

Ryan Division Ramblings - November 2015

Brothers,

Our November monthly meeting is this Tuesday November 10th...same place, same time. Why not come join us!

At our October meeting, we held initial nominations for 2016 division officer positions. Those nominated and accepting are as follows: Sean Nichols President, Bill Brang Vice President, Ed Harkins Financial Secretary, Rick St. Peter Treasurer, Tom Kish Recording Secretary, Mark Gunn Marshall, Mike Murray Sentinel and Duke Hynek Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Nominations will again be heard and accepted at our November meeting next week and we will then vote for candidates. If you have an interest in helping to lead our division, consider being an officer. You may nominate yourself or be nominated by another brother. Be sure to at least come to our November meeting and vote!

We held another successful charity poker fund raising event October 21-24th at Doc's Sports Bar in Livonia. We raised over \$3500 to be used for going forward charitable giving. Thanks to all brothers you supported this event. Our next charity poker will be December 2 - 5th at Doc's.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2016 membership dues should be paid by **December 31, 2015**. You may bring your dues with you to any meeting between now and the end of the year and save the division the expense of sending you an invoice. If you like, you can mail Financial Secretary, Ed Harkins, a check also - use the address in this newsletter. Make checks payable to AOH Ryan Division. Dues are \$40 (\$35 if you are retired). 2016 membership cards will be sent to you after they're received and you have paid.

Unless you are a priest, active duty military, an AOH Life member or an associate member, you must pay dues to remain active in our order. Thank you brothers!

Want to see more content in your monthly newsletter? Do you have any articles or pictures you would like to contribute to our monthly newsletter? Let me know so I can include them. Thanks!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Ed Harkins
Financial Secretary/Newsletter Editor

2015 Division Christmas Party - Dec. 6th

Brothers:

You and yours are invited to our annual Christmas dinner that will be at our meeting location, K of C Renaud Council, Sunday, December 6th with reception starting at 6:00 and dinner about 7:00. The cost is \$5/person. Our Division is picking up the remainder of the cost and hall rental. You can pay me at our November meeting or send cash or check made out to AOH Patrick Ryan Division. My address is 2848 Wakefield Drive, Canton, 48188. Please let me know if you and your significant other plan to attend as soon as possible. Payment is requested by November 20th.

A buffet will be catered by Rose Catering. The menu is tossed salad, mostacioli pasta, roasted red skin potatoes, sliced roast beef, baked chicken, green beans almandine and holiday sheet cake dessert. The Renaud K of C cash bar is expected to be available.

It will be a fun, social evening with our brothers and significant others. Hopefully, all of you can attend to start celebrating the Christmas season early. Thanks.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Mike Riley



How the Irish saved Thanksgiving!



The first Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on February 21, 1621 when a band of starving pilgrims at Plymouth Rock were saved at the last minute by the arrival of a ship from Dublin bearing food from Ireland.

The Boston Post, the largest circulation newspaper in the 1920 and 1930s, discovered the earlier date for the Thanksgiving ritual. It showed that the traditional date of the autumn of 1621 was actually incorrect.

According to the "Observant Citizen," a columnist for the Boston Post, the Pilgrims in the winter of their first year were starving and faced the end of their project to colonize the new land when "a ship arrived from overseas bearing the much needed food."

The Observant Citizen, because of anti-Irish prejudice refused to name it as an Irish ship, but it was actually The Lyon and "its provenance and that of the food was Dublin Ireland."

It turns out, from records at the Massachusetts Historical Society, that the wife of one of the prominent Plymouth brethren was the daughter of a Dublin merchant and that it was he who chartered the vessel, loaded it with food and dispatched it to Plymouth.

The Observant Citizen, whoever he was, never admitted the Irish connection even though a number of Irish organizations challenged him on the issue.

Nonetheless the Massachusetts historical records revealed the tale giving the Irish a fair claim to saving Thanksgiving!

Pictured above: A painting by JLG Ferris, "The First Thanksgiving": A band of starving pilgrims at Plymouth Rock were saved at the last minute by the arrival of a ship from Dublin.



Is Thanksgiving celebrated in Ireland?

Not really. The Catholic Church in Ireland has no designated day set down for a harvest festival or thanksgiving celebration - it is very much down to the local parishes to organize this in their own time. But in general...that particular Thursday is just another Thursday in Ireland (and before you ask, there is no Black Friday as well).



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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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, November 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:

Nov 10, 2015

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

Nov 15, 2015

AOH/LAOH Memorial Mass, 3:00 pm, AOH Hall in Redford

Nov 26, 2015

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 2-5, 2015

Ryan Division charity poker, Doc's Sports Bar

Dec 6, 2015

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

Dec 8, 2015

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

Dec 12, 2015

Mich State Board meeting, 10:00 am, AOH Hall in Redford



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.
November 10th, 2015
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

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