

President's Message - June 2014

Hello Brothers,

I extend my best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable, safe July 4th Independence Day celebrating the birthday of our great country. Thanks to all the veterans both living and dead who have protected our freedom through all the wars since our nation's birth.

Our June 7th the Detroit Feis fundraiser at the Ultimate Soccer facility in Pontiac raised \$462 for our charities. Dennis Inman, Dan Riley, and I sold the baked goods at the Feis. Charlie French allowed us to use his Irish Baker facility June 6th when Kevin and Leah Burke, Kevin Finnerty, Mark Gunn, Denny and Kathy McCann, Mark Kullen, Patrick Sturdy, Tom Kish, and I baked the shortbread and scones. Many thanks to all who supported this successful event.

Our Division participated in Memorial Day activities again this year. Bill Brang, Dennis Inman, Tom Kish, Kevin Kohlert, Tim Higgins, Mark Gunn, Ed Harkins, Sean Nichols, Patrick Sanders, Patrick Sturdy and I marched in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade. Dr. Steve Monaghan emceed the ceremony at Plymouth Veteran's Memorial Park after the parade. John McInerney participated in the Hibernian Rifle Color Guard at the Royal Oak Memorial Day parade. Thanks to all brothers for participating in these parades as we remembered those who served our country.

Our annual picnic is Sunday, July 13, with the meal starting about 3:00. It will be held at K of C Renaud Council again. I hope you can join your brothers and families for good food and drinks. Our Division will provide the grilled meat and drinks. Families are requested to bring food or dessert.

The Motor City Irish Fest is June 13-15 at Western Graham Field on Beech Daly in Redford. There will be great Irish entertainment with good food and drinks all weekend. The Kish Band, including our brothers Tom and Mike, will be performing Friday night.

Don't forget to consider attending the AOH/LAOH National Convention in St. Louis at the Renaissance Grand Hotel from Wednesday, July 30 thru Saturday, August 2. It is a great experience to learn more about our great fraternal organization with your brothers. The Major Degree ceremony will be Saturday at 11:00 AM.

Please support Declan and Tab as they continue recruiting good Irish Catholic men to join our Division to experience our motto. Remember there are flyers and recruiting cards available to provide to prospective members.

I look forward to seeing you at our June 10th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike

2014 Plymouth Memorial Day Parade



Ryan Division was well represented in the Plymouth Memorial day parade this year. In the top photo you see our marchers proceeding down Main Street. Bottom left is the division moving out at the start. Bottom right is a great shot of our Division's current President Mike Riley (center) and our two immediate Past Presidents, Dennis Inman (left) and Tim Higgins (right). We thank you gentlemen for all you have done and continue to do for our division! Including representing us well in the parade this year!

2014 Detroit International Feis



The 2014 Detroit Feis was held again at Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac on Saturday, June 7th. We sold baked goods created at The Irish Baker the night before. These baked goods are always a favorite of attendees at the Feis and they go fast! They are great treats for the kids participating in the Feis and also for their families to take home to enjoy later too! Pictured above at our sales table at the Feis are (top, left to right) Dan Riley, Mike Riley and Dennis Inman. Pictured below are just two of our bakers, Mark Gunn (left) and Charlie French (right). Good work men! And thank you Leah Burke and Kathy McCann too!

Fathers Day in Ireland is celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. Fathers Day celebration in Ireland takes place on the third Sunday of June, the same day as most countries celebrate Father's Day. Taking full opportunity of the day, people honor their father and express affection and gratitude for them. Like in many other countries, people indulge their father by presenting them with loads of gifts and allowing them a day of rest. Grown-ups take their fathers out for dinner or lunch or treat them with breakfast in bed. People whose fathers are no more, pay tribute by giving donations in the name of their father or by performing acts of service.
Happy Fathers Day to all our AOH fathers!



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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Please pray for all division members
or family sick or in distress.



**Don't forget our next meeting -
Tuesday, June 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:

June 10, 2014

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

June 13 - 15, 2014

Motor City Irish Fest, Redford

July 8, 2014

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

July 13, 2014

Ryan Division picnic, 3:00 pm, Renaud Council K of C

Jul 30 - Aug 2, 2014

AOH/LAOH National Convention, St. Louis

August 12, 2014

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.
June 10th, 2014
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

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