

Nollaig Shona Daoibh!



*"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."
Merry Christmas 2014!*

President's Message - December 2014

Hello Brothers,

I wish you and your family a Blessed, Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Remember Jesus is the reason for celebrating the Christmas season as it often gets overshadowed by the rush of Christmas preparations.

Congratulations to the following elected officers to lead our Patrick Ryan Division next year:

President: **Sean Nichols**

Vice President: **Joe Nelson**

Financial Secretary: **Ed Harkins**

Treasurer: **Rick St. Peter**

Recording Secretary: **Tom Kish**

Chairman of the Standing Committee: **Duke Hynek**

Marshal: **Mark Gunn**

Sentinel: **Mike Murray**

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President's Message - December 2014 (con't from Page 1)

It is encouraging younger members have been elected to lead our Division. It is important for the AOH in general and our Division to maintain the involvement of younger members in all phases of our activities to develop a stronger organization long term.

Thanks to the brothers for volunteering for the following positions:

Membership: **Tab Morin/Declan Creaney**

Catholic Action: **Denny McCann**

Historian/PEC: **John McInerney** (**Joe Kelly** will report on Irish history also)

Thanks to Denny McCann and Bill Brang for their service this past year as Vice President and Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Thanks very much brothers for your support and confidence in me as your President these past 5 years. It has been a special honor for me to serve our great Division. These have been good years with the main highlights including a significant amount of fundraising for our charities and the addition of many new members to help establish a positive future for our Division.

The AOH and LAOH remembered their deceased at a Memorial Mass on Sunday, Nov 30th at the AOH Hall. Our brother, Jack Dempsey, was also included.

Our Christmas dinner party held Dec 6th was a great time with brothers and guests. Renaud Council provided a very good buffet with desserts and availability of drinks. **(see Page 4)**

Our next charity poker event at Vision Lanes in Westland is planned for Dec 26-28. The following Vision Lane event dates are also planned: Feb 5 – 8 and May 28 – May 31. The funds raised will be directed to charities and other activities that we determine are appropriate.

Please support Declan and Tab as they continue contacting good Irish Catholic men to join our Division and experience the Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity of AOH membership.

I look forward to seeing you at our December 9th meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mike



Important Notice - 2015 Membership Dues

2015 membership dues need to be paid by **December 31, 2014**. If you are coming to the December 9th meeting, bring your dues payment with you and save the division the expense of sending you an invoice. If you like, you can mail our 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). 2015 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!

Welcome new brother - Rob Bovitz



Patrick Ryan Division was very happy to welcome Rob Bovitz to the AOH and Patrick Ryan Division at our Nov. 11th meeting. Rob (above right) is pictured with President Mike Riley. Please welcome Rob warmly when you see him!

2014 Ryan Division Christmas Party!



Happy Christmas!



In Ireland, one of the most commonly used phrases around the holidays is "Happy Christmas." Here's how you say it:



"Nollaig Shona Daoibh"
(NO-Lih HO-nuh JEEV)

This literally means "You have a Happy Christmas."



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, December 9th**

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:

- 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 25, 2014 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Dec 26-28, 2014
Charity Poker event, Vision Lanes in Canton
- Dec 31, 2014 - DEADLINE FOR 2015 DUES PAYMENTS!
- Jan 1, 2015 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Jan 13, 2015
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 Mon.
December 9th, 2014
Renaud Council K of C Hall
Fair & Mill Streets
Plymouth, MI

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