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Next Meeting – Tuesday September 11, 2018 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church



President's Message:

Brothers,
I hope you had a great summer.

I would say "Welcome back" but we had a very busy summer that brought us together on multiple occasions. There is some proof to this in this month's Hibernian Digest (page 17). We have a nice group picture from the very well attended Ashland Parade on Independence Day. (Though I still like last years "group" photo better.) Also, on that page of the Digest is a group picture of all the Virginia attendees to the National AOH/LAOH Convention in Louisville, KY. Virginia had great representation with 27 of our 29 delegate spots attending. That equated to the highest percentage at the convention. It was a great time and I highly recommend it.

We also got together for a (rained out but still a good time) Flying Squirrels game, St Elizabeth Jazz Festival (Many thanks to our volunteer beer pourers), and the always great Our Lady of Knock Mass and picnic. It was a special mass this year because it marked the last "official" time we met at St Pauls as a part of their church. I want to give a big thanks to all everyone at St Pauls that have supported our organization. There are too many to list but I do know at the top is Father George Zhan. The mass was very nice with Vince singing and some donuts to follow. And the real action happened later in the day at the picnic hosted by the ever gracious McGann family. A big thank you to Steve and Helene (and Maggie) as I know a great time was had by all.

Maybe the biggest news to come over the summer was the official announcement of the moving of our monthly meeting to St Michaels. The officers had an "introduction" meeting there in August and everyone was impressed by the facility. Our first official meeting will be on September 11 in the main room at the "Lake House". Try and come a little early to find your way and experience the facility. It is safe to say that it is very accommodating. Thanks to many for helping make it happen especially Larry Keefe, Vice President Mike Canning and the St Michaels staff.

Finally, at the September 11 meeting, I will be taking money and orders for AOH License Plate holders. They are \$10 each and very sharp. I will be collecting money and then picking them up at the State meeting later in September. There was a picture of the holders in Tim's recent division email announcement. Reach out to me with any questions. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our September 11 meeting at St. Michaels.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Scott W. Nugent

Upcoming Events:

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

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).

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

December 9, 2018, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Family Christmas Party. (Chair Mike Muldowney).

December 11, 2018, Tuesday – Officer Installation for 2018 Officers by State AOH Pres./Officer at St. Michael's Church.

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 June Meeting (new):

- **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.
- **Rob Kutz' son, Jack**, had appendix removed.
- **Fred Gerloff – Jude Crouch** leukemia, husband of cousin Cecelia.
- **Gary McAuliffe's wife, Betty**, macular hole in retina needs surgery.

From and since May meeting:

- **Hugh Naughton** - Doing well. Was in the hospital for eight days; now at home with a big cast on my foot but the big risk posed by the infection has passed. Almost lost the foot. Now I am homebound with a 50-pound cast on my foot and ankle. Hope to be at the next meeting but don't count on it.
- **Tom Forbes** – in hospital recently, is out and doing better.
- **Lori Forbes** - Could you please add my brother **Mike Shannon** to your prayer list we just found out he has stage III non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He starting chemo tomorrow.
- **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.

- **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.
- **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

Recent Events



The Dooley Division accompanied by the LAOH Mary Ryan Division garnered a large contingency for the Ashland 4th of July Parade.



The McGann's, Helene, Steve and Maggie, hosted the "Our Lady of Knock picnic at their home. Live entertainment was provided by Mike Ferry. Only the finest of Irish spirits were present at the event as displayed by Mike Canning, Brian Hegarty, Dan Caffrey and John Costello.

To order green jackets, click on the picture:



To order sashes, click on the picture:

Our Lady of Knock

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

“I remember it as well as I do last night.” Those were the words of an aged Irish immigrant named John Curry, who had reaffirmed his testimony before a second Church inquiry held in New York in 1937. Curry said “It appeared to me that they were alive, but they didn’t speak. One of the women there, Bridget Trench, kissed the Blessed Virgin’s feet and tried to put her arms around the feet but there was nothing there but the picture. I saw her do that. The figures were life size and I will remember them till I go to my grave.”

John Curry’s remains were disinterred from Farmingdale, Long Island and re-interred in the small cemetery at Saint Patrick’s Old Cathedral on Mulberry Street in Little Italy, New York. At this special Requiem Mass in May 2017, Cardinal Timothy Dolan summed it up best “John Curry who would come here to New York as a young man, an immigrant, who only distinguished himself by his simplicity, humility, kindness and his piety. He spent his final seven years with our beloved Little Sisters of the Poor in the Sacred Heart Home on 70th Street where he repeated his simple testimony when asked officially in 1937 and where he quietly dies in 1943. Curry was then buried in a donated, unmarked grave until this day when his proud and grateful, spiritual and natural heirs gather to give him the prominence and esteem he deserves.”

The apparition took place on August 21, 1879 in the presence of 15 men, women and children, from the village of Knock in County Mayo, Ireland. The oldest witness was about 74; the youngest was 5-year-old John Curry, who witnessed, along with the other 14, the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and St John the Evangelist and the Lamb of God. The boy had been lifted by Patrick Hill, his 11-year-old cousin, so he could see over a wall and admire what he called the “grand babies” of an apparition that lasted two hours in the pouring rain.

When the Church launched an official inquiry in October 1879, the young Curry’s testimony was among the fifteen official witness testimonies documented at Knock. His first account was brief. “The child says he saw images, beautiful images, the Blessed Virgin, and St. Joseph. And fine images and the light, and heard the people talk of them, and went upon the wall to see the nice things and the lights.”

Curry emigrated to New York in 1897 at the age of 25, then was in London in 1900, before returning to the U.S. in 1911. He worked as a railway laborer near Milwaukee, then moved to New York in the 1920s and worked as an attendant at the City Hospital on New York’s Roosevelt Island.

His burial at St. Patrick’s Old Cathedral is “hugely significant” to the Irish community and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which brought John Curry’s remains to their final resting place. A headstone was erected to give him full recognition as a native of Knock and a witness to the Apparition.



Mr. Curry, center, with Patrick Hill, his cousin and witness at Knock, right, and an unidentified friend in an undated photo from the Knock Museum.



Pilgrims praying at the Apparition Gable in Knock, Ireland, in 1880.



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