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Celebrating 40 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Next Meeting – Tuesday January 8, 2018 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church



President's Message:

Brothers, I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy new year! It is an honor to be representing you as your president of the Dooley Division for 2019, our 40th anniversary year. A special thanks to Scott Nugent for his duty as president last year and the fine job that he did. I am grateful for his, and all the Division's past Presidents guidance. And more fortunately for me, all the Officers from 2018 have stepped in to keep me out of too much trouble by continuing in their respective offices this year. And although the

December snow storm put a damper on our planned Christmas party, a few brave souls managed to party on – special thanks to Mike and Barbara Muldowney. We appreciate everyone that attended and brought a dish to share. A final thank you to our state secretary, Brian Kiernan, for overseeing the installation of officers at our December meeting.

We are looking forward to our annual Major Dooley Ceremony on January 26 at 3:30 PM at Maymont. Plans are in progress at the moment for a presentation at Maymont, but we'll definitely have a little social happy hour at Rare Olde Times afterwards.

There can't be an initial President's Message without the mention of our raffle ticket sales for a "Trip for Two to Ireland". You may have received your tickets in person or will be receiving via the mail this week. Note that 12 tickets are included in your packet; you still only need to sell 10 for a dues waiver but we're asking all Brothers to sell more than 10 to help offset the increase in prize money to \$5,000. Please reach out to Jim Woods (jwoods0701@gmail.com or 804-747-9286) for additional tickets to sell. As a reminder, the raffle is a large source of our funding for the division's activities and charitable contributions. We will announce the dates soon for selling tickets and conducting recruitment at your home parishes. It would be great if you could come early and stay late at least for your regular mass. Wear your green jackets or at least your name tags to Mass! It is not too soon to get your tickets for the LAOH's Mary Ryan Division Annual St. Patrick's Day Gala. It is Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 PM at St Michaels. Music for the event will be performed by my favorite local Irish band The Donnybrooks. Brian Hegarty will have tickets for sale at the monthly meeting. For more information, please reach out to Annie McEntee (LAOH – Mary Ryan Division)

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Steve McGann

Upcoming Events:

Dooley Division Business Meetings in 2019 at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of each Month, except for July and August, at St. Michael Catholic Church. 2019 Meeting Dates - 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10 (Officer Installation)

Celebrate 40th Anniversary?

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 Arsenaault's parish), 2712 2nd Ave, Richmond, VA 23222; To Help or if attending contact Chad Costello - 929-7897; costellocw@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

(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):

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List

For January 2019 Meeting, as of 1/2/2019

From and since November Meeting (new):

- **Brother Jack Cassells** (Past President, Historian, St. Patrick, Founding Member) had surgery on Aorta on

1/2/2019 to improve circulation. Please keep him in your prayers.

- **Brother Jerry Gorman** (Past President, Past State President, Founding Member, AOH National Life Member), had surgery and has been in ICU.
- **Johnny Cates, brother Tim**, passed away.
- **Tim McDonnell's** good buddy, Rob Northern, recovering from major (Stage 4 Colon) cancer surgery, Drs think they got it all. Appreciates all the prayers.
- **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
- **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**.
- **Tommy Yates, friend of Brian Kiernan**.
- **Joe Naiman brother-in-law, Tom Stern** - tumor at base of brain stem.
- **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 mos.
- **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.

- **Fr. George Zahn** - This year is 51 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.

- **Hugh Naughton's** wife, Jessie, has lower back issues, Rosie Ramocki broke hand, Friend Dick Brennan – cancer.
- **RECOVERED - Laura Fredenburg, friend of John Mulligan and Godmother to his daughter Katie**, is undergoing surgery for breast cancer.
- **Sue Gerloff, mom of Fred**, recovering from stroke.

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

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.

Contact Steve McGann, Chair of AOH Dooley Division Sick

William Butler Yeats - Poems

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

Picture yourself walking along the Irish countryside and you see a celebration of men, women and children. You take part in that celebration but at the blink of an eye, or like drifting smoke they disappear (snap your fingers) just like that. You realize that these were not mortal people but fairies. And fairies have magical qualities.

Yeats wrote a poem about such things.

In the poem, the husband (O'Driscoll) finds mourners weeping for his wife when he comes home. Yeats mentions Hart lake which is located southwest of the town of Sligo.

Yeats tells a story about a man who works apparently as a kind of game-keeper driving water-fowl from reed beds (perhaps for wildfowlers to shoot). He falls asleep and has a strange dream about his newly-wed wife. First, he sees a group of dancers, then he is invited to eat bread and drink wine, which have magical qualities. Next, he is invited to play cards with a band of old men, while his bride is stolen from him by a handsome young man. At this, he scatters the cards away and wakes, only to hear, still playing the strange piping music he heard in his dream.

THE HOST OF THE AIR

O'Driscoll drove with a song
 The wild duck and the drake
 From the tall and the tufted reeds
 Of the drear Heart Lake.

And he saw how the reeds grew dark
 At the coming of night-tide,
 And dreamed of the long dim hair
 Of Bridget his bride.

He heard while he sang and dreamed
A piper piping away,
And never was piping so sad,
And never was piping so gay.

And he saw young men and young girls
Who danced on a level place,
And Bridget his bride among them,
With a sad and a gay face.

The dancers crowded about him
And many a sweet thing said,
And a young man brought him red wine
And a young girl white bread.

But Bridget drew him by the sleeve
Away from the merry bands,
To old men playing at cards
With a twinkling of ancient hands.

The bread and the wine had a doom,
For these were the host of the air;
He sat and played in a dream
Of her long dim hair.

He played with the merry old men
And thought not of evil chance,
Until one bore Bridget his bride
Away from the merry dance.

He bore her away in his arms,
The handsomest young man there,
And his neck and his breast and his arms
Were drowned in her long dim hair.

O'Driscoll scattered the cards
And out of his dream awoke:
Old men and young men and young girls
Were gone like a drifting smoke;

But he heard high up in the air
A piper piping away,
And never was piping so sad,
And never was piping so gay.

Written in first person, the poem explains the difficult chores and struggles of an aged, unfortunate woman and her bitter resentment to the young children, whose worries are their personal appearance which pales to the toils of the old woman.

Yeats tells the story of an old and weary peasant woman: She is probably a maid employed by a wealthy household. This would increase the resentment she feels, experiencing jealousy at the carefree lifestyle of the household, especially the children.

The word choice of "must" in the 3rd line suggests that the old mother had no choice, she had to work, had to "scrub, bake and sweep".

THE SONG OF THE OLD MOTHER

I rise in the dawn, and I kneel and bow
Till the seed of the fire flicker and glow;
And then I must scrub and bake and sweep
Till stars are beginning to blink and peep;
And the young lie long and dream in their bed
Of the matching of ribbons for bosom and head,
And their days go over in idleness,
And they sigh if the wind but lift a tress:
While I must work because I am old,
And the seed of the fire gets feeble and cold.

In 1889 Yeats met Maud Gonne, an Irish Beauty, ardent and brilliant. From that moment, as he wrote, "the troubling of my life began." He fell in love with her, but his love was hopeless. Maud Gonne liked and admired him, but she was not in love with him. Her passion lavished upon Ireland, she was an Irish patriot, a rebel.

This short, love, lyric poem "He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven" Irish poet W. B. Yeats has expressed his personal feeling for his beloved. The poet himself is identified as the main character in the poem.

HE WISHES FOR THE CLOTHS OF HEAVEN

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

The subject of this poem is love. Wine, often an important part of sophisticated courtship, is cleverly included in the poem, which makes the poem an appropriate toast to an admired lady. It is often suggested that the lady Yeats had in mind when he wrote the verse was Maud Gonne to whom he had proposed marriage four times and had been turned down on each occasion.

A DRINKING SONG

Wine comes in at the mouth
And love comes in at the eye;
That's all we shall know for truth
Before we grow old and die.
I lift the glass to my mouth,
I look at you, and I sigh.

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