

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 6:00 PM, at the ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue. The Mass and New Member Initiation in the Hallamor will immediately be followed by the Christmas Party and Dinner. There is no cost to new members and a guest when the new member participates for the first time in the New Member Initiation; all others pay \$18. Please show your Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity by participating. We hope to see you there, snow or cold or both notwithstanding!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The winter cold appears to have finally caught up with Milwaukee, just in time for our annual New Member Initiation and Christmas Party. If you have not participated in the New Member Initiation, I encourage you to do so; along with Mass led by Father Kelly, it is an important reminder of why we have all decided to be Hibernians. So that we do not run out of food, please let me or Tim O'Brien know that you plan to come. At the request of our Treasurer, Bob Mikush, who has done an outstanding job this year, we are deferring the 2009 Annual Report to the February meeting, so that we can provide you with useful and correct information about our financial position and make smart recommendations to the membership as to how to proceed in 2010. This will also give the officers a chance to get together in January to discuss any significant proposals to be included in the annual report for acceptance by the membership.

Nominations for officer positions will be accepted at the February meeting, with elections to be held in March. Every organization needs people who are willing to dedicate time and talent. I won't promise that serving as an AOH Milwaukee Division officer will improve your love life or your professional opportunities, but I will promise that you will feel like you have made a contribution to the preservation of Irish culture and heritage, including our Division's commitment to Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Just let me know you have an interest, and we will work it out. Even if you can't serve as an officer, you can make your contribution. Attend our meetings, recommend the names of speakers that you would like to hear, sign up for the Irish Fest Cultural Area and the Spaghetti Dinner, and come to the New Member Initiation. See you there!

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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Terry Brennan, First Vice President  
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## CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2009-2010

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

**Christmas Party and New Member Initiation at the ICHC**

Mass and Initiation begins at 6 PM, dinner follows. Dinner is \$18 per person; new members and a guest attend for free. See [www.aohmilwaukee.com](http://www.aohmilwaukee.com) for more details.

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub**

Former Marquette basketball player and current color analyst Jim McIlvaine will be the speaker.

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub**

Bill Drew will be the speaker. The Division's Annual Report will be presented to the membership, and officer nominations for 2010-2011 will be accepted.

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub**

The speaker has not yet been determined. Officer elections for 2010-2011 will be held.

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**St. Patrick's Day Celebrations**

Mass to Honor St. Patrick at 8:30 AM; Downtown Parade at 12 noon; ICHC Post Parade Party at 1 PM; Bluemound Parade at 3:30 PM

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

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## Financial Status for December 2009

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

<b>Total as of 10/31/09</b>	<b>\$16,805.07</b>
<b>CD Balance as of 11/29/09</b>	<b>\$ 9,444.07</b>
<b>Checking Balance as of 11/29//09</b>	<b>\$ 7,709.75</b>
<b>Total as of 11/29/09</b>	<b>\$17,153.82</b>

## Membership Report for December 2009

If you want to take advantage of the dues discount, pay your 2010 dues now! Bring your cash or check for \$30 to the December meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233. Dues are \$40 if not received by March 13, 2010.

Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will provide an update at the January meeting. Gentlemen, we very much appreciate your continued membership and participation. Don't forget to continue to invite friends to become part of the best Irish America fraternity around!

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

**Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting**

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

**Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 7:15 PM**  
**Division Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 6 PM**  
**New Member Initiation and Christmas Party**

**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 serve as officers for the 2010-2011 year, as the proposed slate of new officers will be submitted in nomination at the February 2010 Division meeting. Call (414) 581-3373 or email [douglas.smith@marquette.edu](mailto:douglas.smith@marquette.edu).**

## Minutes from the November 2009 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was Bishop William Callahan, Archdiocesan Administrator of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Bishop Callahan's comments were warmly received, and it is reported that Bishop Callahan participated in an appropriate amount of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity at the bar following the meeting.

The membership was reminded about ICHC Cleanup Day on November 14, and the New Member Initiation and Christmas Party details were discussed. The drawing for two free tickets to the Celtic Christmas Concert at the ICHC and for two free Christmas Party dinners were deferred until after the meeting.

New members were introduced, and officer reports were given. Members were reminded again to add their email addresses to our electronic lists, maintained by Doug Smith and Father Kelly.

Father Kelly led the members in closing prayers.