

Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Patrick Ryan Division #2

March 2024 Newsletter

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Brothers,

This Sunday is St. Patrick's Day. To say "Happy St. Patrick's Day" in Irish, you would say, Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Duit. This past Sunday was the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade down Michigan Avenue in Corktown. We did have a number of brothers, family members and friends who marched with the Ryan Division. Since I happen to also be the AOH State Board President, the Ryan Division Marched directly behind the AOH State Board. While we endured the Springtime "Jump ahead one hour" time change the night before the parade, the cool temperatures, and a little windy weather, it was another Great Day for the Irish. While Past State Board President Kevin Burke, Tim Casey the State Board Recording Secretary (Walsh Div member) marched with me representing the State Board, we also had, Mike Riley leading the Hibernian Rifles again in this year's parade. Well done everyone. Hope to have more of us come out next year for the parade.

Kevin Burke, as a Past State President, installed the officers of the Ryan Division for 2024 during last month's meeting in February. I want to thank Kevin for showing all the new members what the Installation of Officers Ritual looks like. Thank you, Past President Burke.

Since our last meeting, we had 18 brothers with their wives, meet at the newly reopened Karl's Cabin in Plymouth on the last Saturday in February for the latest edition of the Ryan Division's "Dinning Out". As always, the food and company were excellent. After dinner, Kittie and I invited everyone back to our house for beverages in my newly completed basement Irish Bar. I want to thank Leah Burke for making and bring a pudding dessert for everyone to enjoy. It was delicious.

This is a great transition to one of our agenda items for the March meeting. During the meeting tomorrow night (7:30pm, Tuesday, March 12th) we'll discuss and select the next location for "Dinning Out" later in April or early May. I've had one brother submit his recommendation for our next one already. Please do come with your recommendations for our next "dinning out".

Thanks to the efforts of Pat Williams, we are expecting Christian Fisher to take the Shamrock Degree and join the AOH at tomorrow's meeting. It would be great to have more brothers than usual at this meeting and support our newest brother.

Lastly, I am the host of the March Boys & Brews at 6pm to 8pm, on Tuesday, March 26th, at my home, a.k.a., "the largest unlicensed Irish Pub in Canton." Look for the Irish Tricolor flag. I'm in the subdivision on the NW corner of Beck & Geddes Rds. You'll want to enter off Beck Road. My address is:

3696 Park Creek Ln.
Canton, MI 48188

For those who don't know, Boys and Brews is a social and networking event for men only. For \$25 per person, \$20 for veterans, you will have your choice of several different beers. From your entrance fee, \$4 per person goes into a charity fund. In the past Boys & Brews have given money to the Canton Police Benevolent Society, First Step Women's Shelter, Make A Wish - Michigan, Special Olympics, Canton Goodfellows and many other local charities. The food will be catered by Halina's Catering out of Dearborn. Their City Chicken is the best hands down.

IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND BOYS & BREWS, forward this email to Tom Cassidy at dr.tomcassidy@yahoo.com or call him at 734.347.0600. You can also reach out to VP Kevin Dunn or CSC Rob Bovitz. Both of these Ryan Division brothers are on the Boys & Brews Board. I invite all members and their male guests to attend the March Boys & Brews at my Canton home. Thanks and I hope you can make it on the 26th.

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ZOOM Meeting Instructions: WE WILL NEED THESE IN THE FUTURE!!!

By the way, the membership and officers approved the one year upgrade to our Zoom account. Starting this Tuesday, we are no longer subject to the 40 minute time limit!!

On Tuesday about 7:28pm, if you have not participated in a Zoom meeting before, you will need to go to zoom.us and pre register for zoom. It's free. Then go back to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click on "Join a Meeting", it will ask you for a meeting number. **OUR MEETING NUMBER IS 795-921-9194**. Then click on "Join". If you have an issue, you'll see "download should start", if not, click on "download here", If it still does not start, click on "join from browser".

Once to the next step, enter your name. It will appear under your name during the meeting. The last thing is to enter the password from our meeting. **THE PASSWORD IS: 8VipbY** I will start the meeting at 7:30pm sharp.

Hope to "see" every member at our monthly Zoom Meetings.

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