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Next Meeting – Tuesday October 9, 2018 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

President's Message:

Brothers,

Great to see a lot of you at our first meeting last month at St Michaels. It was a welcoming venue and is going to be a great new place for our meetings. And to make a great meeting greater, we initiated four new brothers.



Though I do have sad news about a 10-year brother that we recently lost, Alan Teachworth. He was a member of St Ann's (Ashland) and was infamous for bringing his tickets to the Church Hill Irish Festival just before the winner was chosen. We will be draping the charter in honor of Brother Alan.

The checks to the churches were sent out and we are scheduling dates to present the big check (which is brand new by the way) over a few upcoming Sundays. There were a few of us at St Bridget's on September 30 that did just that. More dates to come.

Our upcoming meeting on October 9 will have a couple of important topics to discuss. First, we will be having a vote to raise our raffle prize amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Also, Past President Brian Hegarty, who is chairing the nominating committee, will put fourth our list of officers for 2019. They will be voted on at the November 13 meeting.

Back by popular demand, we have our annual Commodore Barry picnic on October 14 at St Michaels. Please RSVP on the website especially if you will not be at the October 9 meeting. And then we have the kickoff of our raffle sales at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games on October 27 – 28. Always a good time. Hope to see you there.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

President Scott Nugent

Upcoming Events:

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

October 14, 2018, Sunday– Commemorate Commodore Barry Day (9/13/1803 – date of death) at 1 pm at St. Michael Catholic Church Family Picnic (Chair Mike Muldowney).

October 27 & 28, 2018 – Central VA Celtic Festival at Richmond Raceway; www.vacelticfestival.com Kickoff the selling of 2018 Dooley Raffle Tickets and Recruiting at Double Booth (FAMILY Event).

- Kickoff the selling of 2018 Dooley Raffle Tickets and Recruiting at Double Tent (FAMILY Event). www.vacelticfestival.com
- Please sign-up to work the Tent. If you work the Tent for 2 hours the Raffle Committee will reimburse half your event entry ticket.
- Get tickets while you can at half price: <https://www.groupon.com/biz/henrico-va/central-va-celtic-festival-and-highland-games>

If you didn't sign-up to work the Tent at the 9/11 Meeting, please **sign-up online** at http://aohrichmond.org/sign-up-forms/?sheet_id=4. Or email Big Dan at kkcaffrey@hotmail.com

October 21, 2018, Sunday – St. Mary Catholic Church, After 11 am Mass, Photo with Fr. Mike Renninger presenting Raffle Donation Check for \$1,000.

November 2, 2018, Friday, attend Mass to remember deceased Dooley Division members; request prayers at Masses at individual Parishes. Mass at 7 pm at St. Mary's.

November 11, 2018, Sunday, for deceased military veterans and Dooley Division members; request prayers at Masses at individual parishes.

Prayer for the Sick

- **Brother Alan Teachworth** – Passed away September 19. Memorial Mass will be held October 7, 2018 at St. Ann's Church in Ashland, VA

From and since September Meeting (new):

- **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 Gates, friend of Brian Kiernan**.

- **Joe Naiman brother-in-law, Tom Stern** – tumor at base of brain stem.

From June Meeting:

- **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.

From May Meeting:

- **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.
- **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

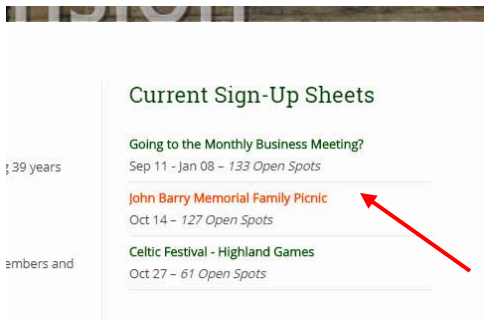
Website Updates

Some new additions to the Division Website, <http://aohrichmond.org> have been implemented in the past month.

- A “Get Updates by Email” link has been added to the site. To get an email notification when new information has been added to the site, click on the email icon to add your email to the list. The emails are sent only when new posts are added to the site which is 3 times per month on average. You won’t be getting overloaded with emails by selecting this option.



- “Sign Up Sheets” have been added to the site. This functionality will supplement the paper sign-up sheets we pass around at the meetings for events. If you did not get the opportunity to sign up for an event during our regular business meeting, you can add your name to the list using the sign-up sheets on the website.



John Barry Memorial Family Picnic
Event Chair: Mike Muldowney/Dan Caffrey

DETAILS:
Join us for the Dooley Division Annual John Barry Memorial Picnic.
at Michael's Lake House 1:00 pm

Sign up below...

October 14, 2018

Task/Item	Start Time	End Time	Available Spots	Food Item	# Attending
Will attend John Barry Picnic	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	#1: Patrick S.	Dessert	2
			#8: Tom K.	Irish Apple cake	6
			#9: Brian K.	Soda Bread	1
			#10: Mike C.	Chocolate chips	3
			#13: Mark A.	Dessert	4
			#17: Vince E.	Baked beans	2
			#18: Bill S.	Fruit bowl	2
			#21: Stephen M.	Three Bean Salad	3
			127 remaining: Sign up >		

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Thomas Francis Meagher

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

PART I: TO BE IRISH IN IRELAND

Thomas Francis Meagher (pronounced Mahr) was born August 3, 1823 in one of the largest houses of the oldest city in Ireland – Waterford. His father was the mayor of Waterford, British MP and a wealthy Catholic merchant at a time when Ireland had been occupied by Great Britain for hundreds of years. Catholics had been barred from practicing their religion or speaking their language. At one time, an Irishman’s fingernails would have been pulled out for playing the harp. Still, by the 1800s, the young Meagher could have settled into a fine home and an easy life of picnics and fancy-dress balls. But he gets radicalized rather dramatically by the Great Famine. There was plenty of food on the Island while one million-people died and two million more emigrated. There was grain, beef, corn, wheat, oats, barley – food from Irish land and Irish labor, but it didn’t go into Irish mouths. The streets of Ireland’s cities were filled with starving families driven from their farms, yet Britain insisted that crops continue to flow out to foreign markets. So, one of the things that Thomas Meagher tried to do was to stop food from being exported from Ireland. And there are all these documents now that have come out and show there was a British policy called extermination. They thought the Irish had bred too fast, and this was nature’s way – in some cases they called it God’s way – of culling the Irish. It was so much more than a potato famine, of course there was an awful blight on the potato crop, but it was so much more than that. The term genocide didn’t exist back in the early Victorian age, but many of historians now apply the term genocide to what happened.

The task of doing something about Irish starvation fell to Charles Trevelyan, an inflexible nobleman from one of England’s oldest families. He faced a flood of criticism from the United States and Europe and agreed to let food relief ships dock in Irish ports. The problem was that Trevelyan could not just give the food away, the Irish would have to pay for it otherwise this would upset the hand of private enterprise. So, the food was stored, under guard, at major cities distributed only after it had been purchased. “Dependence on charity is not to be made an agreeable mode of life”, said Trevelyan. England’s most educated thinkers, provided an explanation so they could sleep better at night – divine design. “The Great Hunger”, he wrote could very well be the “the judgement of God,” the Almighty’s answer to overpopulation. “Being altogether beyond the power of man, the cure has been applied by the direct stroke of an all-wise Providence.” In other words, “the cure.”

Horrified, Thomas Meagher joined the young Ireland movement and as a gifted orator raised his voice. Meagher benefited from a quality education during which he won awards for poetry and debating – the man could talk. He was a gifted orator and used these skills which gave him a strong voice in the Young Ireland movement. These young revolutionaries had lost patience with the elder statesmen Daniel O’Connell’s non-violent approach to gaining independence from Britain, and now advocated armed insurrection. Meagher’s fiery speeches at Dublin’s Conciliation Hall earned him the nickname “Meagher of the sword.”

Meanwhile, Meagher conceived an idea for an Irish flag: One third green for Catholic Ireland, one third orange for the Protestant north and a unifying white in the center. He presented the flag in Dublin. “I present it to my native land,” said Meagher. “And I trust that the old country will not refuse this symbol of new life from one of her youngest children.” A few days later, the banner flew over Waterford, and in time became the national flag of Ireland.

When the Young Ireland rebellion finally mounted an uprising in 1848 the pathetic skirmish took place with a gun fight with the local police in County Tipperary that became known as the “Battle for Widow McCormack’s cabbage patch.” Meagher and a handful of other rebel leaders were sentenced to hang, then to be drawn and quartered. It was the most fascinating tempted revolution in modern history because these people didn’t know diddly about fighting a war. They were young and in love with each other’s words and of course they were all well-educated. They were poets, educated women, philosophers and journalists. One of the women who was in love with Thomas Meagher was a poet named Speranza. She went on to become the mother of Oscar Wilde. They thought they could take on the British empire with words alone. But they eventually had to take up arms, trying to motivate and move a largely illiterate peasant class – the masses - to revolt against their British overlords with poetry and words. Queen Victoria, bowed to public pressure, commuted these sentences to life in the penal colony of “Van Dieman’s Land” in Australia (now referred to as Tasmania).

You might ask what was Great Britain’s biggest export to Ireland? Troops. Great Britain had more troops in Ireland than colonial India. One fourth of the earth’s land surface has the union jack flying over it and the only part of the British empire that’s totally ungovernable is 30 miles away, is Ireland. There was a larger garrison in Ireland than there

was in India for more than 200 years, troops stationed ready to level any city that would threaten uprising against British rule.

After three years of penal servitude, Meagher escaped from Australia in an open rowboat and spent 10 days on Waterhouse Island before rescued by the merchant vessel *Elizabeth Thompson*. A few months later in 1852, he ended up in New York where he was greeted as a hero. He felt at home here as one out of every four New Yorkers out of a city of 600,000 were born in Meagher's homeland.

Thomas Francis Meagher was an Irishman who thought often about Ireland and his fellow countrymen who were dispersed around the world in a migration unlike no other due to British atrocities. Meagher might have said "We have a burden of memory. That burden of memory is our history, and we will not forget that. We'll not forget the famine, we'll not forget the centuries of oppression." If Meagher was a keynote speaker at a banquet he'd might say "If there's a skeleton at this feast. That skeleton is that burden of memory."

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