

Ryan Division Ramblings - September 2016

Hello Brothers,

I hope you had a great, safe Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, it suggests the end of summer, although the football season is starting and our Lions should have a better season.

Ed Kettle is Public Affairs advisor of Friends of Connemara and member of AOH Fr. John Whalen McGee Division of Grand Rapids. He will review information about Friends of Connemara at our Sept 13th meeting. Funding support will probably be requested,

The LAOH Our Lady of Knock mass was Sunday, August 21 at St. Robert Bellarmine church in Redford. 16 AOH attendees at this mass was much better than last year. There were 5 AOH Divisions represented. Our Division had the most with 7 members.

Our charity fundraiser August 24-27 at Doc's raised about \$4,400. Thanks to all the brothers who supported this event that raised the 2nd highest amount of 24 fundraisers the past 6 years. The support of 3 shifts by Ed Harkins, Mark Gunn and Rick St. Peter was especially appreciated. Our next charity fundraiser is Oct 26-29 (Wednesday-Saturday days) at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Please contact me about your availability for our last fundraiser this year.

The LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division is hosting the 11th anniversary of the Chocolate Affair Sunday, October 2 from 2:00-5:00 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Chocolate tasting, cold and hot hor d'oeuvres are included for \$30. Funds raised benefit First Step, who provides shelter and counseling for victims experiencing domestic violence.

AOH members and others will be attending a retreat the weekend of September 23 - 25 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center near Schoolcraft/Telegraph. The theme this year is "Abide in Me: Choosing to Live Faithfully in an Era of Chaos".

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

The 25th annual Souperbowl is Sunday, Oct 9, Noon to 7:00 for \$20 at American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

You should consider a Division officer position for 2017. They are President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Marshal, Sentinel and Chairman of the Standing Committee. Nominations will occur at our October meeting and finish with nominations and the election at our November meeting. Please contact me or other officers if you have any questions about position responsibilities and the election process.

Please continue recruiting good Irish Catholic men to join us and experience our motto.

I hope to see you at our September 13th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley / AOH Patrick Ryan Division President



From the Desk of AOH National President McKay

Dear Brothers,

This is the first of what will be a monthly "AOH UPDATE" touching on some of the key issues we face in a timely manner. Within these updates we hope to address issues pertaining to all facets of the AOH. This inaugural update includes an article on Brexit from our political education chairman as well as an article from Catholic Action.

Because of the recent developments in Ireland regarding the exit of Britain from the *EU*, I have formed an ad hoc committee entitled the "*Border Elimination Committee*". I have appointed Seamus Boyle as the Chairman with the following committee members: Neil Cosgrove, Paul Gowdy, Ned McGinley, Joe Roche and Brendan Moore. The committee will be asked to follow the events in Britain and Ireland on the London government's decision to erect borders separating Ireland from the occupied Counties in the North. The National Board would like the committee to monitor the situation and be ready to speak out against the erection of hard borders and be a voice for not only the Irish in America but also the Irish everywhere. The committee will not only keep the National Board abreast of the developments as a result of Brexit, but also our Noble Order with both articles in the Digest as well as e-mail blast when it is appropriate. If the AOH is to be a voice of the Irish in America, then we have to be prepared to inject our opinions at all levels.

Our Catholic Action piece looks at the Catholic Churches affected by the Louisiana flooding, the world day of prayer for the care of creation and Saint Teresa. Please take the time to read these articles and share them with other members and friends of our Irish Catholic Community.

In Our Motto
James F. McKay III

Read more at: <http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=77dd9d2a6d50e269893171e05&id=a7c7e2ae80>



AOH Hibernian Rifles at the Oakland County Irish Fest - Sep 2016



The AOH Hibernian Rifles made an appearance this week at the 1st annual Oakland County Irish Festival. They are pictured here at the "Introduction Ceremony" in Berkley on Sept 10th. The Rifles from left to right are Ryan Division President Mike Riley, Tim Reade, Brian Murphy and Patrick Maguire. In the center is Berkley Mayor, Phil O'Dwyer, who was born in Holycross, County Tipperary, Ireland. Mayor Dwyer immigrated to United States in 1973. The ladies present are members of the festival court.





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. 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, September 13th**

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:

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

Oct 2, 2016

"Chocolate Affair", 2:00-5:00 pm, Meadowbrook Country Club

Oct 9, 2016

"Souperbowl", 12-7pm, Polish American Club in Sterling Hts

Oct 11, 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.
September 13th, 2016
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
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