

Ryan Division Ramblings - May 2016

Hello Brothers,

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Memorial Day holiday. Let's continue honoring and remembering the heroes who fought for our freedom. Thanks to many of you for your service to our great country. A few brothers have agreed to march in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade that starts at 9:00. I hope more of you can join us.

Thanks to many brothers for supporting and attending our St. Patrick's Day Celebration at St. Thomas a Becket on March 12. Our Division and the LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division presented \$1,500 to St. Vincent de Paul at STAB last Thursday, May 5th. St Mary Outreach Center will be presented \$1,500 May 9th to help supply their pantry for the needy families of the area.

Our charity fundraiser April 18-20 at Malarkey's Irish Pub raised about \$1,600. This was lower than most fundraisers, but it was only 3 days (Monday-Wednesday) that are usually worse than days later in the week. Our next charity fundraiser is August 24-27 (Wednesday-Saturday) at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Your support will be most appreciated for this 4-day event.

Our Division plans to sell 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 and at the Feis Saturday. The funds raised for our charities could be \$500. It's also good exposure for our Division and the AOH.

On April 14th at the Respect Life dinner, President Mike Riley presented a check from our Division for \$500 to Barbara Listing, President of Right to Life of Michigan, to help support Pro Life efforts in Michigan (see Pg x for a picture). Ed Harkins and Hans Hansen also represented our Division at this important fundraiser with their wives. Abby Johnson, an outspoken pro-life advocate, was the main speaker.

On April 24, 1916, Easter Monday Rising, 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 was a 1916 Easter Rising commemoration event organized by the St Patrick's Division held at the City Hall of Adrian April 25th. Captain John McNerney and Lieutenant Mike Riley of the Michigan Hibernian Rifles raised the Irish flag, which was displayed for 15 days after the event in honor of the 15 Irish leaders executed within 2 weeks of the Rising. Kevin Burke, AOH Michigan State President, commented about the importance of recognizing this great event in Irish history.

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 May 10th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley / AOH Patrick Ryan Division President

Welcome new member - Daniel Kelly!

At our April 12th general meeting, Patrick Ryan Division was happy to initiate new member Daniel Kelly. Welcome, Dan! He is pictured here receiving his initiation plaque from Division President Mike Riley.



Ryan Division makes Pro-Life Donation

At the annual Respect Life Dinner on April 14th, Patrick Ryan Division presented a check for \$500 to Right to Life of Michigan, to be used to support their continued efforts on the pro-life front. Pictured here are Division President Mike Riley (left) and Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing (right).



2016 St. Patrick's Party Check Presentation

On May 4th, a check presentation was made to St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton. Making the presentation are Mike Riley, President of AOH Patrick Ryan Division and Barb Weir, President of LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division. The donation represents monies earned from our St. Patrick's party held on March 12th. Nothing better than raising money for charity and having fun doing it! Pictured L-R, Suzanne White, Bill Brang, Mike Riley, Mike O'Malley, Barb Weir, Mark Gunn and Cheryl Buckthorpe.



Happy 180th Birthday to the AOH!

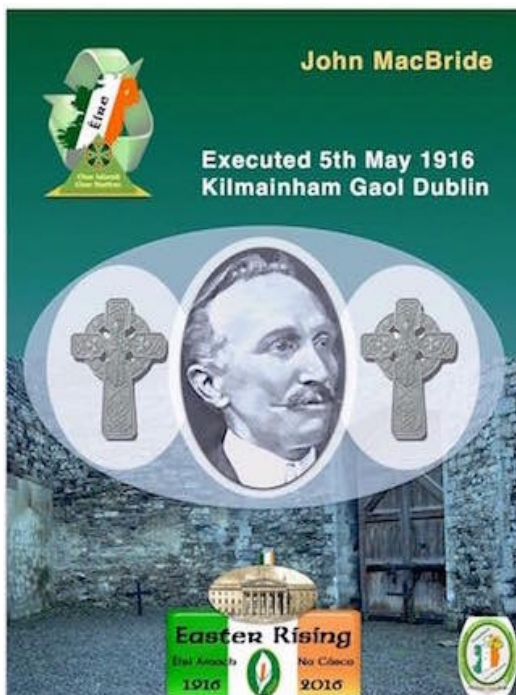
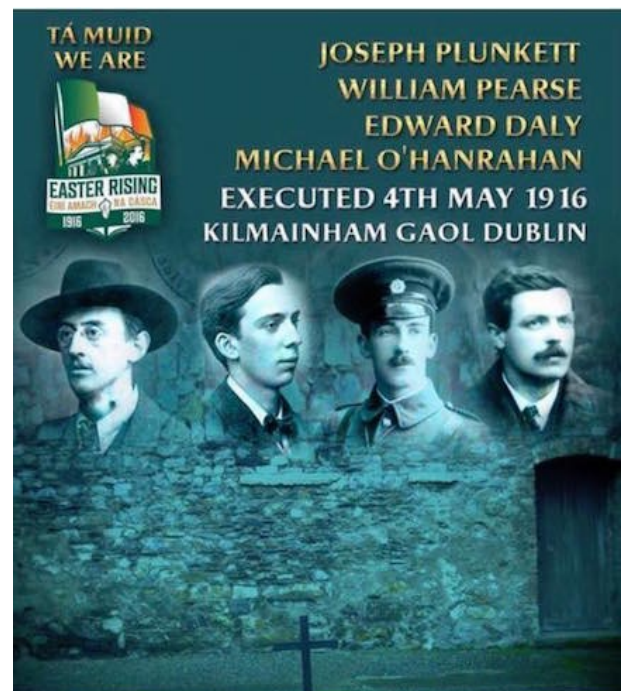
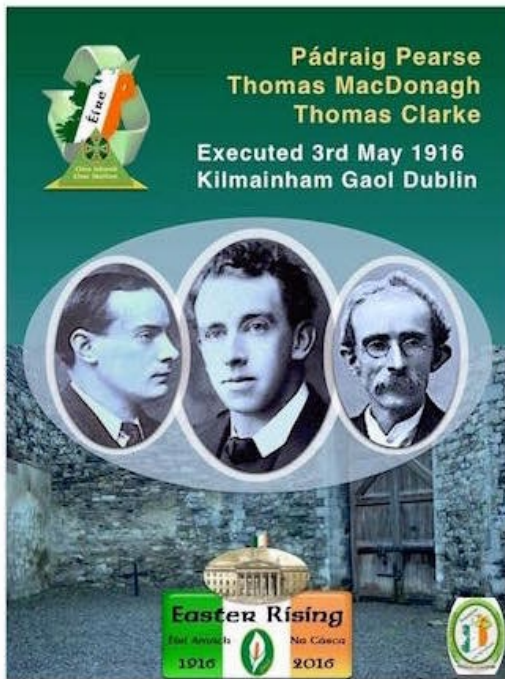
On May 4th in 1836, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America was founded at St. James church in New York City. Please take today to remember the adversity, discrimination, and abject violence our Irish forefathers suffered not only in this county upon arrival but also in today's modern times under the rule of an occupation government and their military on the Irish Isle.

Each of us is blessed to be part of this Order, the Protectors of our Faith. Let today renew your commitment to performing good works in your local and global communities and pray that God grants protection and peace, not only on we Irish, but the entire world.



1916 Easter Rising Remembrance

On May 3rd and then 4th and then 5th in 1916...
...the heroes of the Easter Rising met their fate.



They Are Here!!!

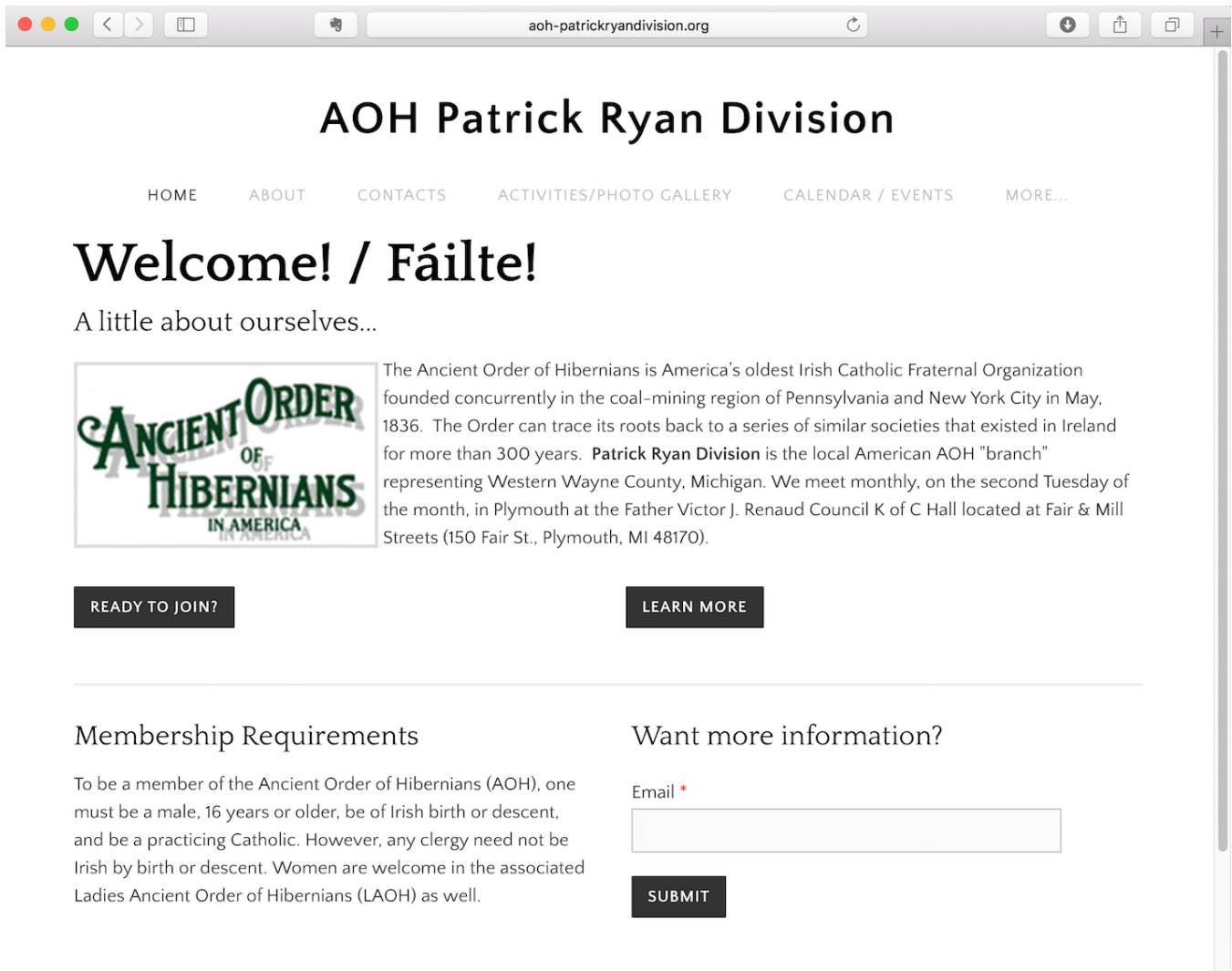
At our January 2016 general meeting, Patrick Ryan Division agreed to increase our overall visibility by setting up a division website and Facebook page. Our new division website is now up and running for you to enjoy! A Ryan Division Facebook page is also in place!

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.



AOH Patrick Ryan Division

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Welcome! / Fáilte!

A little about ourselves...



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).

READY TO JOIN?

LEARN MORE

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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Mothers Day in Ireland

In Ireland, Mothers Day is not celebrated on same day as in US. Mothers Day celebrations in Ireland take place on the fourth Sunday of Lent, as opposed to the US when it is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. But just as in many other countries, people in Ireland honor their mothers on the occasion of Mothers Day for all their love and affection.



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, May 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:

May 10, 2016

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

May 30, 2016

Plymouth Memorial Day parade, 9:00 am, Wing St. downtown

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

Jun 17-19, 2016

Motor City Irish Fest, Geenmead Village in Livonia

Jul 11-14, 2016

AOH/LAOH National Convention, Atlantic City

Jul 12, 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.
May 10th, 2016
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

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