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Next Meeting – Tuesday October 13, 2020 7:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual Meeting

President's Message:



Brothers,

I am looking forward to our next virtual Business meeting on Tuesday October 13th at 7 pm. While there is no replacement for any of us getting together in person, conducting business and enjoying each other's company, I believe the necessity of holding virtual meetings to keep our organization moving forward has been a suitable alternative, at least for the time being and under the present circumstances. So we will meet again via Zoom using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8194077416>. I encourage all Brothers to join us.

Last month I mentioned the possibility of our meeting being held in person at the St. Michael's Lake House. Although we are holding this month's meeting virtually, I would like to discuss further an in-person or hybrid (with virtual as well) meeting and plan accordingly for November.

This month we will have the opportunity to live our mission of supporting Catholic Education and Faith Formation programs at our Parishes by planning check presentations and returning some of the funds from our 2019-2020 Raffle sale to our parishes. I could use some assistance in making the contacts with the parishes in order to do that but would like to get those scheduled in the next few weeks. There are of course significant restrictions at our parishes in attending Masses but within those guidelines I hope that we can present the checks in person as we have done in past years.

As we have all become more familiar with in every part of our society, virtual meetings, gatherings and presentations have become a routine part of our lives. There are a number of such presentations that are being sponsored by the National AOH Board that we will share and discuss, which we can all participate in. We have had some success with our own virtual events in addition to our Business meetings, Masses, our Raffle drawing and traditional music. So we seek ways to return to a routine of face-to-face events, I am open to using technology to our advantage in keeping the Division active and engaged. Let's speak about the positives and negatives of that when we are together on Tuesday.

Finally, I am sometimes guilty of overlooking the ultimate virtual communication, that is Prayer. The Dooley Division Chair of the Sick Scott Nugent always does a terrific job of keeping the Prayer list up to date. Let's not lose sight of how important Prayer is (I'm speaking of myself first)! If we overuse one virtual communication going forward, I would like that to be the one.

I am open to all suggestions as to how best to transition back to some degree of in-persons meetings or if our meetings are suitably filling the needs of the Division, I am open to continuing them as we have done for the last several months. As always it will be good to see smiling Irish faces and have a bit of Craic on Tuesday evening via Zoom.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Canning
President

Upcoming Events:

AOH Dooley Division Business Meetings in 2020 at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of each Month, except for July and August, Zoom Virtual Meeting. 2020 Meeting Dates – 1/14, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, **12/8 (Officer Installation)**

AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For October 13, 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

From Previous Meeting and since then:

- **Mark** (mid-50s) – *Jack Griffin's* wife's nephew – Had brain surgery
- **Darrel Taylor** – Brother-in-law of *Vince Eikmeier* – Passed away
- **Sean and Karen Griffin** – Son and daughter-in-law of *Jack Griffin* – Probable Covid-19

From Prior Meetings:

- **Phyllis (Tish) Tucker** – Mother-in-law of *Pat McGowan* – Passed away from double pneumonia. Also pray for Pat's wife Mary
- **Ellen Donahue** – Sister-in-law of *Jack Griffin* – Passed away
- **Mary Kelly** (96) – Mother of *Frank Kelly* – Mary is diagnosed with Covid-19
- **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
- **Betty McAuliffe** – Wife of *Gary McAuliffe* – Recovering from eye surgery to repair a macular hole
- **Gary McAuliffe** – Dealing with tremors in his hand
- **Tom Edwards** – Brother-in-law of *Jim Donahue* – Battling esophageal cancer for two years with some success. Started a new regimen of chemo.
- **Jim Calpin** – Recovering from stroke
- **Edward Maynes** – is having an upcoming heart procedure (date is not yet known)
- **Brian Kiernan** – Had surgery on June 8 for his hip replacement. Has his mobility back. Next checkup before Thanksgiving

- **Tom Forbes** – In remission. Hair is growing back!
- **Kin Headly** – Friend of *Scott Nugent* – Brain cancer
- **Rita Hastings** – *Tom Hastings'* mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **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
- **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.
- **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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Come Out Ye Black and Tans

Contributed by Brian P. Hegarty Jr.

The Royal Irish Constabulary were the armed police force of Ireland from 1822 to 1922. The force was mainly comprised of Catholics although the higher ranks were predominantly Protestant. Among its first duties in the nineteenth century, were the forceable seizure of land and subsequently tenant evictions from the Catholic population as well as the Presbyterian minority. Many of the RIC constables were sons of tenant farmers or small farmers or businessmen or often the second son who wasn't expected to inherit anything. It was a good job with a pension, which in a poor country was something to be valued.

By the time of the war of independence, the RIC was in some trouble. After the Easter Rising, recruitment had slowed, and the numbers necessary to take the campaign to the IRA weren't there. It was also the fact that the IRA directly targeted the RIC, as the most visible symbol of the British Government throughout Ireland. The IRA burnt barracks and raided them for their guns and ammunition, and they made the RIC into a hated symbol of the British authorities. By the early twentieth century many RIC lived in localities, that were different from the localities they were born in. They were ostracized in the communities they worked in. To illustrate this point, in Co. Cork, frustrations were revealed in an incident when a farmer refused to shake hands with a constable in a pub. That constable was later summoned for assault, for trying to force a handshake, exclaiming, "I'm just as good an Irishman as you."



In January 1920, one hundred years ago, the British Government placed advertisements in British Newspapers for men willing to "face a rough and dangerous task." The jobs offered were as temporary constables in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The target market for the employed were ex-servicemen who knew how to handle weapons and who had survived the horrors of the Great War. Recruits were around 7,000 altogether, were trained for about 3 months and then sent to Ireland. Such a large influx caught the RIC unaware and a lack of uniforms meant the temporary constables were dressed in Khaki trousers and dark police tunics. Their attire reminded Limerick journalist, Christopher O'Sullivan, of the coloring of the Kerry Beagles that made up the famous Black and Tan

hunt on the Limerick/Tipperary border, so the name stuck. They were paid ten shillings per day plus board and lodging at a time when the pay for a British Army private was little more than a shilling a day. So, in order to counteract the early successes and intense pressure from the IRA, the British Government recruited the infamous Black and Tans into the RIC. The Black and Tans were brought in to shore up the ability of the RIC to take the fight to the IRA. Never noted for their military discipline, the RIC Temporary Constabulary make their stamp, with gusto, by orchestrating a reign of terror, full of reprisals, as we move into late 1920 and 1921. It was the Black and Tan units that torched Balbriggan (outside Dublin) where 50 houses were burned, and two suspected "Sinn Feiners" were beaten and stabbed to death. And with some outside assistance, the center of Cork City, burning more than 300 buildings in the southern capital. Those responsible for the Cork City burning proudly displayed burnt corks in their caps for a time thereafter.

A few myths have evolved about the Black and Tans: They were not responsible for the shooting of civilians on Bloody Sunday at Croke Park, that was largely the work of the even more vicious Auxiliary Division, the notorious 'Auxies' which were comprised of former WW1 officers. And Tom Barry did not attack the Black and Tans at the Kilmichael ambush in November 1920, as the words of the song would have it. The 17 security force fatalities at Kilmichael were also Auxiliaries.

But during the war of Independence, better known as ‘the Tan war’, no one really made too many distinctions between the various forces who terrorized the towns and villages of the country. Their philosophy can be described in the words of a RIC Colonel Gerald Smyth, stationed in Listowel, Co Kerry in June 1920. In his address to a group of constables, Smyth advised that suspicious looking persons should be shot on sight. “You may make mistakes occasionally and innocent persons may be shot, but that cannot be helped, you are bound to get the right parties some time.”

One of the most tragic deaths of the period was that of Ellen Quinn, from Kiltartan, Co Galway. On November 1, 1920, while waiting for her husband’s return, she was shot and fatally wounded while sitting on a wall outside her house holding her nine-month-old baby in her arms and within two months of childbirth. The shot came from a passing police lorry. Her death was powerfully evoked in W. B. Yeats poem, *Reprisals*:

Where may new-married women sit
To suckle children now? Armed men
May murder them in passing by
Nor parliament, nor law take heed.

It was little wonder that the Black and Tans were feared and hated in equal measure.

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