



**Celebrating 41 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting – Tuesday June 9, 2020 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

#### President's Message:



Brothers,

As we head into our third month of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are seeing many hopeful signs of a return to normalcy. Hibernians across the country have offered consistent prayers for recovery of individuals affected by COVID-19, our Communities, our Nation and indeed Globally. We pray again fervently for the safe passing of this Virus that has brought with it so much change in our lives.

As announced previously, our meeting location the Lake House at Saint Michael's remains closed to social gatherings so we will hold our 3rd virtual Business Meeting on June 9, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom. We will hold the Division Officers Meeting from 6:15-6:45 on the 9th just prior to the regular Business Meeting. The Officers will take a break for a few minutes to allow rest of the Division to "Zoom" into the regular Business Meeting at 7 pm.

Perhaps the typical break in our calendar from regular Business Meetings over the months of July and August will come at a good time. We are hopeful and prayerful that the downward trend of the Virus will continue over the Summer and by the time our September meeting is planned will allow for an in-person gathering of the Dooley Division at the Saint Michael's Lake House.

There are a few updates I wanted to share that we can discuss further at our meeting:

- We received notification last week the Highland Games and Celtic Festival in October are holding off on accepting new registrations, i.e., there is a possibility the Games will be canceled. With that notice and the cancellation of the Saint Elizabeth jazz festival in early August, the likelihood of rescheduling the Irish Festival is further diminished.
- We remain committed to drawing a winner for our Raffle so, as we've discussed in various contingencies, should move ahead in planning the Drawing with as much visibility as possible, hopefully in a group gathering at a date later this month or in July.
- The National AOH convention in July has been moved to a virtual format. One positive outcome of this is that those who have interest in attending but were not able to travel may now be able to attend. I will look into registration for the virtual convention if anyone is interested.
- The Retention Committee has made an effort to reach out to 40+ brothers who have not yet paid dues. With that effort approximately 1/3 have paid and renewed their Brotherhood. However, that still leaves a significant number unpaid including more than 20 who paid dues directly or via the Raffle in 2019. Letters of dues notification were

mailed four weeks ago as well as phone calls made by myself, Bill Casey, Dan Caffrey and Frank Kelly. For those Brothers who have not paid dues by either method, If for any reason dues or ticket payments cannot be made presently, please reach out to me, John Costello, Bill, Dan, Frank or any Dooley Division Brother and let us know, so we can account for that, plan for and extend your brotherhood, if desired. In any event, please contact someone in the Division and let them know you would like to continue our Brotherhood, and we will work together through any circumstance that may be present.

- Finally, I want to thank Fr. Jim for suggesting the idea of a joint Dooley Division, Mary Ryan Division and Kelly Division AOH Mass. We all have experienced the beauty of our Mass from massive cathedrals to small parish churches. I didn't expect I would get that same feeling sitting on my back porch with my wife, our daughters and our dog through a streaming Mass but I certainly did. I think it demonstrates that Faith has no boundaries or limitations. Modern streaming technology allows us to be physically distant while interacting and communicating visually. So, I believe that makes Our Faith the original streaming service.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from as many as can join us on Tuesday evening. Stay safe and healthy. See you virtually Tuesday evening.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Canning  
President, Major James Dooley Division  
Ancient Order of Hibernians  
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### Upcoming Events:

**AOH Dooley Division Business Meetings in 2020 at 7 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month**, except for July and August, Meetings are virtual via Zoom until further notice. All events are cancelled until further notice.

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#### AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For June 9, 2020 Meeting

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 Previous Meeting and since then:

- **Ellen Donahue** – Sister-in-law of Jack Griffin – Has cancer
- **Mary Kelly** (96) – Mother of Frank Kelly –
- **Jim Woods** (83) – Father of Jim Woods – Having a heart operation
- **Mike Shannon** – Brother-in-law to Tom Forbes – Had major heart attack, in the hospital
- **Siobhan Nolan** (53) – Sister of Tom Nolan – Having open heart surgery

#### From Prior Meetings:

- **Brian Kiernan** – New date for surgery is June 8 for his hip replacement
- **Tom Forbes** – Completed sixth chemo. Next step is remission.
- **Kin Headly** – Friend of Scott Nugent – Brain cancer
- **Jeffrey Gargulo** – Friend of Brian Kiernan and others – Various ailments prior to having gallbladder surgery

- **Rita Hastings** – Tom Hastings' mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **Juanita Collins** – Wife of Mark Collins – Released from hospital. COPD. Virus infection
- **Phyllis Collins** – Mother of Mark Collins – Had seizure. Has brain tumor. Age 87.
- **Joanne Kennedy** – Aunt of John Kennedy – Breast cancer. Operable. Good success for recovery.
- **Tom Edwards** – Brother-in-law of Jim Donahue – Esophageal cancer. New chemo regimen started.
- **Barbara Laroza** – Aunt of Tom Nolan
- **Siobhan Mooney** – Sister-in-law of Jack Griffin - Diagnosed with lung cancer
- **Stokes McCune** – Had triple bypass heart surgery and is recovering. Doing much better.
- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of Jack Cassells) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery
- **Mark Atchinson** – Brother Daniel Atchinson – Quadruple bypass in August, spot on lung discovered, biopsy indicated cancer, determining treatment.
- **Fr. George Zahn** - Keep our Chaplain in your prayers. Weak. Is now at Our Lady of Hope.
- **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
- **Paulie McFadden** skin condition and his wife, **Mary Ellen**, back pains
- **Jim Whelen, wife Alesia's Mom, Norma Oakley**, had cancerous kidney removed a couple weeks ago, cancer in spleen/lungs, in hospice care
- **Hugh Naughton's wife, Jessie Naughton**, has lower back, migraine issues and other ailments

- **Tim McDonnell's friend, Rob Northern** – recurrence of cancer
- **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, suffering from Lymphoedema

- **Don Lattanzi**, AOH Brother, had 2 back surgeries, pneumonia and breathing problems

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May 2020

## Amhrán na bhFiann

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.



It's probably the only song in existence whose lyrics are known by most of the Irish people in their first national language. So, ask yourself this question: when was the last time you watched an Irish international soccer, boxing or a Gaelic games sporting event and heard anyone singing the lyric 'Soldiers are we, whose lives are pledged to Ireland' as opposed to 'Sinne Fianna Fáil atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn'?

This somewhat may diminish the achievement of Peadar Kearney, co-composer of the Irish National Anthem. Kearney penned the original English lyrics of *The Soldiers Song* sitting in a café in 1907. His friend and musical collaborator Patrick Heeney (second), composed the melody in 1909 to Kearney's lyrics. Unfortunately, impoverished, Heeney died a young man in 1911. The other problem is that the English language version has been almost entirely superseded by the Irish translation, *Amhrán na bhFiann* (Oh-ravn nah Vee-on), written by Liam ÓRinn in 1923. It is this version that Imelda May sang at the Conor McGregor vs Floyd Mayweather fight a few years back. The song did cause some controversy when it was played in its English language form at the Ryders cup in the United States in 2004. Similar confusion reigned when an American band played unfamiliar verses at the Irish World Cup games. (Pictures from top to bottom: Peadar Kearney, Patrick Heeney, and Liam ÓRinn.)



It should be noted that *Amhrán na bhFiann*, did not replace *God Save Ireland* nor *A Nation Once Again* as the Irish national anthem despite their iconic status. The fact is the Irish Free State did not move to adopt a national anthem of any kind until 1926. *Ireland's Call* penned in 1995, with no political undertones, is used by the Irish rugby team. At rugby matches played in the Republic both national anthems are sung; elsewhere *Ireland's call* is the only one used.



Kearney composed other well-known ballads including *The Bold Fenian Men*, *Down by the Liffey Side*, *Knockcroghery*, and *Erin Go Bragh*. But it was *The Soldiers Song* that proved to be his most popular marching song among the Irish Volunteers. Kearney's profession was a house painter and his sister

Kathleen married another painter, Stephen Behan, one of Michael Collins's "Twelve Apostles." This made Kearney the uncle of prominent Irish writers Brendan,

Brian and Dominic Behan.

Kearney joined the Gaelic League in 1901 where the soon to be renowned Sean O'Casey became one of his pupils in Irish language classes. He took the Irish Republican Brotherhood oath in 1903. He was actively involved in the 1916 Rising and escaped capture fighting at Jacob's biscuit factory. In the Irish War of

Independence, he became a close friend of Michael Collins. Later he would side with the Free State in the Civil War, a move that probably helped his song be chosen as the national anthem by the government of W. T. Cosgrave. He was a witness to the death of Michael Collins in Béal na Bláth in August 1922 while travelling in the lead vehicle in the ill-fated convoy.

Disillusioned, he never took part in politics again and returned to his old job as a painter.

In July 1926, the executive council of the Irish Free State decided to adopt the music of *Amhrán na bhFiann* as the official national anthem. Kearney was not paid any royalties for the rather unfamiliar English language version of the Irish national anthem. He died in relative poverty in 1942 and is buried in Glasnevin cemetery with Thomas Ashe, who died on a hunger strike in 1917. The three men responsible for the Irish national anthem are: Peadar Kearney, Patrick Heeney and Liam ÓRinn, who were from Dublin's north inner city and lived 200 yards from each other.

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