

## Happy Valentine's Day - 2015!

Brothers,

Our February monthly meeting is this Tuesday...usual place, usual time. Come join us!

Check out pages 2 & 3 for information needed to register for the 2015 bi-annual AOH/LAOH Michigan State Convention. It will be held on May 1 & 2 at the Flint Holiday Inn (same place as the past two state conventions). Start making your plans to attend soon.

As you may know, one of our early Ryan Division Chaplains was Fr. Joe Tobin. Fr. Joe has come a long way since those early days of the Patrick Ryan Division and he is now The Most Reverend Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We could not be more proud of "Fr. Joe" and are pleased that he remains a member of our division! Read his greetings on Page 4. Incidentally, we are also proud of the fact that this division can count six priests as members, including His Excellency Archbishop Tobin.

The annual St. Pat's party at St. Thomas a'Becket Church is scheduled for March 14th this year. Planning is ongoing now and we need your help in support of this fun event. There will be more discussion about the party at this month's meeting, but if you would like to assist in the actual planning work, contact President Sean Nichols, VP Joe Nelson or Past President Mike Riley. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 12th at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas a'Becket.

Congrats are in order for another successful charity poker event conducted by this division. The February 4-7 event at Doc's Sports Retreat will net us approximately \$5000! These funds will be put to good use in support of our many charitable needs. Thanks to Mike Riley for chairing this very successful event and to all brothers who lent their time and talents. Mike will provide a more detailed report out at our Tuesday division meeting.

Don't forget what day next Saturday is...it's Valentines Day! If you do forget, don't say that you weren't reminded!


Have you checked out the AOH National website lately? It's been upgraded and contains loads of great information about our organization. You can also find the content of the latest National Hibernian Digest there. Check it out at <http://www.aoh.com>.

Finally, Lent is coming soon...Ash Wednesday is February 18th. What are you doing to make this Lenten season a more spiritual experience for yourself? Something to think about.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ed Harkins  
Newsletter Editor

**MICHIGAN  
AOH/LAOH  
2015 STATE CONVENTION**



May 1 & 2, 2015

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre  
5353 Gateway Centre  
Flint, Michigan 48507  
810-232-5300

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

For your reservations, please contact Holiday Inn Gateway Centre at 810-232-5300

Be sure to mention AOH/LAOH to get the room rate of \$102.00 per night. You must reserve on or before April 1, 2015 for the special rate.



Please join us Friday Night at Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Ball Room May 1, 2015

*for the*  
**Ice Breaker**

*Entertainment provided by the*  
**Diggers**

*Snacks and a cash bar will be available.*

**A good time for all!**

**Registration Form for the  
AOH/LAOH 2015 State Convention  
May 1&2, 2015**

*Please indicate your selection*

**All Inclusive Convention Package**

— **Full Registration \$100.00**  
*Does not include Major Degree Fee*

**Ala-Carte**

— **Ice Breaker \$20.00**  
— **Breakfast & Lunch \$50.00**  
— **Banquet Dinner \$45.00**

**AOH only Major Degrees**

— **AOH Major Degree \$30.00**

**Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please Print*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

AOH/LAOH Division \_\_\_\_\_

AOH/LAOH Office \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to:*  
**AOH/LAOH Michigan Convention Fund**  
*Send checks and registration forms to:* Maureen Kelly  
16560 Levan, Livonia, MI 48154

**MICHIGAN LAOH/AOH  
2015 STATE CONVENTION  
Information**

The Michigan State Convention Committee has endeavored to provide you with the best convention experience.

**All Inclusive Package**  
The **FULL PACKAGE** cost is only \$100 which includes three meals & the ICE BREAKER.

**Ala-Carte Options**  
*per person*

- Ice Breaker Only \$20
- Breakfast & Lunch Only \$50
- Banquet Only \$45

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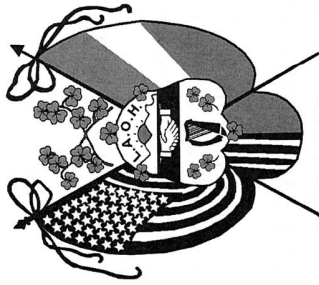
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You must register by April 1, 2015  
No Walk-Ins will be accommodated

Date: May 1 & 2, 2015

At: Holiday Inn Gateway Centre

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5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507  
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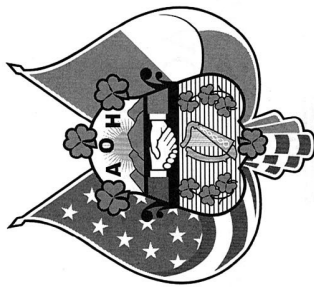
**LAOH AGENDA**

**Friday, May 1, 2015**

- 1:00pm - 4:00pm *By-Laws Meeting*
- 4:00pm to 7:00pm *Registration*
- 8:00pm to 11:00pm *Ice Breaker*

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

- 7:00am - 9:00am *Registration*
- 7:30 - 8:30 *Breakfast*
- 9:00am - Noon *Convention Meeting*
- Noon - 1:00pm *Lunch*
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm *Convention Meeting*
- 5:00pm - 6:30 *Mass & Installation*
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm *Social Hour*
- 7:30 - ? *Banquet*



**AOH AGENDA**

**Friday, May 1, 2015**

- 4:00pm to 7:00pm *Registration*
- 8:00pm to 11:00pm *Ice Breaker*

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

- 7:00am - 9:00am *Registration*
- 7:30 - 8:30 *Breakfast*
- 9:00am - Noon *Convention Meeting*
- Noon - 1:00pm *Lunch*
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm *AOH Meeting*
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm *AOH Degrees*
- 5:00pm - 6:30 *Mass & Installation*
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm *Social Hour*
- 7:30 - ? *Banquet*

### A Letter from His Excellency Archbishop Tobin!

We are very proud to have an archbishop in our division membership! Although Archbishop Tobin is too busy to attend any of our division functions these days, it's great to know that he continues to value his AOH membership and thinks of us often. Let's all keep Brother Joe Tobin in our prayers.



The Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
1400 N. Meridian Street  
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January 27, 2015

Edward L. Harkins  
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Dear Ed,

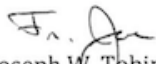
Thanks very much for renewing my membership in the Patrick Ryan Division. The new card is safely ensconced in my wallet and will be used to identify myself at events of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. I am grateful to you and the brothers for this consideration.

The Kevin Barry Division of Indianapolis has tried unsuccessfully to sway my allegiance. I let them know where my loyalties lie.

Please greet all the members in my name. Many thanks to Mike Riley for his years of leadership and blessings on the new service of Seán Nichols.

To be Irish is a blessing; to be a Hibernian is an honor.

Sincerely yours in Friendship, Unity and  
Christian Charity,

  
+ Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Indianapolis



**Irish Tidbits...**

Did you know that St. Valentine is said to be buried in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin? (Even though we aren't quite sure who he was, or when he died....but true Irish romantics don't need to worry about the facts!)



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, February 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:

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

Feb 12, 2015

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

Feb 18, 2015 - ASH WEDNESDAY

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.  
February 10th, 2015  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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