

Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Patrick Ryan Division #2

December 2022 Newsletter

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Brothers,

Nollaig Shona Dhuit!! Merry Christmas!! With Christmas less than two weeks away, I hope that everyone is ready for the full out dash through the Holidays and into 2023.

Besides our meeting in January, where we'll plan to have AOH State President Mike Kelly install our officers for 2023, we also have our annual dinner and hockey game with Team USA on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at USA Arena on Beck Road when Team USA takes on the Dubuque Fighting Saints. Before the game, those who want to meet at CJ's Brewery for Dinner will gather for dinner. Again, this year our CSC Brother Rob Bovitz has invited AOH Ryan Division guests to visit his suite for a beer after the 1st period. Times and ticket prices will follow by email. Thanks Rob for the generous invitation.

During our annual AOH Ryan Division Christmas Party, and for the first time, the new AOH Ryan Mark Gunn Memorial Hibernian of the Year Award presentation, we had about 30 members, spouses and guests. This year's attendance is greater than what we've had for the past several years. Besides the great dinner prepared by Halina's Catering from Dearborn Heights, we recognized Mark Gunn as the first Hibernian of the Year. Unfortunately, the plaque and presentation award were not ready on time for our event, however, we recognized Mark for his years of dedication and service to the Ryan Division and Hibernian causes. The new Ryan Hibernian of the Year plaque and individual presentation award will be on display at our December meeting on December 13th. I'll email photos to the membership after the December meeting. Mark's son Sean Gunn was out of state attending a wedding in Florida and could not attend our event. Anyone who would like to come with me to present this award to Mark's son, please let me know.

Our major item of business for this month's meeting is that the KofC is looking to raise our meeting rent from \$50 per month (\$150 per quarter) to \$75 per month (\$225 per quarter) starting January 1st, 2023. We have three choices. We can move to a new location, we can accept this increase, or we can counter with a different amount. I reminded the KofC when they told me

On Tuesday about 7:28pm, if you have not participated in a Zoom meeting before, you will need to go to zoom.us and pre register for zoom. It's free. Then 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.

Hope to "see" every member at our monthly Zoom Meetings.

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Mark Gunn: AOH Ryan Hibernian of the Year Award 2022

We are proud to announce that our late Brother Mark Gunn has been chosen by the membership to be our first ever AOH Ryan Division Hibernian of the Year.

Mark Gunn passed away suddenly late last year and is recognized for all his years as Ryan Division Marshal, the many St. Patrick's & Memorial Day Parades he marched in, the hours of service working charity pokers and selling Irish baked goods at the Detroit Feis each year. Since this is an extra special, and now annual award, please make an effort to attend.

Mark Gunn was recognized during our Annual AOH Ryan Division Christmas Party at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
