

## Ryan Division Ramblings - August 2016

Hello Brothers,

On July 24<sup>th</sup> about 40 Division brothers and their families enjoyed our annual picnic at Renaud Council. Dennis Inman did a fantastic job grilling tasty burgers and brats. Our Division supplied the burgers, brats and drinks. In addition, there was plenty of good food provided by the families. Thanks to all who attended making it a most enjoyable time. **(see Pg 2)**

The AOH/LAOH National Convention was held in Atlantic City July 11-14. John Wilson of Missouri and Dennis Parks of Ohio were 2 of the 6 National Directors elected to provide better representation for the Midwest. Thanks to Patrick Sturdy for serving as National Director the past 2 years. He decided not to run for reelection. There were 9 Michigan delegates present at the National Meeting including 4 from the Patrick Ryan Division. **(see Pg 3)**

The Michigan State Board meeting is Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 AM at the AOH Hall. Let's attend to provide good representation of our Division.

The AOH/LAOH State Our Lady of Knock mass is Sunday, August 21, 10:30 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine church, Redford. Coffee, tea and donuts will be available after mass.

Our next charity fundraiser is August 24-27 (Wednesday - Saturday) at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Since all 4 days include a late shift to 2:00 AM, it is hoped all brothers who don't have a commitment the next morning, like work, can assist with one or more of these shifts. The earlier shifts from 7:00 to 10:00 PM are available for those who do have an early commitment the next morning. Please contact me about your availability for our important fundraiser.

The United Irish Society invited us to participate in Irish Heritage Night with the Detroit Tigers Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Mezzanine tickets are still available for \$28 each including a free T-shirt. I look forward to seeing you there supporting the Tigers to another victory.

The annual An Gorta Mor mass commemorating the Great Hunger is Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 at St. Joseph's Church in the Irish Hills. AOH and LAOH members are welcome to attend. After mass a ceremony will be conducted at Michigan's only "An Gorta Mor Hibernian Monument" located near the Church.

The first Oakland County Irish Festival in downtown Berkely is Saturday, September 10 from noon to 8 PM.. The AOH O'Brien Division is the sponsor led by Steve Zannetti. There will be Irish bands, food, dancers, Irish history and many other attractions.

Please 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 hope you can attend our August 9th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley / AOH Patrick Ryan Division President

## “Fun Times” at the 2016 Ryan Division picnic

Our annual Patrick Ryan Division picnic was held on Sunday, July 24th, at the Renaud K of C Hall in Plymouth. Over 40 members, families and friends were able to attend and enjoy the good food and good company. Thanks to President Mike Riley for coordinating the event, brother Dennis Inman for his usual great grill work and all who brought a dish to pass. The food and refreshments were delicious!





**The 2016 National AOH / LAOH Convention took place at Harrah's in Atlantic City, NJ this past month...starting July 11th and running through July 14th.**

A new slate of AOH National Board officers was elected at the 2016 convention. Patrick Ryan Division was well represented there with the following division members present and voting as our representatives - Kevin Burke, Patrick Sturdy, Tim Higgins and Mike Riley. Thank you brothers for being there and giving Patrick Ryan Division a "seat at the convention table". Our new National Board is pictured here and identified below:



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- President     **James McKay** - New Orleans, LA
  - Vice President     **Daniel O'Connell** - Girard, OH
  - Secretary     **Jere E. Cole, Jr.** - Roseland, NJ
  - Treasurer     **Sean Pender** - Hamilton, NJ
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- Directors
  - Daniel Dennehy** - Cortlandt Manor, NY
  - Liam McNabb** - Delmar, NY
  - Tommy O'Donnell** - Philadelphia, PA
  - Dennis Parks** - Akron, OH
  - William Sullivan** - North Andover, MA
  - John Wilson** - St Peters, MO



## AN GORTA MÓR THE GREAT HUNGER

Learn more about An Gorta Mor by visiting our Division website at:

<http://www.aoh-patrickryandivision.org/an-gorta-mor.html>



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](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, August 9th**

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:

Aug 9, 2016

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

Aug 21, 2016

Our Lady of Knock Mass, 10:30 am, St. Robert Bellarmine

Aug 24-27, 2016

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

Aug 27, 2016

Michigan State Bd. meeting, 10:00 am, AOH Hall in Redford

Sep 13, 2016

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

Sep 14, 2016

Irish Night at Comerica Park, downtown Detroit

Sep 23-25, 2016

St. Paul of the Cross Men's retreat

Sep 25, 2016

An Gorta Mor Mass, 3:00 pm, St. Joseph's in the Irish Hills



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
August 9th, 2016  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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