling the tickets. The initial count puts us right around what we did in 2016 but slightly down from last year. We will have the proper allocation by source soon.

Last weekend was the AOH Virginia State Board Meeting held in Manassas. I attended via phone and got the message loud and clear that recruitment was a top priority. We will discuss this in more detail in our meeting and should be doing our part with initiating a few members.

My family and I are really looking forward to the Summer St. Paddy's Day Celebration at the Richmond Flying Squirrels game on July 17 at 6:35 PM. Tickets will run \$11 each and we will be collecting money and getting a rough ticket count at our June meeting. Also, at the June meeting we will be able to meet the first non-Rossmore winner of the raffle in years. Mark Paterson will be on hand at 7:00 PM for the customary large check picture with the Order. Congrats to Mark.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our June 12 meeting at St. Pauls.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Scott W. Nugent

Upcoming Events:

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

- **4th of July Picnic (TBA)** at Columbian Center (Family Event) with the KOC 4th Degree Assembly. Ashland Parade.
- **July 11-14, 2018 - AOH National Convention in Louisville, KY.** Book your rooms now at www.aoh.com before the AOH Block of rooms is sold out. Registration information to be sent out as soon as available.
- **July 17, 2018, Tuesday at 6:35 pm (Irish Night)– Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family),** The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 - (Tim McDonnell - Chair) (ph 804-678-9764).
- **August 19, 2018, Sunday - Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass** at 11 am at St. Paul's Church with Brunch to follow at Rare Olde Times.
- **September 17, 2018, Monday at 5 pm – Happy Hour - Halfway to St. Patrick's Day at Rare Olde Times.**

Prayer for the Sick

(We removed some of the names which have been on the list for quite some time. If you would like them added back, please contact Steve McCann or Dan Caffrey)

From and since April meeting (new):

- **Tom Forbes**, hospitalized for pneumonia and blood disease. Now released
- **Hugh Naughton** Infection in foot healing; won't have to have foot removed. Celebrating 60th wedding anniversary July 12
- **Phoebe McKay** Don Reaves mother-in-law died and buried June 7.
- **Scott Nugent's dad, Bob**, passed away on May 4, 2018. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Scott and the family.
- **Fr. George Zahn** had back surgery recently and was at Our Lady of Hope. He's back at St. Mary's Wood and doing physical therapy and improving. He has Parkinson's Disease along with his Spinal Stenosis. This year will be 50 years as a priest. Keep our Chaplain in your prayers. Please contact Steve McGann (email below) if you'd like his phone number.
- **Tracey**, friend of **Jim Woods**, pulmonary hypertension (PPOD – no cure) age 40, with a 7-year-old.

- **Jim Woods' son's** father-in-law, had some health concerns but recovered and was able to walk his daughter down the Wedding Aisle.
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- **Jim Woods' sister-in-law, Wendy**, diagnosed with breast cancer and has 2 young children- chemo therapy – 8-week process. After the chemo, Wendy is now cancer free.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Don Lattanzi**, AOH Brother, had 2 back surgeries, pneumonia and breathing problems. Out of hospital and back at rehab in Waverly. Keep in your prayers.
- **Chad Costello's** daughter, Jocelyn, was in concussion protocol from soccer. Mother in physical therapy after hip replacement.
- **Kevin Kitrick**, AOH Brother, recovering from a motorcycle accident. Had shoulder surgery, still recovering from head injuries.
- **Hugh Naughton's** wife, Jessie, has lower back issues, Rosie Ramocki broke hand, Friend Dick Brennan – cancer.
- **Tom Edwards, brother-in-law of Jim Donahue**, has Cancer of the Esophagus.
- **Michael Naughton, father of Pat Naughton** is suffering from the effects of Alzheimer's and is under hospice care.
- **Jerry Gorman Jr.** has been seriously ill, perhaps being discharged from St. Mary's ICU unit today.
- **Laura Fredenburg, friend of John Mulligan and Godmother to his daughter Katie**, is undergoing surgery for breast cancer.
- **Johnny Cates, brother Tim**, 16 months of hell – PLS (cousin of ALS), prognosis not great.
- **Sue Gerloff, mom of Fred**, recovering from stroke.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick

Father George Zahn – Celebrating Fifty Years of Priesthood

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

Father George credits his parents and grandparents for giving him a solid Catholic foundation which led to his vocation to become a priest. As the oldest of six children, he observed that his parents took an active part in their parishes in Maryland and Washington, D.C. They frequently invited their parish priests to their homes and one priest in particular who had an influence on Father George was Bishop John Russell. Father George said “of the six children I had an inclination to the priesthood since grade school. The vocation which I attribute to the Lord started in our home, our family. It was living in a family where prayer was very much a part of our life.”

During the months of May and October after supper, the Zahn family would pray the rosary kneeling in the living room which had a shrine to the Blessed Mother. The family was very close and always active in their parish.

The Sisters of Saint Francis, in Pennsylvania, were also an important part of Father George’s early life as teachers at Nativity School. He remembers there were 13 sisters in the convent who would all come over to visit his family. He said, “I felt so close to the priests and some of the nuns.”

Father George’s only sister, Agnes, entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1961 where she remained for 15 years. “It became natural for us to be drawn to their way of life”, he said, describing the path to a religious vocation for him and his sister.

After attending Nativity School in Washington, D.C., Father George entered Archbishop John Carroll High School graduating in 1959. He then went to Kings College in Pennsylvania graduating in 1963. He went on to Saint Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He completed his theology studies at the former Trinity Seminary in Washington, D.C.

After being ordained Deacon, he served at Saint Rita Parish in Alexandria, Virginia. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Richmond by Bishop Russell on May 11, 1968. His first assignment was at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart as associate pastor. Monsignor Walter Sullivan was the rector. He became rector at the Cathedral and stayed in that role until 1976 when he became pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Norfolk. In 1981, he was appointed pastor of Saint Bede in Williamsburg where he served for 12 years. He then served as pastor of Saint Augustine Parish in Chesterfield County. In 1994, he became the pastor of Saint Paul’s in Richmond where he served for 21 years. Father George retired from Saint Paul’s July 31, 2015.

Father George was initiated into the Dooley Division April 3, 1990. In 2015, he was named “Gael of the Year” which is awarded to a Hibernian who has shown great and exemplary contribution to the Dooley Division. Father George’s family has had a long connection with the AOH. His father was National Director of the AOH in the 1970’s and his mother was a member of LAOH for many years.

Father George, on behalf of The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Dooley Division, we are honored and humbled by your presence. You are an inspiration and you have made each one of us better people. As they say in Irish, *go raibh míle maith agat* (A thousand thank yous or may you have a thousand good things).

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Bishop hopes pope will bring healing to Ireland

6/6/18

Michael Kelly, Catholic News Service

DUBLIN — An Irish bishop said he hopes Pope Francis' August visit can help bring healing after a divisive referendum that will pave the way for abortion on demand up to 12 weeks' gestation.

In a May 25 referendum, voters opted by a margin of 66.4 percent to 33.6 percent to remove the right to life of the unborn from the constitution.

Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick told Massgoers May 26 that the result "is deeply regrettable and chilling for those of us who voted 'no.'"

He said "the final result of the referendum is the will of the majority of the people, though not all the people."

"It is a vote, of course, that does not change our position. Our message is one of love: love for all, love for life, for those with us today, for those in the womb," he said.

Referring to Pope Francis' Aug. 25-26 visit, Bishop Leahy said: "In August, we will unite as a family, to renew that sense of family when the World Meeting of Families comes here. We have the privilege of Pope Francis coming, and today I cannot think of his visit being more timely: to come here and remind us of the importance of family, of the love we have of family, of the reality that, yes, families get bruised sometimes, but they should never be broken.

"So we go forward to that moment, we look forward to the healing it will bring and how we will be renewed again in love and care for one another," he said.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin insisted that "the Irish church after the referendum must renew its commitment to support life."

Speaking during a homily at Mass for the ordination to the diaconate of four seminarians at the national seminary in Maynooth, County Kildare, Archbishop Martin insisted that the church is called to be pro-life "not just in words and statements and manifestoes, but to be pro-life in deeds, by being a church which reflects the loving care of Jesus for human life at any stage.

"That loving care includes support to help those women who face enormous challenges and who grapple with very difficult decisions to choose life," he said.

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The annual Dooley Division Chesapeake Bay fishing trip proved successful once again.
Ed Gillikin, Tim McDonnell & son, Brian Hegarty, Dan Caffrey, Bill Casey



AOH – LAOH 2018 National Convention

July 11 - July 14

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SAVE THE DATE!

The 2018 National Convention will take place in Louisville, KY.

There are so many fun things to see and do while you're in Louisville. So [bring the family](#) and come early, stay later if you can. But mark these dates on your calendar for the convention.

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Convention Package Rate: \$200

GALT HOUSE – Room rates start at \$125 [Booking details to follow]

Free WIFI, Parking \$10/Day

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[There will be no additional rooms after our block is filled]

<https://aoh.com/event/aoh-laoh-2018-national-convention/>

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