

Ryan Division Ramblings - April 2016

Hello Brothers,

I hope you and yours had a very joyous and blessed Easter reflecting on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus filling us with joy and hope. Our church gives us 50 days to more intensely celebrate this mystery of Christ's triumph over sin and death.

On April 24, 1916, Easter Monday, on the steps of the General Post Office on Sackville Street, now O'Connell Street, Dublin, Patrick Pearse read the Proclamation of the provisional government of the Irish Republic to the people of Ireland. There is a 1916 Easter Rising event planned by the AOH/LAOH at the AOH Hall in Redford, Saturday April 23. (See pages 6 & 7 for more details.)

Thanks to many brothers for supporting and attending our St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Thomas a Becket on March 12 to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul and St Mary Outreach Center. We raised about \$3,000 for a very worthy cause since there are many families lacking food and other basic living needs in the area. (See some great pictures on page 2.)

Thanks to several brothers representing our Division in the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade March 13th in spite of the rainy, chilly weather. Mark Gunn, Joe Kelly, his daughter, Megan and friend, Rick St. Peter, Mike Spencer and I marched with our Division banner. Kevin Burke, Tim Higgins, Ed Harkins and Patrick Sturdy, National Director marched with the State Board, Mike Rouhan marched with the Knights of Equity and Duke Hynek marched with the Irish Pallottines. (See page 3.)

Our next fundraiser for charities is scheduled April 18-20 (Monday-Wednesday) at Malarkey's Irish Pub. There will be an opportunity to sign up at our April meeting in addition to other requests. Your support is most appreciated. The funds raised will be donated to charities and AOH activities that we determine are most appropriate to continue making a difference.

Our Division will be selling Irish Baker baked goods at the Detroit Feis Saturday, June 4 in Pontiac, 8 AM to 2 PM. Support for baking items at the Irish Baker will be appreciated Friday evening. The funds raised are not very much, but it's good exposure for our Division and the AOH.

Consider attending the 36th annual Respect Life Dinner to benefit Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund at Burton Manor in Livonia Thursday, April 14 for \$50/person. Abby Johnson, an outspoken prolife advocate, will be the main speaker.

Don't forget to consider attending the AOH/LAOH National Convention in Atlantic City at Harrah's Hotel July 11 to 14. It is a great experience to learn more about our great fraternal organization with our brothers. The Major Degree will also be available.

Bob Yancey and Tab Morin are co-chairing our membership recruiting activities. Please support them and continue recruiting good Irish Catholic men to join our Division and experience our motto. Remember there are flyers and recruiting cards available to provide to prospective members.

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

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley / AOH Patrick Ryan Division President

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - March 12, 2016!



2016 Detroit St. Patrick's Parade!

Patrick Ryan Division again marched in the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade this year on March 13th. It was a very wet and rainy and the crowds were obviously down, but those attending were in great spirits...as the Irish always are! Thanks to all brothers who persevered and marched with our division.



The Camino de Santiago (also known as the Way of St. James)

Our own Fr. Pat Casey made the famous Camino de Santiago walk during the entire month of March, finishing the approximately 100 km journey on March 30th. Following are his own words of reflection after completing this arduous and physical personal journey.



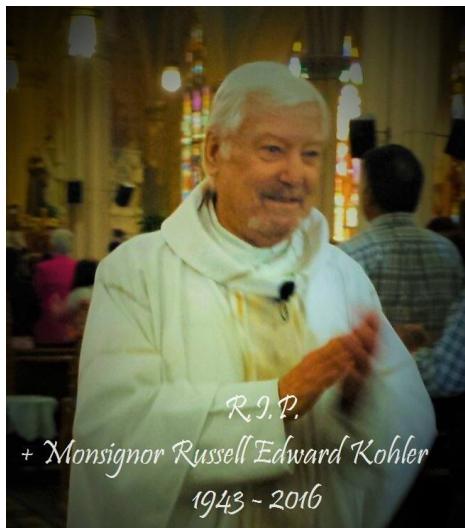
"It took 30 days to complete this journey, starting in Pamplona. The guide book had each day's travel mapped out and called each not a day but a stage. I like that. Every day was hard. The Camino showed us a new way to be challenged every day. Every day. You get used to hills. Then you get used to rocky and even dangerous hills. Then you get used to the mud. The rain. The wind. And when you think you've figured all that out, you discover that you're on a rainy rocky hill that had a team of diarrhetic horses on it recently! I kept expecting swarms of angry bees or lava flows with which to contend!"

The Camino has been a privilege to experience because it has shown me in a microcosm if you will, what the Christian life is like. Not every day in the life of a Christian should be hard. Quite to the contrary, as joyful Christians is how our lives should be lived. But a Christian living in a world that glorifies sin is hard. I would say that in each stage of our lives in Christ we are presented with hard

choices. Difficult people. Tough expectations

What have I learned these 30 days? Mostly a case of re-learning the lessons of a spiritual program I have been following for almost 3 decades: one day at a time; keep it simple; be on guard for the unguarded moment. I've recognized that I don't always rise to the challenge in the best way. I know I love the Lord, and am in a better place spiritually because of the Camino.

I will be unwrapping the Camino and its lessons for a long time. Now the <real> journey begins."



Very sad news to report... Msgr. Russ Kohler, longtime pastor of Most Holy Trinity Church in Corktown, passed away on March 25th after battling heart disease issues for some time. We will all deeply miss Fr. Russ. He was a tremendous blessing to be had for the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Michigan and was a great Irish man through and through!



They Are Here!!!

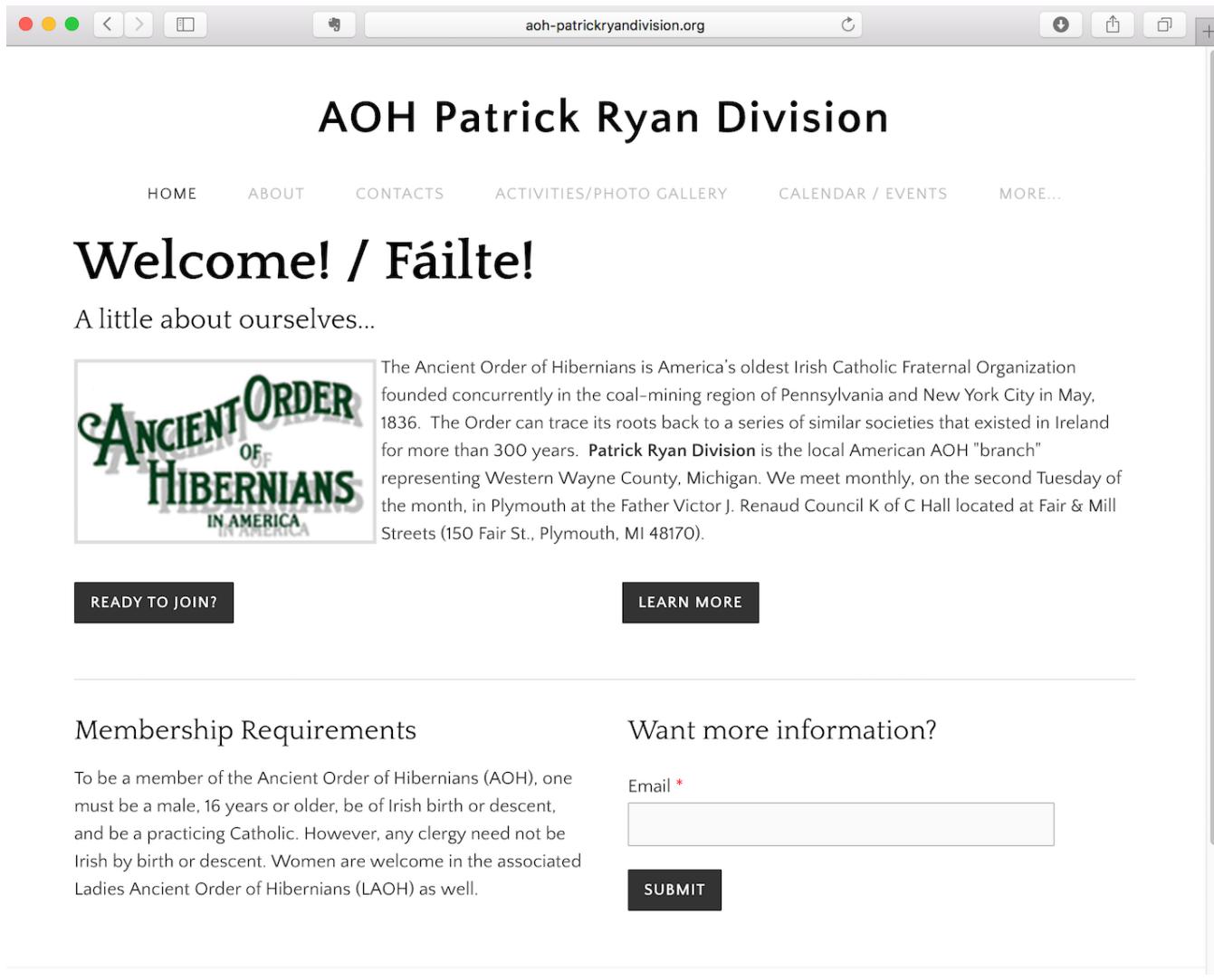
At our January 2016 general meeting, Patrick Ryan Division agreed to increase our overall visibility by setting up a division website and Facebook page. Our new division website is now up and running for you to enjoy! A Ryan Division Facebook page is also in place!

You can access our new website at www.aoh-patrickryandivision.org and check it out. Going forward, please do check it regularly for news and information about the AOH and our division. Below is a screenshot of our Home page on the Patrick Ryan Division website.

Find our Facebook page at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/AOH-Patrick-Ryan-Division-1097444203611253/>

If you have content to add, pictures or stories, etc., please let our webmaster Ed Harkins know.



The screenshot shows a Mac OS X browser window with the URL "aoh-patrickryandivision.org" in the address bar. The page title is "AOH Patrick Ryan Division". Below the title are navigation links: HOME, ABOUT, CONTACTS, ACTIVITIES/PHOTO GALLERY, CALENDAR / EVENTS, and MORE... The main content features a large "Welcome! / Fáilte!" heading, followed by a sub-headline "A little about ourselves...". To the left is a logo for "ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA". To the right is a text block about the history of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and details about the Patrick Ryan Division. At the bottom are two buttons: "READY TO JOIN?" and "LEARN MORE".

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is America's oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization founded concurrently in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania and New York City in May, 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a series of similar societies that existed in Ireland for more than 300 years. **Patrick Ryan Division** is the local American AOH "branch" representing Western Wayne County, Michigan. We meet monthly, on the second Tuesday of the month, in Plymouth at the Father Victor J. Renaud Council K of C Hall located at Fair & Mill Streets (150 Fair St., Plymouth, MI 48170).

Membership Requirements

To be a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), one must be a male, 16 years or older, be of Irish birth or descent, and be a practicing Catholic. However, any clergy need not be Irish by birth or descent. Women are welcome in the associated Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) as well.

Want more information?

Email *

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Ancient Order of Hibernians 1916 Rising Commemorative Ceremony

APRIL 23, 2016 Doors open at 4:30 / Mass at 5:00

Celebrate Ireland's historic fight for freedom!

There will be Mass, the reading of the Proclamation, speakers, dinner, and music (provided by The Diggers).

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available at the A.O.H. Hall, Murphy's Restaurant or contact Brigid Taylor at 248-996-8294 for reservations.

Appropriate dress required. No jeans please.

"Ireland unfree shall never be at peace"
P. Pearse

The **Easter Rising** also known as the **Easter Rebellion**, was an armed insurrection in Ireland during Easter Week, April 1916. The Rising was launched by Irish republicans to end British rule in Ireland and establish an independent Irish Republic while the United Kingdom was heavily engaged in World War I. It was the most significant uprising in Ireland since the rebellion of 1798, and the first armed action of the Irish revolutionary period. Click the following link to learn more!

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_Rising



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!

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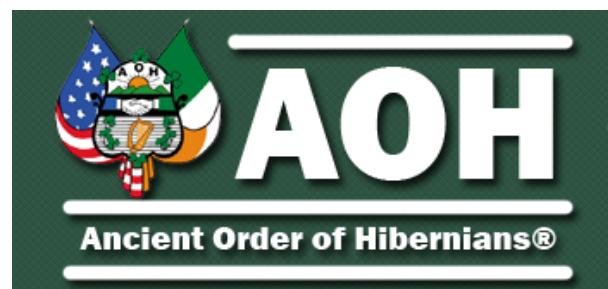


Don't forget our next meeting -
Tuesday, Apr 12th

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:

Apr 12, 2016

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

Apr 18-20, 2016

Ryan Division charity poker, Malarkey's Irish Pub

Apr 23, 2016

Centennial Remembrance of the Easter Uprising, AOH Hall

Apr 14, 2016

Respect Life Dinner, 7:00 pm, Laurel Manor, Livonia

May 10, 2016

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

Jun 4, 2016

Detroit Feis, 8:00 am, Pontiac Ultimate Soccer facility

Jun 14, 2016

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 Tues.

April 12th, 2016

Renaud Council K of C Hall

Fair & Mill Streets

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