

Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Patrick Ryan Division #2

November 2024 Newsletter

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Brothers,

It's Veterans Day. I want to take a moment to thank all veterans for their service and sacrifice. I hope that each of you takes a moment today to remember those who never came home and lift a toast to the fallen who, as President Lincoln said, "... gave the last full measure of devotion."

We are fortunate to have many veterans among our Ryan Brothers. They are:

Msgr. Timothy Hogan, USN

Kevin Burke, USA

Robert Harris, USN

Timothy Higgins, USA

Duke Hynek, USA

Jim Inch, USMC

Dennis Inman, USAF

Joseph Kelly, USA

John "Tom" Kish, USN

John Krause, USMC

Dennis McCann, USAF

John McInerney, USAF

Michael Moorman, USA

A. Michael O'Mally, USA

Edmund Rafferty III, USCG

Michael Rouhan, USAF

Richard St.Peter, USAF

Our National Veterans Affairs Chairman Patrick Flaherty is going to publish information on all Hibernian Veterans on a National AOH Webpage. I ask that all our veterans provide, if you have not done so already, your military information and a photo of yourself in service. If you don't have, or can't find a photo of yourself in uniform, don't let that stop you. Please send your information without your photo.

Here are the questions:

Name

AOH Division and State

Branch of Service and years

Rank

Major Assignments/Tours

Short bio/interesting or significant events

Here is my information I submitted:

Timothy Higgins

AOH Patrick Ryan Division #2, Wayne County, Michigan.

US Army, Combat Engineer: 1984-1995, Recalled to Active Duty 2001-2002.

Major.

Honduras 1986, Germany 1988-1991, Germany 2001-2002

Timothy Higgins is currently the Michigan State Board President and Patrick Ryan Division #2, Wayne County, President in Plymouth, Michigan. He is a Wayne County Board (Detroit) Past President. Originally from Youngstown, Ohio, Tim joined the Notre Dame Division #1, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in 1994 and received his Major Degrees that same year from the Tara Court Major Degree Team from Suffolk County, Long Island, NY. Tim and his wife Kathleen "Kittie" Loftus Higgins live in Canton, Michigan and have four children.



Please email this information to me as soon as you can. I'll then forward to our State Veterans Affairs Chairman Sam McVean.

This past weekend The Sons of Miliesius Major Degree Team (MDT), held the Major Degrees Exemplification, at the Bavarian Sports Club, in Toledo. While three Michigan Divisions attended, the Ryan Division was represented by Robert Harris and Pat Williams who completed their degrees and pasted the Test of the Order. Congratulations Bob and Pat.



From left to right: Patrick Ryan - AOH National Director for the Midwest States, Bob Harris, Tim Higgins and Pat Williams

This month we reopen nomination and hold our election of officers for 2025. Last month, the following brothers were nominated for these offices: President - Timothy Higgins, Vice-President - Kevin Dunn, Recording Secretary - Tom Kish, Financial Secretary - Mike Riley, Treasurer - Mark Conway, Chairman of the Standing Committee - Rob Bovitz, Marshal - Kevin McGovern and Sentinel - Rick St.Peter. Any brother in good standing is eligible to run for office. Besides the elected officers, we also have appointed officers. All are welcome to throw their hat into the ring. Brothers can nominate themselves at the November meeting.

The next United Irish Societies (UIS), meeting will be at 7:30pm, on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the AOH Stephen Walsh Division Hall in Redford. Those wishing to join me for dinner at Michno's before the meeting, please reach out to me by email or phone (734.646.5073).

I'm happy to announce that Edward Harkins was selected by the membership at our October meeting to be the 2024 Hibernian of the Year Award recipient. Congratulations Ed. The Award will be presenting during this year's AOH Ryan Division Annual Christmas Party on December 7th.

Our AOH Ryan Division's Annual Christmas Party and Hibernian of the Year Award Presentation is now less than a month away. Hard to believe, eh? The event will start at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Renaud KofC Hall (our meeting room) in Plymouth. The division will provide water, pop, ice and snacks. This is a "Bring You Own Beer, Wine Sprints" event. Dinner is catered and the cost is only \$10 per person. ***All are invited, please RSVP to VP Kevin Dunn at kdunn_pc@comcast.net or 734.320.3255, *** BY NOV 23RD***.

Remember, this is your club, **let's live up to our motto and have fun doing it.**

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

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Timothy Higgins
President
Patrick Ryan Division
AOH Michigan

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