

Ryan Division Ramblings - February 2016

Hello Brothers,

Since Lent starts this Wednesday, it's a good time to consider contemplating the sufferings, death and resurrection of Jesus. It's also a time to start reflecting on our plans to honor God and strengthen our faith.

The second planning meeting was held February 3rd for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Thomas a Becket (STAB) on March 12 to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mary Outreach Center. (See Page 3 flyer.) It is a very worthy cause since there are many needy, hungry families. Please consider signing up for the activities of this event by signing up at our February 9th meeting. Remember to help with retailer gift card donations for the baskets or provide a complete basket, if possible, to help raise additional funds at the party. Tickets and flyers can be picked up at the STAB office. I will bring some extra flyers to our meeting also.

Our proceeds from the Feb 1-3 charity poker fundraiser at Malarkey's were about \$2,100. It was quite good for a Monday thru Wednesday event, which is not as well attended as weekend events. Our next charity poker fundraiser is scheduled April 18-20 (Monday-Wednesday) at Malarkey's. Your support of this fundraiser will be most appreciated. The funds will be directed to Christian charities and important AOH causes that we determine are most appropriate to continue making a difference.

On Sunday, March 13th, there is expected to be a mass at the AOH Walsh Division Hall followed by breakfast. A bus will be available for transportation to the Detroit St. Patrick's Day parade after breakfast and will return after the parade. **All members are encouraged to march with our Division in the parade that starts at noon.** I hope we can be well represented again. I look forward to seeing you there. The Hibernian Rifle Color Guard will also be marching in the parade also. Let's hope the weather cooperates with warmer weather that day.

The Michigan State Board meeting is Saturday, February 13, at 10:00 AM at the AOH Hall. Let's be there to provide good representation of our Division.

A Detroit interactive program to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Ireland's Easter Rising will be at the Gaelic League Saturday, April 9, at 1:00. Detroit's connection and women of 1916 will be explored.

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 February 9th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley / 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 February 9th, 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.
Canton, MI 48188

2016 St. Brigid of Ireland Mass

On Sunday January 31st, members of our division and other AOH and LAOH divisions gathered at St. Robert Bellarmine Church to honor St. Brigid. St. Brigid is the patron saint of the LAOH and next to St. Patrick, the most revered saint of Ireland.



COMING SOON!

Ryan Division agreed at our January meeting to increase our overall visibility by setting up a division website and Facebook page. Both are "under construction" and will be up and running soon. Watch your email for more information on this and our official "launch" dates!



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 12, 2016 at

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m.

Our Own Irish Menu

- ♣ Fresh Crisp Salad & Dressings
- ♣ Succulent Corned Beef/Cabbage
A vegetarian option is available upon request
- ♣ Creamy Mashed Potatoes
- ♣ Steamed Tender Carrots
- ♣ Great Desserts and Brewed Coffee

+ Beverages

- ♣ Guinness
- ♣ Ice Cold Bud Light
- ♣ Wine
- ♣ Chilled Soda

= \$25.00 per adult ticket
\$10.00 per child 12 - 18

This Fundraiser supports:

- ♣ St. Mary Outreach Center &
- ♣ St. Vincent de Paul

Music by:

Kish Celtic
Band



Dancing Performances by:



O'Hare Irish
Dancers

For Tickets Call – 734-981-1333, or purchase



Tickets at the Door!



*This Fundraiser is Co-Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Patrick Ryan Division,
and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division*

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED



Irish Tidbits...Happy St. Valentine's Day!

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. 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, Feb 9th**

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 9, 2016

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

Feb 10, 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 13, 2016

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

Mar 8, 2016

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

Mar 12, 2016

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

Mar 13, 2016

Detroit St. Pat's Parade, Corktown in Detroit

Apr 18-20, 2016

Ryan Division charity poker, Malarkey's Irish Pub



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.
February 9th, 2016
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

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