

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 7:15 PM, at the ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue. Our speaker will be Professor Emeritus Jay Dolan of the University of Notre Dame, who will discuss *The Irish Americans*, his recent book on the history of the Irish in America. We will also make our final plans for Irish Fest! This is normally our most well-attended and fun meeting of the year, as we prepare for one of the best weeks of the year. Please come and help us kick off the excitement!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What could be better than sharing great Irish be sure to be part of it all! That starts and Celtic music, in a beautiful setting on with our August speaker, Professor Milwaukee's lakefront, in a comfortable and Emeritus Jay Dolan of the University of modern venue just across from one of the Notre Dame. Professor Dolan's book liveliest stages with the biggest acts, and hav- *The Irish Americans* is outstanding, and ing the chance to socialize with your Hiber- I'm sure that everyone will enjoy his nian brothers from Milwaukee and from all presentation. The speaker portion of the across the country? If you have shared in the meeting will be open to the public, so excitement in the past, you know what I invite anyone you know who might be mean. If you have not, this is the perfect year interested. After he is finished, Professor to start! The Division is blessed with many Dolan and the visitors will adjourn to members who give above and beyond the call Quinlan's Pub, while we Milwaukee each and every year to make Irish Fest a great Hibernians will finish up our business to time for everyone. The Irish have always make ready for Irish Fest. earned their way, and so we need you to step Our new Web site will shortly include up and help us to deliver once again what is a almost everything you need to know for fantastic celebration of our Irish heritage. Irish Fest, but call me at (414) 581-3373 Volunteer in advance, or if you can't volun- or email at the address in the next col- teer in advance, find me or the Officer in umn if you can't find what you need. I Charge at the Hospitality Area at Irish Fest want every Hibernian, active or not, to and see if there is a way that you can help, participate in some way in this fantastic with your time or treasure. Whatever you do, experience. See you in at Irish Fest!

Céad Míle Fáilte! The Milwaukee Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, 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

2009

Wednesday, August 12

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at ICHC

Professor Emeritus Jay Dolan of Notre Dame will be the speaker. The speaker portion of this meeting is open to the public, so please bring spouses and anyone who is interested in hearing about Professor Dolan's outstanding history on the Irish in America. After the presentation, Professor Dolan and the guests will adjourn to Quinlan's Pub, where the Division members will join them after the business portion of the meeting is finished.

Friday, August 14

3rd Annual Irish Fest Golf Outing

Thursday, August 13 to Sunday August 16

Irish Fest at Maier Festival Park

Wednesday, September 9

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at ICHC

J.J. O'Leary, S.J., will be the speaker.

Friday, October 2

Seven Nations Concert at ICHC

See page 2 for more information.

Be sure to check out the Milwaukee Division's new and improved Web site at www.aohmilwaukee.com! In particular, volunteer responsibilities for Irish Fest are listed at the Irish Fest tab, so check there to confirm your volunteer responsibilities or to find out what responsibilities remain open and available for you to fill! Thank you in advance for your generosity in assuring that all of the members can enjoy what Irish Fest has to offer!

Financial Status for August 2009

Bob Mikush will provide a financial report at the August meeting, which will also be circulated via email to the membership. The cash position of the Division is as follows:

Total as of 6/24/09	\$12,473.80
CD Balance as of 8/2/09	\$ 9,423.70
Checking Balance as of 8/2/09	\$ 5,529.36
Total as of 8/2/09	\$14,953.06

Membership Report for August 2009

Your dues are once again due and payable! Bring your cash or check for \$30 to the July meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233.

As of July 31, the total membership of the AOH Milwaukee Division remained 174, with ten clergy and 164 dues-paying members. As of July 31, 103 of the Brethren are fully paid or deemed paid for 2009, or just 63% of the dues-paying membership. Don't be caught short at Irish Fest, and don't let the Division be caught short in paying its bills! Please attend the August meeting with your dues, or send them in, or bring them to Irish Fest, and continue to support our cultural and charitable activities!

Saturday, October 3

Irish Mass of Remembrance

William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, October 14

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM; location TBD

The speaker has not been determined.

Sunday, October 25 (tentative)

Morning of Reflection

Wednesday, November 11

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's

Bishop William Callahan will be the speaker.

Wednesday, December 9

Christmas Party and New Member Initiation at ICHC

Mass and Initiation begins at 6 PM, dinner follows

The Milwaukee Division is in need of your help! If you can serve as Webmaster, are willing to volunteer to serve as an officer, or just want to get involved in some way to support the Division or its charities, you need to step forward and be counted!! Contact one of the officers and let him know of your interests and availability, and we will help you to make a contribution to the Division, to the local Irish community, and to Milwaukee's charities!

Minutes from the July 2009 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was Patrick McGilligan, a lecturer at Marquette University who spent the last semester at University College Dublin. The membership indicated that they thought the presentation was unique.

Bob Mikush provided a summary of the financial report. The membership report was included in the newsletter. Members were reminded to pay their dues in advance of Irish Fest and to add their email addresses to our electronic lists, maintained by Doug Smith and Father Kelly. Opportunities to participate in the Third Annual AOH Irish Fest Open golf tournament and to purchase discounted Irish Fest tickets were also discussed.

Volunteers for Irish Fest and the Spaghetti Dinner activities were solicited. Sponsorships were discussed, and the membership was advised of the unanimous decision of the officers to make beer available at the Hospitality Area only to the extent that sponsorships and cash proceeds received at Irish Fest could cover its cost. The issue of financing Hospitality Area activities will be addressed again at the February 2010 meeting, after the annual report has been distributed to the membership. The membership was advised that the previous motion to consider renaming the Division has been withdrawn. Sashes were offered for purchase. Father Kelly led the members in closing prayers.