

Ryan Division Ramblings - May 2018

Brothers,

Happy Spring! It's about time here in Michigan. Finally, the warmer weather is upon us. Just as we are all starting to work in the garden or yard, firing up that grill or planning a vacation, likewise the Ryan Division also has much going on in May.

Just this past weekend on April 28th, several of us and our wives or guests spend the day in Frankenmuth. After a full day at the Birch Run Outlets, the River Place Shops and Bronners, we had a great dinner at the "Old Christmas Station Restaurant". It is the most authentic German restaurant in Frankenmuth. The food, ambience, and overall experience were excellent.

At 10:30am, on May 12th, 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. Like last year, when we are done at 12:30pm, we'll all go out to the Red Olive in Plymouth for lunch. This is a charity event that will make you feel like you've help people and the cost is only a few hours of your time.

Of course on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th, the Ryan Division will be marching in the annual Plymouth Memorial Day Parade. Afterwards, those who would like to, we'll be going to lunch together before going home to spend the holiday with their families. Not unlike the St. Patrick's Parade, this is open to all family members, friends and guests.

Over the Summer, we'll be selling baked goods at this year's Feis again on June 2nd, as well as, helping with the Beer Tent at the Motor City Irish Festival. Oh, not to forget, we also have a Charity Poker event June 27th -30th at Doc's, AND our National Convention 11-14 July in Louisville Kentucky.

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

Memorial Day 2018 (May 28th) - Parade Marching

AOH Patrick Ryan Division will again be marching in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade. All division members and family are invited to attend and march with us down Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We will be assembling at 8:30 that morning at Wing Street and Harvey Street. The parade starts promptly at 9:00 am. It's not a long parade, so the march is very doable and it's a lot of fun! Try to attend this year, especially if you haven't been able to in the past. Wear your blue division shirt if you have one.

Below is Ryan Division marching in a prior year's parade. Let's have another good turn out this year, brothers!



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

AOH Recognition of Veterans

This year the Ancient Order of Hibernians decided to formally recognize the military veterans within our ranks. 2018 Membership cards show that recognition by indicating on the card that you are a veteran of the United States military services. AOH National has also made available to divisions who wish to purchase them, special pins that can be presented to our veterans. President Tim Higgins made two of those pin presentations at our April general meeting.

Pictured below receiving their pins are John McInerney (left) and Duke Hynek (right).

If you have not received your pin, please let Tim know. Also, if you did not receive veteran status recognition on your membership card, it means that you did not respond back to our Financial Secretary early enough before 2018 cards were printed. However, your 2019 card will show that status...as long as you've informed our Division Financial Secretary of your military service. It wouldn't hurt to provide Ed with a reminder!

A significant number of Ryan Division members are veterans. We can be proud of that fact. Thank you all for your service in support of our nation!



Patrick Ryan Division Supports Right to Life!

AOH Patrick Ryan Division has strongly supported Pro-Life initiatives in the past and this year is no different. Our division presented a donation check for \$500 to Right to Life of Michigan on April 5th at the 40th annual Respect Life Dinner in Livonia, Michigan.

Pictured here during the presentation is RTL of Michigan President, Barb Listing. She is flanked on the right by Past Ryan Division President Mike Riley, and on the left by Ryan Division Financial Secretary Ed Harkins.



Happy Birthday Dear Alice

An Irish Comedy by Bernard Farrell



A guest production
by Mind the Gap Lux
at Theatre NOVA
410 W. Huron St.
Ann Arbor

May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m.

May 6, 13, 20 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$18, Students \$12

available at

www.artful.ly/theatre-nova/store/events

www.mindthegaplux.com



Brother Steve White is performing in this show. Sounds like fun! Please consider going!

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, May 8th**

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 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**
- May 24, 2018**  
**Michigan State Bd meeting, AOH Hall in Redford, 7pm**
- May 28, 2018**  
**Plymouth Memorial Day Parade, assemble 8:30 am**
- 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**
- Jul 10, 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.  
May 8th, 2018  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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