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Next Meeting – Tuesday January 8, 2019 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message:



Brothers,

What a true honor it has been to be your President for our 2018 Fraternal Year. When I joined the organization ten years ago, I did not know how much I would get out of it. I have been more than pleasantly surprised.

The key to any great organization is its members. And we have the greatest members around. I am constantly impressed on how people step up to a task or challenge. There is no member that exemplifies this more than Big Dan Caffrey. It is an understatement that this could not be done without the guidance and assistance Dan provides.

The list goes on and on. Thanks to everyone for all your help including: Vince (Singing), Pat S. (Newsletter), Brian H. (History Report), Brian K. (State Support), Jim W. (Raffle), Jim D. (Lord of the Bar), Tim (Communications) and the duly elected officers. Now we can focus that help on our newly elected President Steve McGann. I am sure Steve is going to lead us through a great year.

I am writing this the day after the Blizzard of 2018. Yesterday, was supposed to be our Christmas Party. Unfortunately, we had to cancel it. But that did not stop brave brothers from gathering at the McGann's for a last-minute party. I heard a good time was had by all.

At the Christmas Party I was looking forward to announcing our Gael of the Year, Vince Eikmeier. During the nominating process, one brother wrote the following about Vince. "I nominate Vince Eikmeier for all he does for the Division (Past Division President, hardly misses a meeting or function, head singer and fixer, Shamrock Degree team member and anything else we ask him to do), the State Board (frequent attendee at meetings, Major Degree team member, singer at many public events representing the Order) and the National Board (National delegate at all Annual meetings since 2011)." No one could have expressed that any better. Congratulations Vince! Well deserved. Thanks again for the honor. I want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

President Scott Nugent

Upcoming Events:

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

Remaining Raffle Sales/Recruiting at Churches after Masses (Jim Woods - jwoods0701@gmail.com), St. Bridget, St. Benedict, St. Mary and St. Michael:

January, February and 1st Weekend in March (Lent starts March 6)

(TBC) January 26, 2019, Saturday at 3:30 pm - Major James Dooley Ceremony (Family Event) (Birthday - 01/17/1841) Commemoration at Maymont House/Park, 1700 Hampton Street Entrance, Richmond, VA; Procession to Mausoleum and laying of flowers; Dr. Bayliss' Dooley talk; afterwards (Rare Olde Times) Happy Hour.

February 17, 2019, Sunday, 9 am Mass- bringing and serving breakfast for the parishioners St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church (Fr. Jim Arsenault's parish), 2712 2nd Ave, Richmond, VA 23222; To Help or if attending contact Chad Costello - 929-7897; costelloew@yahoo.com

March 9, 2019, Saturday 7 pm; LAOH Irish Gala at St. Michael's Catholic Church Tickets- \$20 each. Dinner, (Donnybrooks). For tickets contact Annie McEntee with LAOH at anniemc5454@gmail.com

March 16, 2019, Saturday at 6:30 at St. Mary's Church, Irish Night (hosted by KofC 14129)

(TBD) March 17, 2019, Sunday- St. Patrick's Day Mass - 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.

8:30 or 9 am Sunday? 10:45 am Sunday (Have Mass at that time)?

Prayer for the Sick

From and since November Meeting (new):

- **Larry Keefe's mother** in hospital, respiratory failure
- **Cousin of Steve McGann, Patricia** Dore recovering from cancer fell and in hospital, and her husband **Jack McGovern** in hospital for lung transplant
- **Mike Canning** has asked for prayers the repose of the soul for his cousin's infant daughter. Infant **Lillian Louise Repsher** daughter of my cousin Mary Frances Griffin. The parents Chad and Mary Frances Griffin Repsher and their son Miles (who has been asking questions about his sister). The extended Griffin and Repsher families including the Grandparents who are all grieving.
- **Steve McGann's mother-in-law** and Helene's Mom, **Helene Zaepfel**, suffered a stroke over the Thanksgiving holiday.

From Prior Meetings:

- **Jim Gimmel**, friend of **Gary McAuliffe**
- **Mara Kiernan**, daughter of **Brian Kiernan** had surgery on her right shoulder
- **Dooley Division member Alan Teachout** passed away **September 19**.
- **Billy Spicer's (new guy) brother-in-law, William McCracken**, had an infection on the brain and had brain surgery to remove it. Also his heart is very weak. And he has emphysema as well. He's been doing better recently.
- **Pat Saizan, sister of Larry Keefe**, reoccurrence of breast cancer.
- For the salvation of the soul of **Margaret Bacalakis, mother-in-law of Michael Muldowney**.
- **Firefighters and first responders in memory of 9/11**.
- **Pat Naughton** - prayers - in path of Hurricane Florence.
- **Tommy Yates, friend of Brian Kiernan**.
- **Joe Naiman brother-in-law, Tom Stern** - tumor at base of brain stem.
- **Michael Naughton, father of Pat Naughton**, passed away, keep him, Pat and the family in your prayers.
- **Paulie McFadden's** wife, **Mary Ellen**, back pains.
- **Jim Donahue's** brother-in-law, **Tom Edwards**, had esophagus removed, extensive cancer cells, chemo next 6 months.
- **Fred Gerloff - Jude Crouch** leukemia, husband of cousin Cecelia.
- **Gary McAuliffe's wife, Betty**, macular hole in retina needs surgery.
- **Lori Forbes**, brother **Mike Shannon**, has stage III non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Started Chemo.
- **Tim McDonnell** - a good buddy of mine, **Rob Northern**...just 47...diagnosed with colon cancer. A man of great faith...welcomes all the prayers he can get.
- **Fr. George Zahn** - This year is 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' 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.
- **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.
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- **RECOVERED - 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

2019 Fraternal Year Officer Installation and 2018 Christmas Party

The Dooley Division had a combined Officer Installation/makeup Christmas Party on Tuesday December 11, 2018 at St. Michael's Church. The regularly scheduled Christmas Party was cancelled due to the 10+ inches of snow storm which hit Richmond on Sunday.



Right to left: President Steve McGann, Vice President Mike Canning, Recording Secretary John Condon (P.Shea standing in), Financial Secretary John Costello, Treasurer Patrick Knightly (B.Hegarty standing in), Standing Committee Bill Casey, Marshal Rob Kutz, Sentinel P.J. George



Outgoing President Scott Nugent hands the gavel over to newly inaugurated President Steve McGann



The Division members congregate around the food table.



President Scott Nugent presents the 2018 Gael of the Year award to Vince Eikmeier.

Two Voices in the Rising
Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

The Rose Tree by William Butler Yeats

'O WORDS are lightly spoken,'
Said Pearse to Connolly,
'Maybe a breath of politic words
Has withered our Rose Tree;
Or maybe but a wind that blows
Across the bitter sea.'
'It needs to be but watered,'
James Connolly replied,
'To make the green come out again
And spread on every side,
And shake the blossom from the bud
To be the garden's pride.'
'But where can we draw water,'
Said Pearse to Connolly,
'When all the wells are parched away?
O plain as plain can be
There's nothing but our own red blood
Can make a right Rose Tree.'

A Letter Given to his daughter Nora Connolly on eve of his murder by the British

To the Field General Court Martial, held at Dublin Castle, on May 9th, 1916:

I do not wish to make any defence except against charges of wanton cruelty to prisoners. These trifling allegations that have been made, if they record facts that really happened deal only with the almost unavoidable incidents of a hurried uprising against long established authority, and nowhere show evidence of set purpose to wantonly injure unarmed persons.

We went out to break the connection between this country and the British Empire, and to establish an Irish Republic. We believed that the call we then issued to the people of Ireland, was a nobler call, in a holier cause, than any call issued to them during this war, having any connection with the war. We succeeded in proving that Irishmen are ready to die endeavouring to win for Ireland those national rights which the British Government has been asking them to die to win for Belgium. As long as that remains the case, the cause of Irish freedom is safe.

Believing that the British Government has no right in Ireland, never had any right in Ireland, and never can have any right in Ireland, the presence, in any one generation of Irishmen, of even a respectable minority, ready to die to affirm that truth, makes that Government for ever a usurpation and a crime against human progress.

I personally thank God that I have lived to see the day when thousands of Irish men and boys, and hundreds of Irish women and girls, were ready to affirm that truth, and to attest it with their lives if need be.

JAMES CONNOLLY
Commandant-General, Dublin Division
Army of the Irish Republic

Patrick Pearse:

An Irish teacher, barrister, [poet](#), writer, nationalist and political activist who was one of the leaders of the [Easter Rising](#) in 1916.

Patrick Henry Pearse, was an Irish nationalist leader, poet, and educator. He was the first president of the provisional government of the Irish republic proclaimed in Dublin on April 24, 1916. Pearse took command of the rebellion and read out the declaration of independence at the General Post Office while a new tri-colored flag was hoisted over the Post Office. He was also one of the signers.

The 19th century had witnessed the decay of the Irish language and of national pastimes. Ireland was quickly being absorbed into the British Empire and its own identity being lost. The Gaelic League was founded by Dr.

Douglas Hyde in 1893. In the words of Dr. Hyde, “In order to de-Anglicize ourselves we must at once arrest the decay of the language. We must strive to cultivate everything that is Irish in spite of the admixture of Saxon blood in the northeast corner. . . . that this island must remain Celtic at the core.” Dr. Hyde unwittingly created a revolution. The movement for the revival of the Irish language was to be a powerhouse radiating influence in many directions.

The Gaelic league succeeded to spread through Ireland. While the Irish Parliament were aimed at getting Home Rule, there was a growing body of opinion that would not be satisfied with anything less than complete independence.

Pearse published a collection of writings and poems in 1914. To quote Pearse and to think about his mindset at the time is to read one of his poems.

I set my face

To the road here before me

To the work I see

To the death I shall get

For men such as Pearse nationalism had a religious tone, not a sectarian sense. He was passionate about a free Ireland. He drew many parallels between the love of country and the love of god. The choice of Easter as the time for the rising emphasized the spiritual aspect of the patriotism of the leaders.

Where Dr. Hyde wanted to produce a dove for peace; Pearse reminded Hyde and others that the Gaelic League had brought into Ireland “Not Peace, but a sword.”

In Pearse’s own words: *The coming Revolution by Patrick Pearse, November 1913:*

This does not show any fundamental difference between my leader and me; for while he is thinking of peace between brother Irishman, I am thinking of the sword-point between banded Irishman and the foreign force that occupies Ireland and his peace is necessary to my war. It is evident that there can be no peace between the body of politic and a foreign substance that has intruded itself into its system.

Whether Home Rule means a loosening or a tightening of England’s grip upon Ireland remains yet to be seen. But the coming of Home rule, if come it does, will make no material difference in the nature of the work that lies before us; it will affect only the means we are to employ, our plan of campaign. There remains under Home Rule as in its absence, the substantial task of achieving the Irish Nation.

I do not think it is going to be achieved without stress and trial, without suffering and bloodshed; at any rate, it is not going to be achieved without *work*. Our business here and now is to get ourselves into the harness for such work as has to be done.

I hold that before we can do any work, any men’s work, we must first realize ourselves as *men*. Whatever comes to Ireland, she needs men. And we of this generation are not in any real sense men; for we suffer things that men do not suffer, and we seek to redress grievances by means which men do not employ. We have, for instance, allowed ourselves to be disarmed; and now that we have a chance of re-arming, we are not seizing it.

Ireland unarmed will attain just as much freedom as it is convenient for England to give her; Ireland armed will attain ultimately just as much freedom as she wants. These are matters which may not concern the Gaelic League, as a body; but they concern every member of the Gaelic League, and every man and women of Ireland. I urged much of this five or six years ago in the addresses to the governing body of the Gaelic League. But the League was too busy with resolutions to think of revolution, and the only resolution that a member of the League could not come to was the resolution to be a man. My fellow Leaguers had not (and have not) apprehended that the thing which cannot defend itself, even though it wears trousers, is no man.

I am glad, then, that the North has “begun.” I am glad that the Orangeman have armed, for it is a goodly thing to see arms in Irish hands. I should like to see the AOH armed. I should like to see the Transport workers armed. I should like to see any and every body of Irish citizens armed. We must accustom ourselves to the thought of arms, to the sight of arms, to the use of arms. We may make mistakes in the beginning and shoot the wrong people; but bloodshed is a cleansing and sanctifying thing, and the nation which regards it as the final horror has lost its manhood. There are many things more horrible than bloodshed; and slavery is one of them.

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