

## President's Message - January 2015

Hello Brothers,

My best wishes to you and your families with the blessings of God for a healthy, successful and happiest New Year!

Congratulations to our 2015 elected and appointed officers who will continue to contribute to the leadership of our Division for another successful year with the support of all brothers. Thanks brothers for your support and confidence in electing me as your President this year. It is a special honor to serve our great Division. My goal for the upcoming year is to build on our past successes, especially with increasing our charitable work and membership.

I would like to especially thank our outgoing 2014 officers for their great work and leadership. Especially Mike Riley, who has served the last five years as our Division's President. During Mike's term the Division has substantially increased its fundraising, membership, and community involvement.

This will be our 8th year supporting the St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Thomas a Becket on Saturday, March 14 to raise funds for the St. Patrick Church food pantry. It is a very worthy cause since there are many families that are lacking food during these difficult economic times in that area. The LAOH Fagan Division will also be supporting the event again. Joe Nelson is leading the planning for this event and will need considerable support from our Division for all the activities involved. The first planning meeting will be at St Thomas a'Becket church January 22 at 7:00 pm. All of you are welcome to help plan and support another successful fundraiser.

Our next charity fundraiser event at **Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia is planned for Feb 4 – 7**. It was changed from the Vision Lanes location because considerably more proceeds are expected. Your support will be most appreciated. The funds raised will be directed to charities and other activities that we determine are appropriate.

Please pay your annual dues soon to our Worthy Financial Secretary, Ed Harkins, if you haven't. There isn't much time before our per-capita taxes have to be paid based on our Division membership.

Please continue recruiting good Irish, Catholic men to join our Division to experience our motto. Remember there are flyers and recruiting cards available to provide to prospective members. We are fortunate 11 new members joined our Division last year. I look forward to more successful recruiting in 2015 with your continued support of Declan and Tab.

I look forward to seeing you at our January 13th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Sean

### Important Notice - 2015 Membership Dues

Most of you have paid your 2015 membership dues. If you have not and are coming to our January 13th meeting, please bring your dues payment with you then. Those still owing were sent emails and snail mail notices this past week, so you know who you are! You can also mail our Financial Secretary, Ed Harkins, a check - use the address in this newsletter. Make checks payable to AOH Ryan Division. Dues are \$40 (\$35 if you are retired). 2015 membership cards will be sent to you after they're received and you have paid.

Unless you are a priest, active duty military, an AOH Life member or an associate member, you must pay dues to remain active in our order. Thank you brothers!

### Welcome new brother - Fr. Terry Treppa



Patrick Ryan Division was very happy to welcome **Fr. Terry Treppa** to the AOH and Patrick Ryan Division with his initiation at our Dec. 9th meeting. Fr. Terry, pastor of St. Richard's Parish in Westland, is pictured (above right) with President Mike Riley. Please welcome Fr. Terry warmly when you see him!

We would also like to welcome two transfer members. **John McKeating** - John recently moved to our area from New York where he has been an AOH member for several years. **Sean Murphy** - Sean previously was a member of the Adrian Division and is also a long time AOH member. Welcome men!

## The Ancient Order of Hibernians Condemns British TV Channel 4's Comedy Based on the Irish Famine

New City, New York – 1/02/15 – The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)

The Ancient Order of Hibernians condemns the commissioning of a new comedy series by Channel 4 Television Corporation entitled “Hungry” based on the events of Ireland’s “Great Hunger” also known as the Famine. The Ancient Order of Hibernians finds outrageous that an event in which, at minimum, one million Irish people died and another million were forced to emigrate should be considered by TV Channel 4 and writer Hugh Travers as a fit basis for a comedy series.

Per AOH National Anti-Defamation Chairman Neil Cosgrove:

“We sadly live in an age where outrageousness and insensitivity are now passed off as ‘creativity.’ That anyone would think the mass death of a million men, women and children through starvation and the disease that accompanies it is a fit subject for comedy is abhorrent. In attempting to justify this insensitive abomination, the show’s writer Mr. Hugh Travers is quoted as asserting that ‘comedy equals tragedy plus time’. The Ancient Order of Hibernians rejects Mr. Travers’ premise; there are some events which are so tragic, which embody so much human suffering, that the passage of eons could not render them ‘funny’. No passage of time would justify a burlesque rendition of the events of the Holocaust, of African Slavery or Ireland’s Great Hunger. Unlike Mr. Travers, the Ancient Order of Hibernians does not subscribe to the belief that compassion, sensitivity and respect for the victims of man’s inhumanity to man have a statute of limitations. It is particularly tragic to see the victims of the Great Hunger whose deaths were the direct result of the indifference, prejudice and greed fostered by a foreign imperial government now have their memory and suffering defamed by these very same forces at work in Channel 4 Television Corporation’s quest for ratings and publicity at any price”

The Ancient Order of Hibernians calls upon Channel 4 Television Corporation to immediately cancel this abhorrent and ill-considered program and in conjunction with Mr. Travers to immediately issue an apology to the worldwide Irish community.

About the Ancient Order of Hibernians

Founded in 1836 with some 40,000 members covering 38 states, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest and largest Irish-Catholic Organization in the United States

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**Resolutions anyone? Maybe not!**



Patrick Ryan Division green coats (\$330), blue jackets (\$75), sashes (\$60), and blue shirts (\$25/\$30) are available to all members.

Please contact Ed Harkins for your clothing items!



If you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail, it means I don't have an active email address for you. If you have one, please email and let me know at [edward.harkins@gmail.com](mailto:edward.harkins@gmail.com). Thanks!

Ed Harkins, Newsletter Editor

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Please pray for all division members  
 or family sick or in distress.



**Don't forget our next meeting -  
 Tuesday, January 13th**

Be there and help to welcome any  
 new members initiated that night!

Pizza and 50/50 drawing after the  
 meeting!

Must be present to eat and win!!!



Calendar of upcoming events:

Dec 31, 2014 - DEADLINE FOR 2015 DUES PAYMENTS!

Jan 1, 2015 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan 13, 2015

Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C

Jan 22, 2015

St. Pat's party planning meeting, 7:00 pm, STAB conference room

Feb 4-7, 2015

Charity Poker event, Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia

Feb 10, 2015

Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C

Mar 10, 2015

Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C

Mar 14, 2015

St. Pat's Party, 5:30 pm, St. Thomas a'Becket church



Remember our motto:  
Friendship, Unity, and True Christian Charity!

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Mon.  
January 13th, 2015  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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