

## President's Message - October 2014

Hello Brothers,

We were shocked and saddened when brother Jack Dempsey passed away September 14. He will be remembered for his informative history report at our meetings and participation in other Irish activities that all of us enjoyed with him very much. An AOH Division memorial ceremony is planned for Jack at our October meeting. (See Page 3)

Our October meeting will include nominations for eight 2015 Division officer positions, which are President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Marshal, Sentinel and Chairman of the Standing Committee. Nominations and elections will occur at our November meeting. You can contact me or other officers if you have questions about these positions and the election process.

Our Christmas dinner is Saturday, December 6th at K of C Renaud Council where we meet monthly. The reception will start at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00. The cost for the buffet dinner is \$5/person. Our Division will pay the hall rental fee and the remaining cost of each dinner. I look forward to an enjoyable social evening celebrating the Christmas season with you and your significant others.

Our charity poker event at Vision Lanes in Westland from Dec 11-14 was cancelled because the State only allows 1 charity on site. Hopefully, another event will become available so more funds can be raised for our charities.

In their continuing efforts to assist the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, AOH Fr. Solanus Casey and LAOH Ethel Kennedy Divisions are sponsoring the 22nd annual "Souperbowl" benefit Sunday, October 12 from 12-7 at the American-Polish Century Club located in Sterling Heights. It's an opportunity to assist your fellow brothers and the Capuchin Fathers in their efforts to provide for those in need in the metro Detroit area.

The Walsh Division's Charity Ball is October 18 at St. Aiden's Activities Center in Livonia. Mass is 5:30. Tickets are \$50 each. Funds raised are for Holy Trinity School. Music is by the Coachmen.

The Irish Pallottine Fathers annual Dinner Dance is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The location is the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia. The cost is \$65 including drinks and dinner. Entertainment is the great Andy Cooney Band. Duke Hynek can be contacted for further information and tickets.

The annual AOH/LAOH An Gorta Mor mass commemorating the Great Hunger was held September 21 at St. Joseph's Church in Irish Hills. After mass a ceremony was held at Michigan's only "An Gorta Mor Monument" near the Church. It was also a celebration of the installation of the monument 10 years ago with the displaying of 4 flags for the first time. Our Division was proud to be the sponsor of the Irish flag. (See Page 4)

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Ed Harkins and I represented our Division at the retreat held September 19-21 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. The weekend provided us spiritual renewal that helped deepen the awareness of God's presence in our lives. Retreats can be attended most weekends, if you're interested.

Please support Declan and Tab as they continue recruiting good Irish Catholic men to join our Division to experience our motto.

I look forward to seeing you at our October 6th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike

## Welcome new brothers!

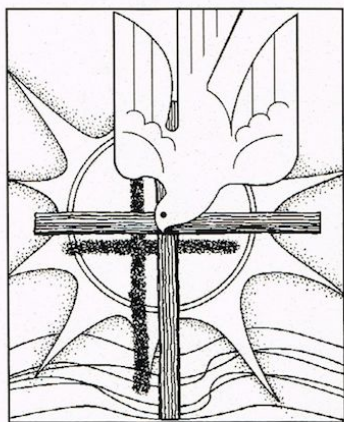


Patrick Ryan Division was very happy to welcome three new brothers to our order at our Sept. 9th meeting. Pictured above (left to right) are Bob Yancey, President Mike Riley, John Klink, and Paul Trame. Please give Bob, John and Paul a warm welcome when you see them!

## In Memoriam - Brother Jack Dempsey

Brother Jack Dempsey passed away suddenly on September 14th. Jack was 66 years old. He was a proud Irishman and proud member of our division who was fascinated with Irish history and loved to share his stories, past and present, of what was going on in Ireland. We will indeed miss Jack and his many contributions to our division over the years. Please remember Jack and his long time close friend, Joan Cottrell, in your prayers. It was great to have several members of our division present at his memorial Mass in Ann Arbor on September 19th.

Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.



Memorial Mass

**John (Jack) L. Dempsey**

July 12, 1948 - September 14, 2014

St. Thomas the Apostle Church



# AN GORTA MÓR

THE GREAT HUNGER

AOH/LAOH An Gorta Mor - Mass and memorial upgrade celebration - 9/21/2014



## UIS Irish Night with the Tigers - 9/25/2014

Although the Tigers have since let us down, we Irish did our part in rooting strongly for them at "Irish Night" at Comerica Park on Sept. 25th. The Tigers were able to beat the Twins that night 4-2 in what turned out to be the next to last Tigers victory of the year. Oh well...there's always next year! Go Tigers!



Our own Father Casey made the scoreboard video board!



Detroit area Irish groups recognized on the field before the game.



Our ancient ancestors believed that through water lay the way to the Otherworld. There are many sacred springs scattered around the country, adopted by Christians but with more ancient, pagan origins. In legend, almost every hill harbors a Sidhe homestead; almost every lough bears a tale of magic and intrigue.



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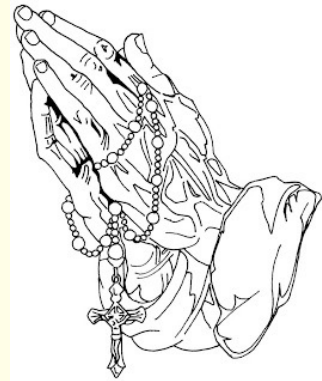
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Please pray for all division members  
or family sick or in distress.



**Don't forget our next meeting -  
Tuesday, October 6th.**

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:

Oct 5, 2014

LAOH Elizabeth Fagan Division "Chocolate Affair" event

Oct 6, 2014

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

Nov 11, 2014

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

Dec 6, 2014

Ryan Division Christmas party, 6:00 pm, Renaud Council K of C

Dec 9, 2014

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

Dec 11-14, 2014 (CANCELLED)

Charity Poker event, Vision Lanes in Canton



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Mon.  
October 6th, 2014  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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