

Happy St. Patrick's Day - March 17, 2015!

Brothers,

Our March monthly meeting is this Tuesday March 10th...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.

The annual St. Pat's party at St. Thomas a'Becket Church is scheduled for March 14th this year. Planning is nearly complete, but we still need some additional help to make this another successful event. If you can assist in serving food for a brief shift or selling 50/50 tickets for awhile or stick around at the end for some light clean up duty, it would be very much appreciated. There will be more discussion about the party at this month's meeting, but if you would like to assist in any way, please send an email now to President Sean Nichols, VP Joe Nelson or Past President Mike Riley. Email addresses are noted on Page 6 of this newsletter.

The annual Detroit St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Sunday, March 15th. The parade starts at Noon. If you are able to March with our division we would love to have you join us. You just need to arrive about 10:00 or 10:30 and find our spot in the parade line up near Holy Trinity Church. Parking nearby is available. We will discuss this in greater detail this Tuesday as well. Please consider marching with the AOH this year! See parade route information on Page 6.

We all know that St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Read his life story on Pages 4 & 5.

Past President Tim Higgins had a serious fall accident this week and was in the hospital a few days recovering. Please keep Tim and his wife Kittie and their family in your prayers while Tim continues his recovery at home.

Lent is flying by! Palm Sunday is March 29th and Easter Sunday is the following Sunday, April 5th. However, there is still plenty of time to make this Lenten season a special one spiritually for you. Consider attending one of the special Lenten prayer services all parishes in our area are having. Also don't forget your annual Easter season duty. May God bless you and your family this Easter and may you enjoy the time with your family in a special way!

Hope to see you all this coming Tuesday!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ed Harkins
Newsletter Editor

**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

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— **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

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!

**MICHIGAN
AOH/LAOH
2015 STATE CONVENTION**



May 1 & 2, 2015

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

**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.

All-Cardé Options
per person

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

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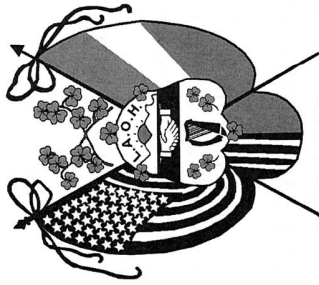
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You must register by April 1, 2015
No Walk-Ins will be accommodated

Date: May 1 & 2, 2015

At: Holiday Inn Gateway Centre

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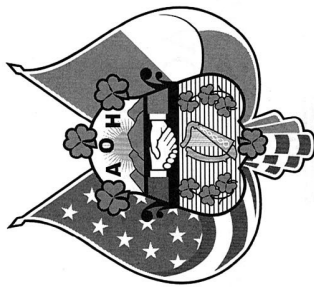
LAOH AGENDA

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 Bio of St. Patrick - Patron Saint of Ireland

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints.

Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461.

Along with St. Nicholas and St. Valentine, the secular world shares our love of these saints. This is also a day when everyone's Irish.

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family. He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

A Bio of St. Patrick - Patron Saint of Ireland (continued from previous page)

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

In His Footsteps:

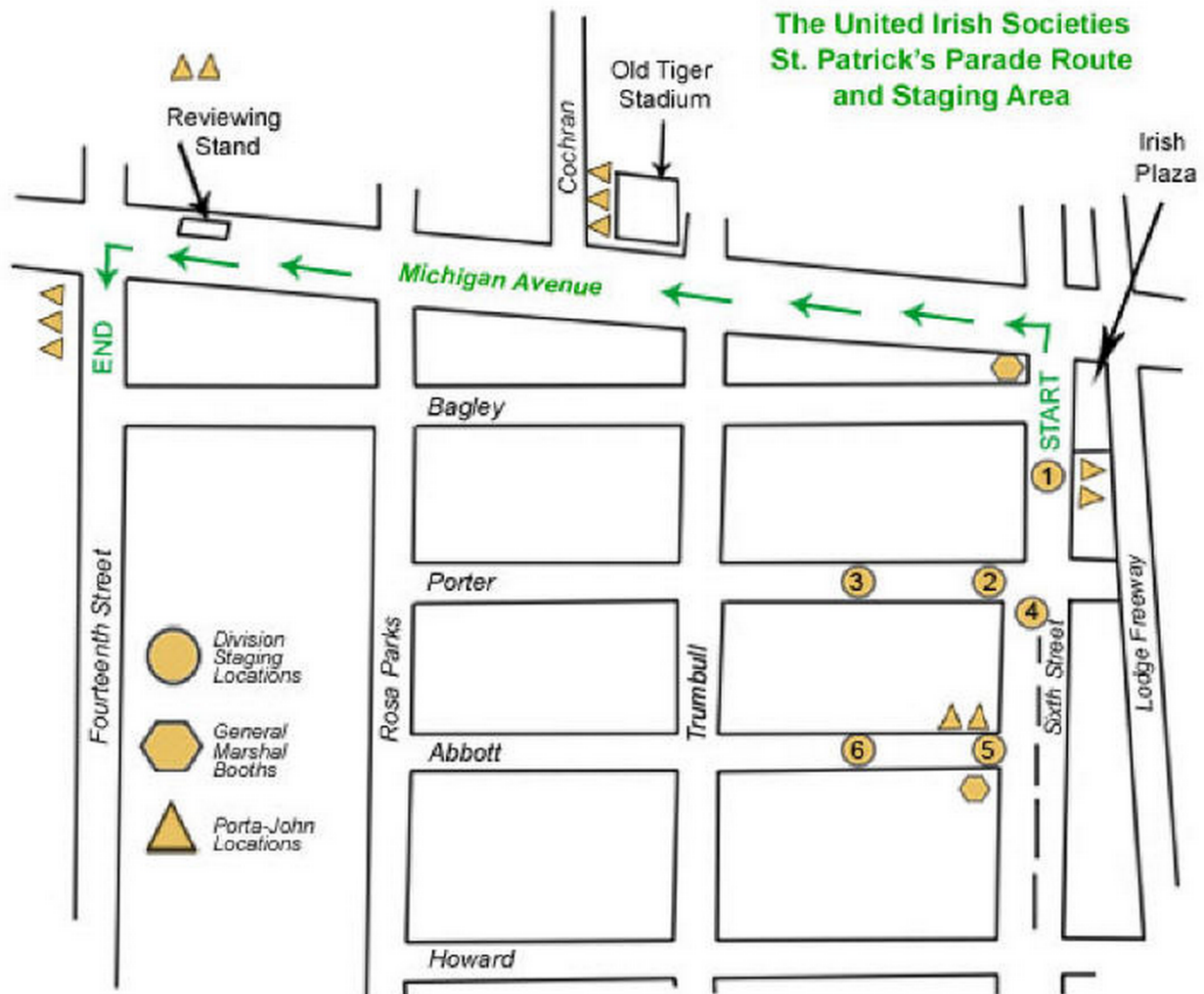
Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

Thanks to Catholic Online - www.catholic.org.



2015 Detroit St. Patrick's Parade information!

The St. Patrick's Parade





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>.



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, March 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:

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

Mar 15, 2015

Detroit St. Patrick's Parade, 12:00 Noon, Corktown

Mar 17, 2015

ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Apr 5, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY!

Apr 14, 2015

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



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Mon.
March 10th, 2015
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

AOH Patrick Ryan Division
c/o Newsletter Editor
45072 Lothrop Ct.
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