

## Ryan Division Ramblings - January 2016

Hello Brothers,

My best wishes to you and your families for a joyful, healthy and very successful New Year! Pope Francis has declared this jubilee year as the Holy Year of Mercy with the motto – Merciful like the Father. This year will also remember 1916 as the time when Irish nationalism joined forces to forge an irresistible movement towards self-determination and issue the Proclamation of the Republic that represented the ideals of that generation.

Congratulations to our 2016 elected and appointed officers who will continue to make contributions to our Division for another successful year with the support of all brothers. Thanks for your support and confidence in me as your President, which I am honored to serve.

This will be our 9th year supporting the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Thomas a Becket (STAB) on Saturday, March 12 to raise funds for a food pantry. It is a very worthy cause for many families who are lacking food and other support even during these better times. It usually raises about \$3,000 annually. The Celebration has supported St. Patrick Food Pantry located at St. Patrick Church in Detroit for several years. Unfortunately, it closed with the church last year. The LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division will also be supporting the event again. Considerable support is important from our Division for all the activities involved. The first planning meeting will be at STAB January 11. All of you are welcome to help plan and support another successful Celebration.

Our next charity poker fundraiser is scheduled Feb 1-3 (Monday-Wednesday) at Malarkey's in Westland. There will be an opportunity to sign up at our January meeting. Your support of this fundraiser is most appreciated. There will be another charity fundraiser at Malarkey's April 18-20. The funds will be directed to Christian charities and important AOH causes that we determine are most appropriate to continue making a difference.

Please pay your 2016 annual dues soon to our Worthy Financial Secretary, Ed Harkins. You can bring your dues payment to our meeting

Please continue recruiting good Irish, Catholic men to join our Division to experience our motto. We are fortunate that Bob Yancey has agreed to support the recruiting efforts of Tab Morin. Remember there are flyers and recruiting cards available to provide to prospective members.

I look forward to seeing you at our January 12th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike / AOH Patrick Ryan Division President

## 2016 Dues Payments

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The due date for paying your 2016 dues has now come and gone (December 31st). However, it's not too late to pay your dues! Those very few of you who have been procrastinating, please pay your dues now. You may bring your dues with you to our meeting on Tuesday January 12th, or if you like you can mail Financial Secretary, Ed Harkins, a check (see address below). **Make checks payable to AOH Ryan Division. Dues are \$40 (\$35 if you are retired).** 2016 membership cards will be sent after 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!

Mailing address for dues payments:  
**Ed Harkins, Financial Secretary**  
**45072 Lothrop Ct.**  
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## 2016 Patrick Ryan Division Officer Installation

The AOH Patrick Ryan Division installation of 2016 officers occurred Saturday, January 9th at the AOH Hall in Redford, MI. Pictured below (L-R) Michigan State Board President Kevin Burke (also Ryan Div member), Ryan Division President Mike Riley, Treasurer Rick St.Peter, Marshall Mark Gunn, Vice President Bill Brang, Financial Secretary Ed Harkins, and State Board Recording Secretary Tim Higgins (also Ryan Division member). Not pictured, Ryan Division Recording Secretary Tom Kish, Sentinel Mike Murray and Chairman of the Standing Committee Duke Hynek.





**Happy New Year!**  
In Ireland, here's how you say it:  
"Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Duit"  
(AH-vlee ihn free WAH-shuh wich)



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, Jan 12th**

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:

Jan 1, 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan 12, 2016

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

Feb 1-3, 2015

Ryan Division charity poker, Malarkey's Irish Pub

Feb 9, 2015

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

Feb 13, 2016

Mich State Board meeting, 10:00 am, AOH Hall in Redford



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
January 12th, 2016  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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