

## Ryan Division Ramblings - November 2017

Brothers,

Happy Veterans Day weekend to all of our members who have served in the military. Ryan Division members have served our country in all of the armed forces; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps & Cost Guard.

National President McKay just announced that recognition as a veteran will now be added to our AOH membership cards. Also, the Order now has an AOH pin to honor our veterans who are AOH brothers. I anticipate that we will approve the purchase of pins for our veterans at this Tuesday's meeting.

A few of us attended the An Gorta Mor (Irish Famine) Monument maintenance fundraiser on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the AOH Walsh Division Hall. Over \$3,200 was raised for the fund.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the AOH & LAOH State Boards held the first joint Memorial Mass with the United Irish Societies of Detroit at Most Holy Trinity Church in Corktown. The division was well represented with two members of the Hibernian Rifles, Mike Riley and John McInerney, as well as, two members of the state board, President Kevin Burke and myself.

This Tuesday's meeting will include our officer elections for 2018. It's not too late to throw your hat into the ring for an officer's position. There are also chairmanships open, so please contact the President following the election.

Lastly, I find it hard to believe that Thanksgiving is the Thursday the week after our meeting. It has been a great year that has flown by. I wish you and your families a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

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

## 2018 Ryan Division Dues payment

Brothers - Now that we're into November, it's time to recognize that 2018 division dues should be paid by December 31st. You can pay your dues at our November 14th (or December 12th) meetings or mail them to me at the following address:

AOH Patrick Ryan Division  
c/o Ed Harkins  
45072 Lothrop Ct  
Canton, MI 48188-1077

Make checks payable to AOH Ryan Division. **Dues are \$40 (or \$35 if you are retired)**. Priests are exempt from paying dues as are Associate members. Once I receive your dues payment and I receive our 2018 membership cards from AOH National (around mid December), I will send you your membership card.

Our National Secretary is asking I provide information on US military veterans to them this year. If you were in the military, send me an email or give me a phone call and let me know which branch. They'd like me to get them this info before they print 2018 membership cards, so I'm guessing your service may be recognized on your new card. So please respond back to me asap on this.

Any questions, let me know. Thank you!

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### AOH National updates and reminders:

The AOH is kicking off our **national membership campaign**. All Hibernians are encouraged to follow us on Facebook and [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com). We ask that all members share our promotional material on their social media and encourage everyone to visit our webpage for membership information.

**AOH Labels** will be arriving in your mailbox soon. All label donations will directly support Hibernian Charities. Please take the earliest opportunity to make you Label donation.

**National Pro-Life March**, January 19, 2018, Washington DC. Watch [WWW.AOH.COM](http://WWW.AOH.COM) for details. All Hibernians are invited to attend.

**2018 National Convention**. Save the Date, 2018 National convention, July 11, 12, 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Galt house, Louisville Kentucky. Booking details will follow in the next AOH Update!

## A message from AOH National President, Jim McKay...

Brothers,

I would like to thank and congratulate all of the Veterans who belong to the AOH. We owe each of you a debt of gratitude. It is because of your work we enjoy the many freedoms we have in the United States of America.

In honor of the Hibernian Veterans, I share a poem that National Veterans Affairs Chairman Jim Green sent along. I invite all Hibernians to watch this recording of the poem in honor of our Veterans:

<https://youtu.be/0MfoQ0CLq9A>

Also Thanks to Brother Green and Brother Cole, you will notice a change on our membership cards this year indicating Veteran Status for all Veterans who are identifies on your division membership list. The National Office is in the process of sending each division their current membership list in order that we may have the most up to date addresses, any misspelled names corrected, e-mail address added and corrected if necessary and now an indication of veteran status.

In additional to the indication on your membership card, your division will now have an opportunity to purchase an **AOH USA Veterans pin** for each of your division Veterans. I have included a photo of the new pin and an advance order form. Any division using this form to order their pins by December 1 will receive their pins in our first mailing with no shipping fees. After December 1, normal shipping fees will be added to your order.

This pin exclusive to AOH USA Veterans is a small token of our continued appreciation for your service.

Jim McKay  
AOH National President



**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, Nov 14th**

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 14, 2017 (Officer Elections)**  
**Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C**
- Nov 23, 2017 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- Dec 9, 2017**  
**Ryan Division Christmas Party, Renaud Council K of C**
- Dec 12, 2017**  
**Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C**
- Dec 25, 2017 MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- Jan 1, 2018 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- Jan 9, 2018**  
**Ryan Division meeting, 7:30 pm, Renaud Council K of C**
- Jan 22-25, 2018**  
**Charity Poker Event, Malarkey's in Westland**



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

Next Meeting - 7:30 pm Tues.  
Nov 14th, 2017  
Renaud Council K of C Hall  
Fair & Mill Streets  
Plymouth, MI

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