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The Dooley Dispatch

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Celebrating 30 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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President's Message Dan Caffrey

2010 Raffle a Success

The 8th Annual Dooley Division Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.) 2010 "Trip for Two to Ireland" winners were, Jack and Sharon Moriarity Hilgers. They bought their ticket at Rosie Connolly's. Since the \$4,000.00 cash prize came as a pleasant surprise, they plan to use it for a trip to Ireland. As, is our tradition we donated \$3,200

from the raffle proceeds to Catholic Education as follows: St. Mary's School \$500 and \$250 to Christian Formation Program; St. Benedict School \$500 and \$250 to Church Christian Formation Program; St. Bridget School \$500 and \$500 to School Building Fund; St. Michael's Church Christian Formation Building Program \$500; All Saints School \$200. Paul McFadden and I visited with each of the Priests of the above Parishes to present them with their checks. They were very grateful. We asked them to publish the above raffle information in their church bulletins. Now would be a good time to try and recruit members after Masses in each of these Parishes. We don't have a Division Organizer to coordinate our recruiting efforts, so if you are interested in the position please let me know. In the meantime, please contact me or Paul for help if you are interested in recruiting new members at your Parish. At the April meeting we also voted to donate \$500 to St. Patrick's Church Organ Restoration Fund and \$500 to St. Paul's Church for the Food Pantry. Over the past eight years, we have donated \$26,500 from the raffle proceeds to Catholic schools, churches and charities. Thanks to Paul McFadden for once again running a successful raffle. Also, thanks to all of the members who sold tickets.

State Meeting and Degree Ceremonies on April 24

We hosted the AOH Quarterly State Meeting and Degree ceremonies at St. Mary's Church. We had over 70 AOH and LAOH members at the meeting and lunch and we had over 40 Irish Catholic men receive the Degrees. We represented ourselves very well in hosting the event and having 15 of our members receive the degrees. Thanks to all of those who attended and special thanks to Pat Naughton for preparing and providing all of the food and beverages on behalf of our Division. The following members received their **Shamrock and/or Major (Tower) Degrees** : Michael Canning, Patrick

Knightly, Brian Hegarty, Richard Tucker, Tom McGranahan, Jack Griffin, Mike Sweeney, Vince Eikmeier, Patrick Shea, Thomas Forbes, Michael Strutton, Douglas Gavin, Chad Costello, Michael Lynch (newest member) and Hugh Naughton. Jack Griffin has been an AOH member since 1951 and took the Shamrock degree again. Jack is our Sentinel and has also taken photos at our different events (check them out at www.aohrichmond.org).

Our Shamrock Degree Team did an excellent job in presenting the Shamrock degree for the first time. Thanks to Brian Kiernan and his Degree Team (Joe O'Brien, Vince Eikmeier, Bob Strutton, Jack Cassells and Pat Shea). Also, thanks to those brothers in attendance for supporting our brothers in receiving their degrees. The following members had their Major Degrees prior to April 24: Michael Allen, Daniel Caffrey, JP Carroll, Jack Cassells, Bob Corcoran, Matt Costello, Jerry Gorman, Brian Kiernan, Paul McFadden, Tom Murphy, Pat Naughton, Joe O'Brien, John Quinn, Mike Smith, Bob Strutton and Jim Whelen. We now have a total of 31 members with their Major Degree.

When you took the pledge to become an AOH member, you pledged to take all the tests of the order (Shamrock and Major (Tower) Degrees). If you don't have your Major Degree yet, the next chance to take it in Richmond will be when we host the AOH State Convention in 2011 (date TBD between July and September of 2011).

April Meeting Highlights

We had a great meeting in April. We recounted all of our successful March Events. We were also very fortunate to have our Chaplain, Rev. George Zahn, in attendance. His presence made the meeting a lot more spiritual, especially during the prayers. Of course, after the meeting we had great fellowship with food and beverages.

Please plan on attending our May 11, 2010 meeting at 7 pm at St. Paul's

Jack Cassells will do a presentation on the Irish Civil War.

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Prayer List

Please pray for **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Fergusson's sister is battling a long illness, Those who are suffering from chronic illness or receiving medical attention:

Charlie Kelly, Dick Moore, and Thomas Zahn, brother of Father Zahn.

Please pray for the members of our Division who are serving in the Military. **Father David McGuire**, is serving as Chaplain at the Hill Air Force Base in Utah. **CW2 David Bulger**, US Army has been deployed to Iraq with "B" Co. of the 5/159th Aviation Regiment. **Please keep us informed of family members that are receiving medical care and in need of our prayers.**
 From the Virginian Pilot, April 22nd

Upcoming Events:

The Hibernian Golf Outing is

Friday, May 14th at 1:30 pm at the Sycamore Creek Golf Course, 1991 Manakin Road, Manakin Sabot, VA 23103-2203 (804) 784-3544

www.sycamorecreekgolfcourse.com

Please be there by 1 pm. It will be Captain's Choice, so even if you are duffer you'll have lots of fun in this format with your fellow brothers.

We will put foursomes together based on handicaps and fun factor. The cost is \$50 for golf, box lunch and prizes for closest to pin on the par 3's.

The division will buy the first 6 pack of beer for each golf cart. Sine Irish Pub (Brother Bob McNulty) is donating a \$25 gift card and Irish Beer shirts. If you are interested in playing please contact the Golf Outing Chair, Tom Walsh at home ph (804) 527-0941 or at (804) 550-2224, twalsh4440@aol.com



The May Crowning, May 16th 2 p.m. at the Columbian Center. The Dooley Division donated the first station of the cross for this grotto.

May 30, 2010 Going Away Party for Bill Murphy, AOH member with Monsignor Kelly AOH Divison

Bill is being deployed to Iraq. Everyone is welcome to attend his going away party. Please keep him in your prayers. Party is on May 30, 2010 Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at 5206 Monument Avenue Richmond VA: near the corner of Monument and Willow Lawn. Parking at a Doctor's Office at the corner of Byrd and Monument. They are closed on Sundays and have about 40 spaces. It takes about three minutes to walk to Bill's house from the Doctor's office. Menu is Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Chips, Beer, Soda, Whiskey. He will have Guinness. It's Free, bring a lawn chair. Let Bill know if you are coming by May 28 if possible wpmurphy5671@aol.com

Baseball Game Outing:

June 19, 2010, Saturday at 6:35 pm – Richmond Flying Squirrels vs. Altoona It's Military Appreciation Night at The Diamond! The first 3,000 fans 21 and Older will receive a Camo Cap presented by Budweiser! There will also be appearances from SGT. Slaughter and Uncle Sam! Tickets are \$8 for the upper level or \$28 for a 2 hour all you can eat buffet (ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and desert), free entrance to the HCA kids zone, and a \$10 seat in the lower level. We need a minimum of 8 people for the buffet. Contact Pat Naughton 360-2969 p.naughton@comcast.net

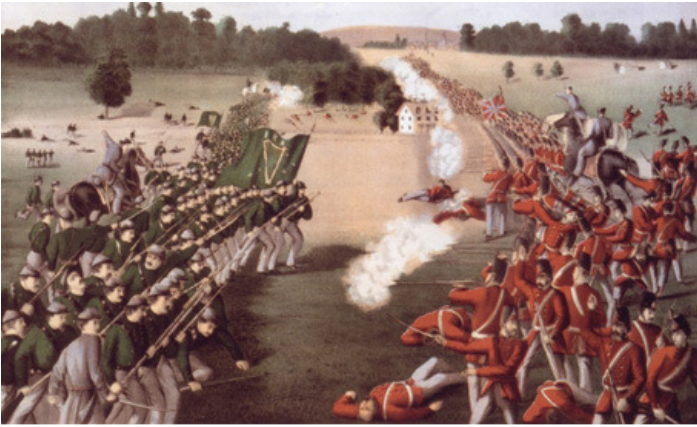


AOH Dooley Division Social Calendar Events

- AOH Dooley Division Business Meetings at 7 pm every 2nd Tuesday of Month, except for July, August and December, at St. Paul's Church, Chamberlayne and Rennie Avenues. 2010 Meeting Dates - 5/11, 6/8, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9
- August 22, 2010, Sunday – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass at 11 am at St. Paul's Church with Pool Party (Family) to follow (Tom Murphy's house)
- September, Date and Location TBD – Commemorate Commodore Barry Day (9/13/1803- date of death) – potential Family Picnic
- September 17, 2010, – Halfway to St. Pat's Day at local
- October 23 – 24, 2010 – Celtic Festival, Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA; Kickoff the selling of 2011 Dooley Raffle Tickets and the Recruiting of New Members at Double Booth
- November 13, 2010, Saturday at 5:30 Mass (tentative Date) – Honor Living Veteran's at St. Benedict's Church
- December 19, 2010, Sunday at 1 pm (St. Mary's Catholic Church) – Family Christmas Party (Family)/Officer Installation for 2011/ Brief Meeting

McDonnell bid to restrict abortion funding upheld

Gov. Bob McDonnell's effort to restrict government funds from being used for abortions, except in limited circumstances, was sustained by state lawmakers many hours into a marathon legislative session at the State Capitol on Wednesday evening. "This only has to do with funding, payment for abortion services," McDonnell told reporters after the General Assembly adjourned Wednesday night. "It has nothing to do with the underlying constitutional right . . . or access to abortions. "This is simply a question of who's going to pay," he added. "And what we've said with the amendments today is that payments will not be made for those services except for rape, incest, life of the mother, fetal abnormality."



On This Day: Fenians Launch Raid Into Canada

June 01, 2009 02:00 AM by [Denis Cummings](#)

On June 1, 1866, members of the Irish nationalist Fenian Brotherhood crossed into British Canada, where they would defeat Canadian troops in a small battle before being arrested by American forces.

Fenians Cross Into Canada to Launch Raid

The Fenian Brotherhood was a clandestine U.S.-based Irish nationalist organization, a sister organization of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland. The Fenian leadership planned to capture land in Canada to use in negotiations with the British for Irish independence. There was also hope that the raid could provoke a war between the United States and Canada, drawing British forces to North America.

It had become a large, powerful organization in the period after Civil War, but there were rifts among its leaders, writes P.G. Smith in *Military History* magazine. Founding member John O'Mahony broke with Fenian leadership and attempted a raid on Campobello Island in April 1866 that failed. A second raid was planned by O'Mahony's rival William Roberts for May 1866, under the command of former Union officers John O'Neill and Thomas Sweeny.

The Fenian force, primarily Irish immigrants and experienced Civil War soldiers, assembled in Buffalo. In the early morning hours of June 1, they crossed the Niagara River into Fort Erie, Ontario, where they unsuccessfully tried to recruit local Canadians.

The following day, O'Neill led a march of about 500 Fenians to nearby Ridgeway, where they encountered Canadian troops. After an hour of fighting, the Canadian troops, mistakenly believing that the Fenians were mounting a cavalry charge, formed a square and became sitting ducks for the Fenians, according to Smith.

Fenian fire weakened the Canadians, who retreated when O'Neill ordered a bayonet charge. Ten Canadians died and 37 were wounded by the Fenians, who had nine dead and 16 wounded. Having won the Battle of Ridgeway, O'Neill decided to return to the United States. The Fenians defeated a second Canadian militia in a short but bloody skirmish on their way back to Fort Erie. They attempted to cross the Niagara River back to the U.S., but they were intercepted by an American gunboat and arrested. "The Fenian excitement here is rapidly subsiding, the so-called invasion having proved so ridiculous a failure," wrote *The New York Times*, which labeled the raid the "Fenian Folly."

The American government was sympathetic to the Fenians, and they were given short prison sentences or released. They would

launch several other raids over the following four years, but all would be put down easily.

The Fenian Brotherhood grew out of the Young Ireland movement, a nationalist group that split from Daniel O'Connell's peaceful Repeal Association. Led by members of *The Nation* newspaper, it launched a doomed uprising in 1848 in the village of Ballingarry.

Afterward, many of its leaders escaped or were exiled to Europe and America, including John O'Mahony, who escaped to New York and founded the Fenian Brotherhood. He was soon joined in New York by Young Irelander Michael Donehy, while James Stephens founded a sister organization in Ireland called the Irish Republican Brotherhood. The Fenians created a series of cells, called Circles, and held large national conventions.

Background: The Fenian Brotherhood

Many of the Fenians fought in the American Civil War, where they gained valuable military experience. Thomas Francis Meagher, who was not a Fenian but maintained close ties to its leaders, organized the 69th New York Infantry—the Irish Brigade—and Irish-born General Thomas Sweeny recruited soldiers for the Fenian movement, says John F. McCormack Jr. of the *Civil War Times*.

After the war, many Irish veterans had "nothing else to do" but fight for Irish independence, writes Michael Ruddy in the *Civil War Times*. Membership in the Fenians swelled and plans for armed conflicts were made.

Later Developments: Canadian independence

Though the Fenians were unsuccessful in advancing the Irish independence movement, the raids did help to unite Canada. The threat of foreign attacks spurred a nationalistic spirit in Canada just a year before it would be granted dominion status.

John A. MacDonald, the first prime minister of Canada, in 1910 wrote "Troublous Times In Canada, History of the Fenian Raids of 1866 and 1870," a book documenting the Fenian raids in Canada.

He wrote, "The necessity of united action in defence, and co-operation in other matters for the benefit of the whole, was heartily admitted, and forthwith the Provinces joined hands and hearts in bringing about its early consummation. The full meaning of the motto, 'United we Stand—Divided we Fall,' was realized by the majority, and the necessary legislation ... resulted in the birth of the Dominion of Canada on July 1st, 1867."



The green flag of the Fenians

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JP Carroll Breakfast Cooking team, (l-r) Mike Sweeney, Mike Muldowney, Pat Knightly



The Dooley Division with himself, JP Carroll, carrying the banner in the center