

Ryan Division Ramblings - June 2016

Hello Brothers,

My best wishes are extended 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 4th Detroit Feis fundraiser at the Ultimate Soccer facility in Pontiac raised \$510 for our charities. Dennis Inman, Dan Riley, Mark Gunn and Rick St. Peter did a great job selling the baked goods at the Feis. Charlie French was most supportive baking all the shortbread and scones without our support.

Our Division participated in Memorial Day activities again this year. Bill Brang, Dennis Inman, Tom Kish, Tim Higgins, Pat Ryan, Patrick Sanders, and I marched in the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade. Dr. Steve Monaghan emceed the ceremony at Plymouth Veteran's Memorial Park after the parade. Thanks to all brothers for participating in these parades as we remembered those who served our country.

Our annual picnic is Sunday, July 24th, with the meal starting about 3:00. It will be held at K of C Renaud Council again where our monthly meetings are held. I hope you can join your brothers and families for good food and drinks. Our Division will provide grilled meat and drinks. Families are requested to bring food or dessert.

The Motor City Irish Fest is June 17-19 at a new, larger and more festival friendly location at Greenmead Historical Park at Newburgh/8 Mile Rd in Livonia. There will be great Irish entertainment with good food and drinks available all weekend.

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.

The United Irish Society organized Irish Heritage Night with the Detroit Tigers Wednesday, September 14th. All tickets are Mezzanine for \$28 each including free T-shirt. I look forward to seeing many of you there supporting the Tigers to another victory.

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 June 14th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley / AOH Patrick Ryan Division President

Welcome new member - Scott Ghrist!

Welcome to AOH Patrick Ryan Division, Scott Ghrist! Scott was initiated at our May general meeting. Pictured below is (left) Mike Riley, Ryan Division President, and (right) our latest member, Scott Ghrist. Please give Scott a warm welcome when you see him.



Ryan Division marching on Memorial Day!

AOH Patrick Ryan Division again marched in the Plymouth Memorial Day parade this year. Pictured below are our AOH brothers who marched, including a few of us who also are members of the Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII 4th Degree Assembly (in their Color Corps regalia). Thanks for representing us, men!



2016 St. Patrick's Party Check Presentation

An additional St. Pat's party check presentation was made to St. Mary's Outreach Center on May 9th. Making the presentation are Mike Riley, President of AOH Patrick Ryan Division and Barb Weir, President of LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division. Receiving the check below from Barb Weir is Judy Wells from St. Mary's. The donation represents monies earned from our St. Patrick's party held on March 12th.



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 Start of Summer in Ireland?

We celebrate the start of summer in the United States on June 21st. They do in Ireland too, right? Wrong! Summer in Ireland is actually recognized as starting on May 1st! Interestingly enough, there is no scientific or governmental body that has ever formally declared that summer starts on the summer solstice. That is American tradition, but in Ireland (for some unknown reason) May 1st is the recognized start of summer. So, enjoy...Summer is already here! At least in Ireland!



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, June 14th**

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:

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

Jul 24, 2016

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

Aug 9, 2016

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

Aug 24-27, 2016

Charity Poker at Doc's Sport's Retreat, Livonia



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.
June 14th, 2016
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

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