

## Ryan Division Ramblings - January 2017

Brothers,

Happy New Year, and if you did not know, 2017 is our division's 39<sup>th</sup> year.

First I want to say that I am humbled and honored to again serve you as our division president. Thank you to the officers who have just completed their terms of office at the end of 2016. I especially want to recognize Past President Mike Riley for his selfless service to the Patrick Ryan Division. He has been the division's standard bearer for six of the past seven years. Well done Brother Mike.

The 2017 officers will be installed by the AOH Wayne County President Rich McNichols at the Walsh Division Hall on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Later this same day, twenty plus Ryan Hibernians, wives and guests will meet for dinner and then attend the Team USA hockey game at the arena on Beck Road in Plymouth.

The first meeting of the year will be on January 10<sup>th</sup> where new member candidate Tim Dougan will receive his Shamrock Degree and become a member of our Order. Please come and show your support for our new brother Tim.

Just a few of the coming attractions for this year will include sending a team to the AOH & LAOH State Board's "Trivia Night" at the Walsh Hall on January 28<sup>th</sup> (see Pg 5), marching in the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade, attending the AOH Wayne County Convention on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the AOH/ LAOH Michigan State Convention on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll run a charity poker June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at Doc's, run the bar at the MCIF as a recruiting event, and see the return of the "Hat Party" later on this summer, as well as, several other events and activities. More information will be posted as these events get closer. Stay tuned. This should be fun.

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Tim Higgins  
President  
Patrick Ryan Division

### Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

These are the principles of our order. The first principle, of course, is **Friendship**. As a new year begins this month, let's try to remember throughout the year to be more friendly to each other. At meetings, on the street, anywhere we meet. Call it a resolution, or just practicing the principles of the AOH. How about it?

## 2017 Officer Installations - 1/7/2017



Our 2017 division officers were officially installed in a ceremony at AOH Walsh Hall on Saturday, January 7th. Pictured below are (left to right): Joe Kelly, Ed Harkins, Rick St. Peter, Tim Higgins, Mark Gunn and Tom Kish. Officers not pictured are: Bill Brang, Mike Murray.

Our newly elected officers assumed their positions on January 1st.

Division officers elected for 2017 are as follows:

President - Tim Higgins

Vice President - Joe Kelly

Recording Secretary - Tom Kish

Financial Secretary - Ed Harkins

Treasurer - Rick St. Peter

Chairman of the Standing Committee - Bill Brang

Marshall - Mark Gunn

Sentinel - Mike Murray

## Time to pay your 2017 dues!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** 2017 membership dues should have been paid by **December 31, 2016**. There are a very few number of you you have not sent your dues in yet. However, you may bring your dues with you to our January 10th meeting, or mail them to Financial Secretary, Ed Harkins. Once you pay your dues, you will receive your 2017 membership card.

Dues are \$40 (\$35 if you are retired). 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.

Make checks payable to **AOH Ryan Division**.

Send payments to: Ed Harkins, 45072 Lothrop Ct. Canton, MI 48188.

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## Hockey Night out - 1/7/2017

In our first division social event of the year, approximately 20 Ryan Division brothers and family members enjoyed a nice dinner out at CJ's Brewing Company and then an exciting hockey game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. The USA U18 team beat the Youngstown Phantoms 1-0, scoring the only goal of the game with 5 minutes left in the third period. It was a very enjoyable event for us and we hope to do several more family social events this year. If you didn't make this one, please considerer joining us next time!



## Patrick Ryan Division - Seminarian Donations

In November, Patrick Ryan Division contributed \$500 each to seminarians Robert Kilner and Mark Livingston, who both are nephews of division members.

Robert is a member and unofficial chaplain of an AOH division in Washington DC. He graduated from the Catholic University of America in 2010. He went to the Pontifical North American College in Rome studying theology for the past three years. He is assigned to a parish in the Archdiocese of Washington DC and will be ordained a priest in 2017.

Mark is serving a pastoral assignment at Our Lady of Sorrows church in Farmington, MI now and will pursue his education next semester. He will be ordained a deacon in 2017 and a priest at Detroit Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 2018.

Ryan Division has contributed to Project St. Patrick several times in the past and expects to contribute more in the future. It was decided to contribute directly to Mark and Robert because theirs is a personal relationship with division members and it was important to contribute now for their important education support.



The Patrick Ryan Division recently contributed \$500 to seminarians Robert Kilner and Mark Livingston, who are nephews of Division members. Pictured with Mark Livingston are Division members left to right: Tim Higgins, Mike Rouhan (uncle), Mike Riley and Frank Bernacki.

Please join us for....



# AOH/LAOH State Convention Fundraiser TRIVIA NIGHT

Come relax and enjoy an **adult** evening of fun, trivia, and conversation.

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**7:00-10:00pm (doors open at 6:30)**

**AOH Hall, 25300 Five Mile Road, Redford**

Cost per **TEAM** is \$40 (\$5 per person), no more than 8 people per team. If you don't have a team, no worries, we will connect you to another team. Come and have some fun!



Registration includes: Pizza and Popcorn

Cash Bar available

Dessert/Fruit and Veggies/Cheese & Crackers Plates available for purchase

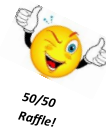
**1<sup>st</sup> place Team wins \$100.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place Team wins \$50.00**

**Register your team by January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Send the form below and payment to: AOH Convention Fund

Attn: Maureen Kelly, 16560 Levan, Livonia MI 48154



Name \_\_\_\_\_

How many tables/people \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

MICHIGAN  
AOH/LAOH  
2017 STATE CONVENTION



May 19 & 20, 2017

Embassy Suites  
19525 Victor Parkway  
Livonia, Michigan 48152  
toll free 888-347-2319  
or 734-462-6000

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For your reservations, please  
contact Embassy Suites  
at 888-347-2319 or 734-462-6000

Be sure to mention AOH/LAOH  
to get the room rate of \$119.<sup>00</sup> per  
night for a King room or \$129.<sup>00</sup> for a  
Double (limited availability).

Every registered guest receives a  
complementary cook to order  
breakfast. You must reserve on or  
before April 1, 2017 for the special rate.



Please join us Friday Night at  
the Ganders Lounge in Embassy Suites  
May 19, 2017

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**Ice Breaker**

*Entertainment provided by the*

**McSpillin**

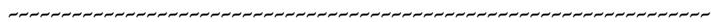
*Snacks and a cash bar  
will be available.*

A good time for all!



**A couple of New Years traditions in Ireland** - Centuries ago, it was customary to begin the New Year with a spotlessly clean house. As a result, houses were thoroughly cleaned as it signified a fresh start to the New Year.

At midnight on New Years Eve, many would enter the house through the front door and leave through the back door for good luck.



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 10th**

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 7, 2017**

**AOH Ryan Division Hockey Night! 7:30 pm, Plymouth**

**Jan 10, 2017**

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

**Jan 28, 2017**

**Trivia Night, 7:00 pm, AOH Walsh Hall in Redford**

**Feb 14, 2017**

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

**April 7, 2017**

**AOH Wayne County Convention**

**May 19-20, 2017**

**AOH/LAOH Michigan State Convention**



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
January 10th, 2016  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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