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Celebrating 30 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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President's Message

Dan Caffrey

Upcoming AOH Dooley Events

June 6 - St. Patrick's Church check presentation- 10:45 Mass (Family Event), 215 North 25th Street, Richmond. We will be presenting a \$500 check for their organ restoration. Please join your fellow AOH brothers with your green coats and sashes in attending Mass together. Stokes McCune,

Mark Collins and Doug Gavin are members of St. Patrick. Refreshments afterwards.

June 7 12:30 pm – Rare Olde Times Memorial Golf Tournament in memory of John M. Reilly, Sr (deceased AOH member) benefiting St. Benedict Catholic Church. If interested in playing, please stop by Rare Olde Times to register.

June 8 meeting at 7 p.m. - please plan on attending at St. Paul's Church, 909 Rennie Ave, Richmond. We plan on keeping the meeting short to allow more time for fellowship and a special feature from Jack. We'll take a summer break, so our next business meeting isn't until September 14th.

June 19 – Flying Squirrels Baseball game

July 3 Picnic (Family Event) - with 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Columbian Center at 2324 Pump Road. Members of the AOH and their families are invited. Price is \$7.00 per person, \$25.00 max per family. Picnic will begin about 2PM and we will have a Mass if Father Adrian is available. Contact Brian Kiernan bri1v1@comcast.net

August 22 – Our Lady of Knock (8/21/1879) Mass at 11 am at St. Paul's Church with Pool Party (Family Event) to follow (Tom Murphy's house – 11980 Dalkeith Ln, Richmond, VA 23233). If you plan on attending, please RSVP Tom ASAP with the number attending so we can plan accordingly. RSVP Tom at tjfmurphy@comcast.net or home ph 360-1568.

Events since our last meeting:

The Hibernian Golf Outing We had 2 foursomes on May 14th at Sycamore Creek: Dan Caffrey, Tom Walsh, Brian Kiernan, Joe O'Brien, JP Carroll, Neil Bulger, Hugh Naughton and Jack Cassell. We had lots of fun and there is talk about playing again in June. Thanks to Tom Walsh for organizing the event and having lots of prizes. Also, thanks to Bob McNulty of Sine for donating a \$25 gift card and Irish shirts and caps. We are looking to make this an annual event.

Bill Murphy sendoff on May 30. Please keep Bill in your prayers as he is deployed to Iraq on July 16.

Big Dan

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Prayer List

Please pray for **Bill McKay** who continues to struggle with back pain, and Walt Ferguson'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. **Bill Murphy** recently deployed to Iraq. 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:

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 \$10 for the lower level seats 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 - 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

May Meeting Highlights:

- **\$500 Check Presentation** to Fr. Zahn and St. Paul's (for the poor – food pantry). Fr. Zahn is celebrating the 43rd anniversary of his ordination. He also had knee replacement surgery recently, so please keep him in your prayers.
- **\$200 Check Presentation** to Sister Betty on behalf All Saints School.
- Inducted **2 new members** (Bill Halligan and Sean McKessy).
- Tom McGranahan proposed that as a Division we work to promote vocations. Priests are retiring and the AOH was founded in America to protect the clergy. A number of brothers volunteered to help. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping at tambig1@verizon.net and 282-4377. More to follow.
 - Paul McFadden has agreed to serve as **Organizer** until someone else volunteers. He is organizing a few brothers at each parish (St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Bridget's and St. Benedict's) to recruit new members. We are asking each parish to allow us to be present at their church events so we can inform parishioners about AOH. If you are interested in helping with this effort please contact Paul at 550-0347.
 - **Audit Committee Report**- Patrick Knightly, Chair, presented an audit of our books to the membership. Everything was in good order. Thanks to Mike Sweeney, Treasurer, and Hugh Naughton, Financial Secretary, for all of their hard work in keeping the books. It was recommended that we establish formal guidelines for the raffle, this will be addressed by the

officers. Thanks to the other Audit Committee members: Paul McFadden and Mike Muldowney.

- **Ladies AOH (LAOH)** – LAOH is an important sister organization to AOH. In most areas throughout the country, they work hand and hand with AOH. They will help us greatly in planning and hosting the AOH State Convention in July 2011. The division in Richmond is looking for new members and I would like for our division to support their efforts. They meet as a division once a month, 3rd Saturdays, at 10 am at O'Toole's Restaurant. Please have your wives contact Patricia Ankrom at 804-932-3331 or email traceysbydesign@aol.com. Patricia spoke at our last meeting.
- **2010 AOH Convention in Richmond, VA (July 2011)** – thanks to Bob Strutton (Past President) for offering to Chair this event as we have offered to host the event. We are in the process of planning the event. We are planning fun events for AOH members and their families who will be visiting us from throughout the state. If you are interested in helping please contact Bob Strutton at rstrutton@aol.com. This will also be an opportunity to receive the Major Degree at the convention if you haven't already done so.
- We are adding Dooley Division to our AOH Banner to distinguish our division from the Kelly Division on southside.



Five Minutes of Heaven available at Redbox

Five Minutes of Heaven delves into the how the sectarian killings in 1970s in Northern Ireland affected the lives on both sides. The story takes place in Lurgan Northern Ireland, 1975. A low level civil war has been underway, with the [Irish Republican Army](#) targeting British loyalists and the loyalist [Ulster Volunteer Force](#) exacting revenge on Catholics they claim are militant republicans. Alistair

Little, 16 is the leader of a UVF cell, eager to be blooded. He and his gang are given the go ahead to kill a young Catholic man, James Griffin, as a reprisal and a warning to others. When the hit is carried out, Joe Griffin - the 11-year old little brother of the target - watches in horror his brother is shot in the head. Thirty years later Joe Griffin (James Nesbitt) and Alistair (Liam Neeson) are to meet, on camera, with a view to reconciliation. Alistair has served his sentence, and peace may have been agreed to in N. Ireland, but Joe Griffin is not coming on the program for a handshake.

The acting by James Nesbitt and Liam Neeson is riveting and captures the northern Ireland culture.

The Irish dominate Medal of Honor recipients

This Memorial Day, the Irish heroes of American wars are proudly remembered

By Irish America magazine, from IrishCentral.com

The correct title for the military award often called the “Congressional Medal of Honor,” is simply “Medal of Honor,” and those who receive it prefer to be called “recipients” rather than “winners.”

It is the only [US Military](#) Award that is worn from a ribbon hung around the neck, and the only award presented by the President in the name of Congress. It is the greatest award given to American fighting heroes. The Irish own far more than any other foreign country.

Perhaps the most remarkable was “super survivor” Michael Dougherty, from Falcarragh, [County Donegal](#), a private in the 13th [Pennsylvania](#) Cavalry.

He received it for routing a Confederate detachment at Jefferson, [Virginia](#), which prevented the Confederates from flanking the Union forces and saved 2500 lives. He and 126 members of his regiment were later captured and spent 23 months in various Southern prisons, including the Andersonville death-camp in [Georgia](#). He was the only survivor from his regiment.

He was homeward bound on the steamship “Sultana” on the Mississippi River, when the boilers exploded. Of the 2000 passengers, only 900 survived, Dougherty was one of them. Finally, after 4 years, the 21-year-old Union Veteran reached his hometown of Bristol, Pa.

That’s why AOH Division #1 of Bristol is known as the Michael Dougherty Division. During the Civil War, 1523 Medals of Honor were issued. A large number to Irish troops from the Irish Brigade, which fought at Fredricksburg and Antietam. To date, 3,459 Medals of Honor have been awarded, and nineteen individuals have received it twice.

Thirty-three countries are listed as the birthplaces of the recipients, and I don’t have to tell you that [Ireland](#) has the most by far, with 258.

We Irish can proudly note that 5 of the 19 fighting men who received a second Medal of Honor were born in Ireland. They are: Henry Hogan from [Clare](#), John Lavery from Tyrone, Dublin’s John Cooper, whose name at birth was John Laver Mather, John King and Patrick Mullen. Three double recipients were Irish-Americans: U.S. Marines Daniel Daly and John Joseph Kelly, and the U.S. Navy’s John McCloy.

Over the years, the [Ancient Order of Hibernians](#) has had strong associations with the medal. At least two AOH divisions were named after recipients of the Medal of Honor. One being the Col. James Quinlan Division #3 of Warwick, in Orange County, N.Y. Quinlan was awarded his Medal of Honor for gallantry “against overwhelming numbers” while leading the Irish Brigade’s 88th [New York](#) in the battle of Savage Station, Virginia, during the American Civil War.

Some modern day recipients are: John King, U.S. Navy, from Ballinrobe, [County Mayo](#), double recipient in 1901 & 1909; Pvt. John Joseph Kelly, [Chicago](#), Ill., received both the Army & Navy Medal of Honor in WWI; Col. William J.(Wild Bill) Donovan, member of New York’s Fighting 69th in WWI; Audie Murphy, who was turned down by the Marines and the Navy as he was only 5’5 and weighed 112 lbs. The Army accepted him in June, 1942, and he became WW II’s most decorated hero; Fr. Timothy O’Callahan, who was not only the first Catholic

Chaplain to receive the Medal of Honor, but the first of any faith to be so recognized.

For his gallant leadership and fighting spirit, O’Hare Airport in Chicago was named for Lt. Commander Edward H. “Butch” O’Hare, U.S. Navy fighter pilot. Another well-known facility, McGuire Air Force Base in [New Jersey](#) is named after Medal of Honor recipient, Thomas B. McGuire, a WWII ace pilot who shot down 38 enemy planes. One of Vietnam’s first recipients was Captain Roger Hugh Donlon, U.S. Special Forces, from Saugerties, N.Y. Another [Vietnam](#) recipient was New York Irish-American Robert Emmet O’Malley.

In all, 245 men were awarded the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. Among them were: Major Patrick Brady, Major Kern Dunagan, Captain Robert F. Foley, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas G. Kelley, Spc. Thomas McMahon, Lance Corp. Thomas Noonan, Pvt. Daniel Shea and Petty Officer Michael Thornton.

There have been millions of Irish and Irish-Americans who have served in our military with distinction. The latest being Col. James Hickey, son of Irish immigrants, a native of Chicago, Ill., who commanded the 1st Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, which captured Saddam Hussein in [Iraq](#).

It would be impossible to calculate an exact number of Irish-Americans on the Medal of Honor list. However, Irish surnames are plentiful. There are 21 Murphys, 20 Kellys(or Kelley), and 8 Sullivans. Names beginning with the Irish prefix “Mc” spill onto multiple pages.

Discount vacation in Ireland for Americans with Irish roots

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ireland is considering a proposal to give hefty discounts to visitors to the country with Irish roots. The plan is simple. If you’re Irish then you will qualify for discounts at some of Ireland’s top visitor attractions. Each visitor with Irish ancestry will be eligible for a Certificate of Irish Heritage and can use this to make their way around Ireland on less money than those who don’t have any Irish heritage. The proposal suggests that the Certificate of Irish Heritage be a small credit-card style card that visitors can carry in their wallets with them. Although it won’t entitle them to any legal rights or even Irish citizenship it will allow for deep discounts at some of Ireland’s top tourist destinations. The idea came from the Department of Foreign Affairs but the execution of the plan will be operated by a private company. At this time Foreign Affairs Minister, Michael Martin, is inviting firms to send in applications on how to operate the project. Currently anyone born in Ireland or born abroad with an Irish parent or grandparent can qualify for Irish citizenship. However the Certificate of Irish Heritage will extend beyond Irish grandparents. Once a person can prove their Irish ancestry - either by producing a legitimate birth certificate or church records of death, even a marriage or baptism cert of even land records or a will- then they will be eligible for the Certificate of Irish Heritage. The idea stems from the Global Irish Network conference that took place in [Dublin](#) last year which took place to see how to connect the 70 million Irish Diaspora across the globe.

The program is to run on a trial basis for a year and if successful will be renewed annually for up to five years.

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Catholic Virginian Recognizes Dooley Division's Support of Catholic Schools

Ancient Order of Hibernians give grant to All Saints Catholic School



Daniel H. Caffrey, president of the Major James Dooley Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, left, greets two 7th grade students from All Saints Catholic School in Richmond, which benefitted from a gift of \$3,200 from AOH to three Catholic schools and parish Christian formation programs. Since 2007 the organization has donated \$12,200 to diocesan Catholic schools and religious education and a total of \$26,500 to local charities through sponsorship of the annual Trip for Two to Ireland raffle. AOH members are practicing Catholic men of Irish descent whose motto is Unity, Friendship and Christian Charity. With Mr. Caffrey, from left, are All Saints students Loreal Williams and Akiah Moore; Ken Soistman, the school's principal, and Francine Conway, diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools.