



## Major Dooley Division Richmond, Virginia

# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 40 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting – Tuesday June 11, 2019 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church



### President's Message:

Summertime!

...and the livin' is easy. The beverages are cold and my mouth is dry. At least that's how I think the song goes. In any event, a word of thanks for all your prayers and well-wishes for me and family. I am feeling much better and am ready to enjoy our Division "quiet time".

Congratulations to Msr. Carr, Fr. Dan Brady and Fr. Jim Arsenault, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of their ordinations in May. We are so Blessed to have men like these dedicating themselves to us.

Thanks to all the Division members who helped with hosting the AOH/LAOH Virginia State quarterly meeting on June 8, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The next State event is August 16-18, the AOH State Convention in Leesburg, VA. Let me know if you plan to attend as the Division has six delegate seats, and six alternates to fill. Check the state website for convention details and registration information; there's a discount if you register and pay prior to July 1st.

Speaking of quiet time, looks like we have another good turnout planned for the Squirrels game on June 14 at 7pm. It is not an official Irish Night as in year's past, but I'm sure the Division will make its presence known. Look for updates on other items such as the Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, we had a great turnout last year and the Division was well-received. Additionally on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the Richmond Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will host their annual picnic at the Columbian Center on Pump Rd.

August will see the already mentioned AOH State Convention, followed by the Our Lady of Knock Mass on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Looking at 11am Mass at St. Michael's. And once again, the Clan McGann will host the Division picnic, starting at 4pm that afternoon. And just as we start back up, September 17 at 5pm we'll have a Happy Hour at Rare Olde Times, our traditional halfway to St Patrick's Day celebration.

Best place to keep up with Division events is via our website, [aohrichmond.org](http://aohrichmond.org). Pat Shea does a great job keeping it up to date for us. Everyone enjoy your summer!

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Steve McGann

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## Upcoming Events:

**Dooley Division Business Meetings in 2019 at 7 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**)

**June 14 - Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game Outing (Family)**, The Diamond, 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230 – (Tim McDonnell – Chair) (ph 804-678-9764).

**4th of July Picnic** at Columbian Center (Family Event) with the KOC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. Ashland Parade.

**August 16-18, 2019 – AOH State Convention in NOVA.** Registration information to be sent out as soon as available.

(TBC) **August 25, 2019, Sunday – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass** at 11 am at St. Michael's Church? with Party at the McGann's afterward (late afternoon).

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### AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For March 12, 2019 Meeting, as of 3/7/2019

Please let Daniel Caffrey know if you'd like to be the Chair of Sick Committee at [kkcaffrey@hotmail.com](mailto:kkcaffrey@hotmail.com)

Please contact Fr. Jim Arsenault if you need him to visit and pray for and with someone in the hospital. Contact him at M 804-221-1508 and/or [jarsenault@stelizcc.org](mailto:jarsenault@stelizcc.org)

#### From and since May Meeting (new):

- **Chad Costello's brother-in-law (Doug Dakins, Alisha's brother)**. 48 years old, colonoscopy found cancerous mass in his colon. Doc removed a large stage 3 tumor and is confident he got the margins and will be fine after chemo.
- Prayers for **Tom Nolan**, procedure went well.
- **Mike Muldowney's dad, Michael James Muldowney**, age 91, minor stroke.
- **Gene Johnson, cousin of Jim Mundy**, prostate cancer.
- **Rob Kutz' mom** on mission to South Sudan Catholic School
- Prayers for **Tom Forbes** – kidney stones.
- **Jim Mundy, friend Don Tharpe**, cancer surgery.
- **Steve McGann**, recovering from complications – prostate biopsy.

- **Hugh Naughton's** wife, Jessie, has lower back issues and other ailments.
- **Paulie McFadden's** wife, **Mary Ellen**, back pains.

#### From and since April Meeting (new):

- **Steve McGann's sister, Patricia McGovern**, passed away May 5th, after a long fight with leukemia.
- **Jim Whelen, wife Alesia's Mom**, Norma Oakley, had cancerous kidney removed a couple weeks ago.
- **Brian Kiernan** – recovering from a leg infection.
- **Mike Smith**, family friend **Whitney Bush** passed away.
- **Tim McDonnell's friend, Rob Northern** – recurrence of cancer.
- **Fr. Jim Arsenault's mom**.
- **Jim Woods** – **Uncle Philip** cancer in jaw.
- **Brian Kiernan** – first cousin brother-in-law **Jim**, stage 3 cancer.

#### From and since February Meeting:

- **Brother Jack Cassells** (Past President, Historian, St. Patrick, Founding Member) had surgery on Aorta on 1/2/2019 to improve circulation. Surgery went well. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **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.
- **John Mulligan**, Jack Rowe, 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> kidney surgery.

#### From Prior Meetings:

- **Billy Spicer's 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.
- **Fred Gerloff – Jude Crouch** leukemia, husband of cousin Cecelia.
- **Gary McAuliffe's wife, Betty**, macular hole in retina needs surgery.

#### 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. Contact Daniel Caffrey at 804-512-6288 or at [kkcaffrey@hotmail.com](mailto:kkcaffrey@hotmail.com)
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### Brothers Exemplify Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity on Myrtle Beach Golf Trip

Dan Caffrey, John Condon, Fred Gerloff, Brian Hegarty, and Joe O'Brien traveled to golf mecca Myrtle Beach and met up with Pat Naughton for four days of fun and fellowship. After the first few holes we all realized that we were not very good golfers. The only way to make the weekend enjoyable was to play a best ball captain's choice format. Unity was a lot more fun. The group played Brunswick Plantation, Long Bay, Aberdeen, and River Hills. The alligators at Aberdeen made for some nice photo opportunities. It was fitting that the group attend Mass at a church name after Irish Saint. Brendan the Navigator. The brothers put forth Christian Charity not only in the church basket but also in generous tips to restaurant servers working their way through school. Irish humor was constant through the weekend. Above all friendship prevailed during the weekend. A grand time was had by all.

Look forward to being with you in September.

Pat Naughton

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## The First Dáil Éireann (DOYL AIR-uhn)– Assembly of Ireland

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

In 1914, the Government of Ireland Act was passed by the British parliament. This Act finally granted Home Rule, limiting self-government, to the people of Ireland. After a decades-long campaign for Home Rule, John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party had secured a major victory. However, despite being passed, the Act was never enacted.

The outbreak of World War 1 in July 1914 led to the postponement of the Act for twelve months. This postponement then became extended for the duration of the war. By the time the war ceased in 1918, the situation in Ireland had changed permanently. Members of the Sinn Féin party, which had been established in 1905 by Arthur Griffith, campaigned not for Home Rule but for full independence from Britain. In 1916, members of Sinn Féin and the Irish Republican Brotherhood undertook the short-lived but pivotal Easter Rising, in which they declared Ireland a republic. The British government's execution of the rising's leaders in the aftermath resulted in a huge shift in support from the Irish public to the republican movement, away from the IPP and Home Rule.

Sinn Féin's first electoral breakthrough came in February 1917 when Count Joseph Plunkett (father of the late executed 1916 leader, Joseph Mary Plunkett) won the Roscommon North by-election (election not on the normal cycle) caused by the death of IPP Member of Parliament James O'Kelly. Five more Sinn Féin members, including Arthur Griffith, Éamon de Valera and William T. Cosgrave, contested and won further by-elections over



the next year. By the time the new general election was called for December 1918 – the first British general election in eight years – Sinn Féin looked to make huge gains.

Sinn Féin's success in the election was phenomenal. The IPP was all but obliterated by Sinn Féin in the December 1918 election. They essentially wiped the predominant Irish Parliamentary Party off the map. The only viable challenge to the republicans was the Unionist Party, which was concentrated primarily in north and east Ulster and some small areas of Dublin. Sinn Féin won 73 seats; the IPP lost 61 seats, returning just six and the Unionist's 22. Only one of these seats was outside Ulster – party leader John Redmond's Waterford City. The Belfast Labour Party won three seats in what was soon to become the capital of a new political entity. The 1918 Election was the last all-Ireland election to be held; it was also the first to allow women to vote and the first to elect a woman, Countess Markievicz to the British Parliament.

The scale of the support for Sinn Féin was so great that they ran unopposed in 25 constituencies, concentrated primarily in western Munster and the midlands. Nationally, Sinn Féin's vote share was 46.9%, though it was higher than 80% in some contested areas.

The Sinn Féin Manifesto of 1918 promised to create an Irish Republic (1) by withdrawing the Irish representation from the British Parliament, (2) by the establishment of a constituent assembly. Although Sinn Féin intended for this Dáil to be open to the IPP and Unionist MPs as well, they refused to recognize the action and maintained their Westminster presence. It was to be the IPP's final election. The newly elected Sinn Féin membership met 2 January 1919 to work out the details on the new assembly's format. A republican pledge had been signed at a meeting on 7 January by the elected members present: *I hereby pledge myself to work for the establishment of an independent Irish republic; that I will accept nothing less than complete separation from England in settlement of Ireland's claims; and that I will abstain from attending the English Parliament.* So, a century ago from January 2019, Sinn Féin MPs refused to take their seats in Westminster and instead the 28 MPs formed the first Dáil Éireann, an independent Irish parliament which would meet in Dublin's Mansion House on 21 January 1919. The remaining Sinn Féin MPs that did not attend were either in prison, on the run or could not attend for other reasons.

The main resolutions of the assembly were formulated: *The Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, The Address to the Free Nations of the World, and The Democratic Programme.* The Constitution was read in Irish alone; the other three were read in Irish, French and English. The first Dáil produced a handwritten document called the Declaration of Independence – where it asserted that the Irish people are by right a free people and asserting that this right had been taken away (by the English). The first paragraph of the address to the free nations of the world was this: *"The nation of Ireland having proclaimed her national independence, calls, through her elected representatives in Parliament assembled in the Irish Capital on 21 January 1919, upon every free nation to support the Irish Republic by recognising Ireland's national status and her right to its vindication of the peace conference."* (In reference to the Versailles Peace Conference in Paris).

Eight months later on 20 August 1919, Cathal Brugha, seconded by Terence MacSwiney, proposed a formal oath, which applied to Sinn Féin members and deputies alike, contained these words: *I will support and defend the Irish Republic and the Government of the Irish Republic, which is Dáil Éireann, against all enemies, foreign and domestic...* The Irish Republican Army was now subordinate to Dáil Éireann; the political and military struggle against British rule was thus unified and the scene was set for the War of Independence.

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# AOH/LAOH Virginia State Convention 2019

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