

## Ryan Division Ramblings - October 2017

Brothers,

I would like to thank all of our members who gave of their time by working our Charity Poker event September 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Without these efforts we cannot continue to support all the charities that we do.

This is a great transition into our Charity Fund Distribution plan that I mentioned at the beginning of the year and in last month's newsletter. Now that our second and final poker event for the year is complete, our Budget Committee will determine an amount that will be given to charities presented by **you the membership** during the October & November meetings. Here is the basic outline:

- Proposed charities need to be one that we have not supported already this year.
- Proposer must be present at both the October **AND** November meetings to tell us why their charity is deserving of our support.
- Priority will be given to charities that are recognized as being Irish, "Catholic" or supportive of Religious Orders.
- The Budget Committee will determine which charities and how much they will receive by the end of January 2018 and will present the checks by St. Patrick's Day 2018.
- The Budget Committee reserves the right to select which of the qualified charities or causes to donate to.

We will open nominations for 2018 Ryan Division Officers at the October meeting. Those nominated in October will be published in the November newsletter. We'll then reopen nominations at the November meeting with elections that same night. Please consider putting your talents to use helping the Ryan Division.

Last month I said that our division "road trip" to Frankenmuth was rescheduled to, Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. It turns out that the LAOH State Board is having their meeting that day. Since a few of our wives attend the LAOH State Board meeting, I'm looking at rescheduling it into November. Since most weekends are taken, a new date has not yet been determined. Check your email for updates on our Frankenmuth trip. *(Con't on Pg 2)*



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**Lastly, please plan on attending the fundraiser for the “An Gorta Mor”, or Irish Famine, Memorial Maintenance Fund that is now scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at the AOH Walsh Division Hall. It is only \$10 at the door. Pizza and salad are provided along with a cash bar. Please plan on attending. The monument is in need of repair and all proceeds will go to the maintenance fund. (See flyer on Pg 5)**

Remember, this is your club, let's live up to our motto and have fun doing it.

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Timothy Higgins  
President  
Patrick Ryan Division  
AOH Michigan

## Charity Poker Fundraising Update

Brothers,

THANKS for supporting our charity poker fundraiser at Doc's. A special thanks to the following supporting more than 1 shift: Bill Brang (2), Tim Dougan (2), Ed Harkins (3), Dan Riley (2). There probably would have been shifts with only 2 workers if all of you didn't provide the support you did.

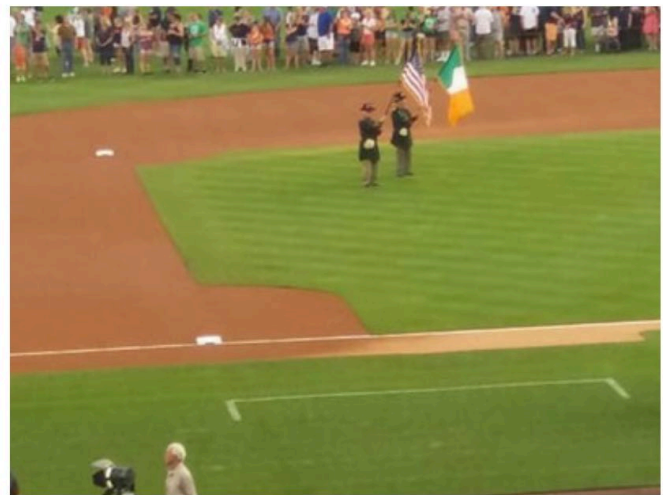
Our proceeds from this 4-day event were \$3,818. Blackjack contributed about \$600. These funds are important to allow us to continue making a difference with our contributions to important charities and causes of our choice. Thanks again for taking some time out of your busy schedule for our important fundraiser.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike Riley, Past President  
Charity Poker Chairman  
AOH Patrick Ryan Division

## UIS Irish Night at Comerica Park

**Friday - September 22, 2017** - Well, the Tigers lost again, but a fun time was had by all anyway at the UIS Irish Night at Comerica Park tonight. Here are a few glimpses of the action at the game. Several AOH & LAOH divisions were represented as were the AOH Hibernian Riffles. Pictured here are Ryan Division member Tom Kish and his wife Kathy.



## An Gorta Mor Commemoration

**Sunday - September 17, 2017** - Congratulations to the men and women of our Adrian AOH & LAOH divisions who put together a wonderful commemoration program remembering An Gorta Mor (the Great Hunger) today at St. Joseph's Shrine in the Irish Hills of Michigan. Fr. Tom Murphy, pastor of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's in Adrian, was the celebrant of the memorial mass. There was a good turnout of AOH and LAOH members and their families, and we were very pleased to have our AOH National Director, Dennis Parks, drive up from Akron, Ohio to be with us as well. Ed Moriarty of AOH Akron Division #2 accompanied Dennis to be with us too. Also present were AOH Michigan State Board President Kevin Burke, LAOH Michigan State Board President Barb Weir and Past LAOH National President Maureen Shelton. AOH Patrick Ryan Division was well represented at the ceremony too.



# AN GORTA MÓR

THE GREAT HUNGER

A.O.H. Michigan State Board announces a fundraiser for the An Gorta Mor Memorial Maintenance Fund.



**HIBERNIAN HALL  
23500 FIVE MILE ROAD  
REDFORD, MI**

**October 21, 2017**

**6:30-11:00 pm**

**ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY  
THE CONKLIN CEILI BAND**

*Festivities will also include the installation of St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshall Banners and a rare A.O.H. Sword in the lounge.*

**\$10.00 DONATION AT THE DOOR**

**Pizza, salad & dessert provided/Cash Bar/Raffles**

If you can't attend, you can still donate. Please mail checks to:

C/O Kevin Burke  
44840 Seabrook Dr.  
Canton, MI 48188

**Checks should be made out to "Lenawee Community Foundation."  
Put "Irish Famine Memorial" on the memo line.**

**AOH Patrick Ryan Division social media sites:**

Webpage: <http://www.aoh-patrickryandivision.org>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AOH-Patrick-Ryan-Division-1097444203611253/>

The **AOH Michigan State Board** has a new webpage too. You can find it at: <http://www.michiganaoh.org>



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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 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, Oct 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:

**Oct 10, 2017**

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

**Oct 21, 2017**

**An Gorta More Fundraiser, AOH Hall in Redford**

**Oct 28, 2017 (postponed, will be re-scheduled)**

**Ryan Division Frankenmuth "Road Trip"!**

**Nov 4, 2017**

**AOH/LAOH/UIS Memorial Mass, 4:00 pm, Most Holy Trinity Church in Corktown**

**Nov 14, 2017 (Officer Elections)**

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

**Dec 9, 2017**

**Ryan Division Christmas Party, Renaud Council K of C**



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
Oct 10th, 2017  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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