

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, North 54th St. and Bluemound Road. At the suggestion of the members, this will be our Membership Social Night. As the Irish say, there's no such thing as a stranger—just a friend you haven't met. We want to give each Brother a chance to get to know another member that he hasn't met before in a relaxed setting that will promote Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. We'll also begin planning for Irish Fest. We hope to see you there!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to start by expressing my thanks for We have two very interesting events the very good turnout for the Irish Week coming up in May and August—the events on March 13. The Mass at St. Pat- Karan Casey concert at the ICHC on rick's in the morning was again beautiful, and May 22 and the Oshkosh Irish Fest on those members in attendance I believe felt a June 12. I hope that you can participate, great bond with one another that is different and the details will start to be made than the bond that comes from sharing a available at the April meeting. But these Guinness and a great joke (although I don't next four months (April, May, June, and mean to demean the charms of Guinness even July) are really the times during which a little bit!). The parades were also a great we have to start getting ready for the experience, and I'm always impressed by the Hospitality Area at Milwaukee Irish Fest people who come out in the cold to watch and from August 19 through August 22. We just to appreciate all of the efforts of the Irish always manage to pull the details to-American organizations who participate in gether at the end, but every year we need the Parade. As always, the credit goes to the more sponsors and more volunteers to Shamrock Club and all of its volunteers that make things work. Everyone, from those work to put on the Downtown Parade, as well who have done so in the past to those as the merchants who sponsor the Bluemound who have never done, must make the Parade. Each parade has a different feel and commitment to support the Division's audience, but the kids are always fun and activities at Irish Fest with a sponsor's enthusiastic and remind everyone why it is an contribution and volunteering two hours honor and privilege to be Irish. in support. See me at the meeting!

Céad Míle Fáilte! The Milwaukee Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, [www.aohmilwaukee.com](http://www.aohmilwaukee.com), wishes you a hundred thousand welcomes! The AOH is America's oldest Catholic Irish-American fraternal organization, dedicated to the principles of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. The Milwaukee Division sponsors charitable activities and participates in many activities in support of our Irish and Irish-American heritage. Those elected to serve as officers in 2009-2010 are—  
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## CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2010

**Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 7:15 PM**

**Division Meeting at the ICHC,  
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 7:30 PM**  
**AOH Sponsors Karan Casey at the**

**ICHC**

**2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**Free for Dues-Paid Members; all others, \$19 in advance at AOH or ICHC, \$21 at the door**

**Saturday, June 12, 2010**  
**Oshkosh Irish Fest**

**Details on this out-of-town meeting will be forthcoming.**

**See page 2 for the rest of the 2010 calendar.**

**Be sure to check out the Milwaukee Division's new and improved Web site at [www.aohmilwaukee.com](http://www.aohmilwaukee.com)!**

## Financial Status for April 2010

The year-end financial report has been distributed and was discussed at the February meeting. If anyone wishes a copy, please send an email to Doug Smith. The monthly financial report is distributed with the electronic version of this newsletter to the members only. The cash position of the Division is as follows:

<b>Total as of 2/28/10</b>	<b>\$16,169.98</b>
<b>CD Balance as of 4/5/10</b>	<b>\$ 9,455.70</b>
<b>Checking Balance as of 4/5//10</b>	<b>\$ 6,844.28</b>
<b>Total as of 4/5/10</b>	<b>\$16,299.98</b>

## Membership Report for April 2010

If you want to take advantage of the dues discount, pay your 2010 dues now! Bring your cash or check for \$40 to the April meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233.

Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will advise as to the dues paid status of the membership at the April meeting. Please take advantage of the opportunity to pay your dues and get it out of the way!

**Mark your calendars for these additional 2010 dates!**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting at Derry's, 54th & Bluemound**

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting at the ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**August 19 to August 22, 2010**  
**Irish Fest 30th Anniversary**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting at the ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**  
**Mass of Irish Remembrance &**  
**William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting at Derry's, 54th and Bluemound**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting at Derry's, 54th and Bluemound**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 6 PM**  
**New Member Initiation and Christmas Party**  
**ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**The Milwaukee Division is in need of your help! If you want to get involved in some way to support the Division or its charities, you need to step forward and be counted!! In particular, we need men who are willing to volunteer for responsibilities at Irish Fest and the William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner. Call (414) 581-3373 or email douglas.smith@marquette.edu.**

## Minutes from the March 2010 Division Meeting

Deacon Mike Finley led the members in prayer. The speakers were Tom Callen, past President and currently President of the Friends of St. Patrick Milwaukee Division, and three Young Ambassadors from the program— Jim McLaughlin, Bridget Ward, and Kyle O'Brien. Each of them spoke about their unique experiences in the north of Ireland that relate to their interests and backgrounds and their excitement at getting to know the people and culture of the north. The membership sincerely expressed its appreciation for their willingness to share their experiences. Officer reports were made and accepted. Greg Harrington was nominated as First Vice President; the nominations for officers were then closed. The slate of officers for 2010-2011 was then elected, including Doug Smith as President, Greg Harrington as First Vice President, Sean Callahan as Second Vice President, Mike Finley as Membership Secretary, Bob Mikush as Treasurer, Patrick Smith as Recording Secretary, Michael Kilkenny as Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. William Kelly, S.J., as Chaplain. Deacon Mike Finley was appointed Assistant Chaplain. The events of Irish Week and March 13, 2010, were discussed in detail. The resolution, tabled at the previous meeting, to sponsor the Thriller at Miller softball outing for membership development at the \$500 level was approved. The resolution, tabled at the previous meeting, to provide \$500 to support the Friends at Merrill Park was ruled out of order by the President. A separate resolution to provide \$500 in Division funds to the Foundation to contribute to a tax-exempt charity, with the recommendation that it be done so on behalf of the Friends of Merrill Park, was approved. The President advised that a Book of Remembrance for deceased members was being established. The schedule for future meetings was announced, discussed, and added to the monthly newsletter. Members were reminded again to add their email addresses to our electronic lists, maintained by Doug Smith and Father Kelly. Deacon Mike Finley led the members in closing prayers.