

## Ryan Division Ramblings - April 2018

Brothers,

I trust that everyone had a Blessed and Happy Easter. The month of April brings the promise of Spring, but not yet with our below normal temperatures and April snowfalls. It may not feel like Spring now, but the warmer weather will soon be upon us before you know it and we'll all be running our air conditioners.

If you don't know, **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018** marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the charactering of our Patrick Ryan Division. Our annual Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>, will also be a celebration of the past 40 years.

At 10:30am, on **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, we'll participate for the second year in the "Greater Plymouth Service Project" in partnership with "Kids Against Hunger". This event is open to all members, spouses, family and friends. Last year we supplied two teams. If you have not done so already, let VP Joe Kelly know as soon as possible how many are coming with you. Like last year, when we are done at 12:30pm, we'll all go out to the Red Olive in Plymouth for lunch.

Coming events include the Ryan Division marching in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade and our division's day trip to Frankenmuth.

Remember, this is your club, let's live up to our motto and have fun doing it.

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Timothy Higgins  
President  
Patrick Ryan Division  
AOH Michigan

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## Charity Poker Fundraising - June 27-30, 2018

Brothers,

Our next charity poker fundraiser will be June 27-30 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering to assist in this important division fundraiser. Thank you, brothers.

Mike Riley, Past President  
Charity Poker Chairman

## “Sharin’ of the Green Mass” - March 17th

**Saturday - March 17, 2018** - Below is a photo of the AOH Michigan Rifles falling out with Bishop Battersby at the "Sharin' of the Green" St. Patrick's Day mass at Most Holy Trinity Church in Corktown (Detroit). Pictured from left to right, the Rifles are Brian Murphy, **Bob Yancey (Patrick Ryan Division)**, **Mike Riley (Patrick Ryan Division)**, Patrick Murphy and Joe Bittner. Most Reverend Battersby was ordained Bishop January 25, 2017. This was the first St. Patrick's Day mass he attended. He gave a great homily reviewing his Irish roots also.

Here's some interesting family information about Bishop Battersby and his Irish roots: In the 1800's, the largest concentration of Irish Battersby's were located in the Dublin area, principally in Loughbawn County, Westmeath and Smithstown County, Meath. It is from there around 1850 (during the great Irish immigration prompted by the Potato Famine) that Bishop Battersby's paternal great-grandparents the Battersby and Mullally's immigrated to Essex County in Windsor, Canada. The Bishop's maternal great-grandparents, the Buckley's and the McIlhargey's settled in Lucan, Ontario near London about that same time. Bishop Battersby's parents, the late Christopher and Helen (Buckley) Battersby, came to the United States from Canada in 1929 and 1925, respectively.

Thank you Past AOH Patrick Ryan Division President Mike Riley for supplying this information!



## “Charity” - The 3rd Principle of our Order

AOH Patrick Ryan Division was pleased to present a check for \$1500 to the Cloistered Dominican sisters of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills, Michigan on Friday, March 16, 2018. These good sisters live a life of contemplative prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They also bake hosts for use throughout the archdiocese. They are indeed very worthy recipients of these donated funds. May God bless you, good sisters!

Learn more about them at: <https://www.opnuns-fh.org/>

Representing the division at this check presentation were President Tim Higgins, Past President Mike Riley, brother Sam Kennedy and brother Bill Brang.



**AOH Patrick Ryan Division social media sites:**

Webpage: <http://www.aoh-patrickryandivision.org>

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

The **AOH Michigan State Board** has a new webpage too. You can find it at:  
<http://www.michiganaoh.org>



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!

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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, April 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:

**Apr 10, 2018**

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

**May 8, 2018**

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

**May 12, 2018**

**Greater Plymouth Service Project, 8:30 am-3:00 pm**

**Jun 2, 2018**

**Detroit Int'l Feis, 8:00 am, Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac**

**Jun 12, 2018**

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



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
Apr 10th, 2018  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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