

Ancient Order of Hibernians
The Patrick Ryan Division #2
October 2020 Newsletter

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Brothers,

Welcome to October. The holidays and the end of the year are just around the corner. While the year is winding down, the COVID-19 pandemic goes on. Since we are at the start of the cold and flu season, it is best that our monthly meetings will continue to be by Zoom for the time being. The login and password can be found in the top left corner of this newsletter and below in the body of this newsletter below. Our Zoom meeting will be at 7:30pm, this Tuesday, October 13th.

We Irish know that our Celtic ancestors celebrated the pagan holiday of Samhain, pronounced "Sow-win" which evolved into Halloween and All Saints Day. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), "Samhain was usually celebrated from October 31 to November 1 to welcome in the harvest and usher in "the dark half of the year." Celebrants believe that the barriers between the physical world and the spirit world break down during Samhain, allowing more interaction between humans and denizens of the Otherworld.

Looming as large, or larger than the pandemic, is the 2020 Election. Please know that in accordance with our National Constitution, our Order does not support, or endorse, candidates for political office. Yes, everyone is encouraged to vote as it is our civic duty. All are encouraged to vote your conscience. With a bit of luck, we just may know who has won the presidential election by our meeting in November.

Speaking of elections, at our October Zoom meeting, we will open nominations for our officers for 2021. Everyone is encouraged to run for a division office. During the November meeting we will reopen nominations and conduct the election that night. Besides the officer positions, there are multiple chairmanships available. Questions, please speak to any of our current officers or myself.

Back on October 1st, I represented the Ryan Division at the first UIS meeting since last February. Since attendance was limited and subject to COVID restrictions, no items were voted on or major decisions made. It does look like at the next UIS meeting on October 15th, the UIS will vote to keep the same parade theme, Grand Marshal, etc. Other items are still up in the air, such as, how to handle the thousands of Parade Times that were printed but never distributed, as well, deciding on a deadline to make the decision to cancel the 2021 parade if that becomes necessary. As of the meeting on Oct 1st, that date will be either November 15th or December 15th. Those who want to attend the UIS meeting on October 15th at Monaghan KofC, please let me know.

During this month's meeting, I will open the floor for the first of two presentations (Oct and Nov) in support of other charities that we have not supported this year. Please see the deals in the body of this newsletter below.

Lastly, the membership will discuss this year's Christmas Party. Do we want to have one? If you can't be on the Zoom call for this discussion, please do respond to this email and let me know what your thoughts are on this important subject.

Remember, this is your club, so when this COVID-19 pandemic is behind us (and it to will pass), let's live up to our motto and have fun doing it.

Stay Safe.

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Timothy Higgins
President
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AOH Michigan

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ZOOM Meeting Instructions: WE MAY NEEDS THESE IN THE FUTURE!!!

If you do not already use Zoom, it would be best to go to [Zoom.us](https://Zoom.us) BEFORE any scheduled Zoom Meeting (Not this Month) so you can sign up. It's FREE.

Once on the landing page at [www.Zoom.us](https://www.Zoom.us), click on the "sign up, it's free" button. You'll then answer a few questions and set you your own login and password.

On Tuesday about 7:28pm, if you have not done so before last month's, go back to [Zoom.us](https://Zoom.us), click on "Join a Meeting", it will ask you for a meeting number. **OUR MEETING NUMBER IS 795-921-9194**. Then click on "Join". If you have an issue, you'll see "download should start", if not, click on "download here", If it still does not start, click on "join from browser".

Once to the next step, enter your name. It will appear under your name during the meeting. The last thing is to enter the password from our meeting. **THE PASSWORD IS: 8VipbY** I will start the meeting at 7:30pm sharp.

Because we are on the "free" plan, and will have more than three people at the meeting, we are limited to only 40 minutes. I don't see this as an issue.

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