

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, North 54th St. and Bluemound Road. William Ryan Drew, one of the founding members of the modern version of the AOH Milwaukee Division, will speak about the founding of the Division and the people who helped to make it happen. We will also discuss the results of the meeting location survey, review the Division's annual report, accept nominations for officers for the next year, and get ready for our St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are three particularly busy times in the AOH annual calendar, and the first of them is on Saturday March 13. It's always one of the best days of the year, with a beautiful Mass in the morning at St. Patrick's, the fabulous Downtown Parade at 12 noon, and the Bluemound Parade at 3:30 PM. Each member who participates in each of these events will not only have a great time and earn my undying gratitude, but there will be a reward distributed at the Bluemound Parade. Please make plans to come out for the fun!

We will have more details at the February meeting, where Bill Drew will discuss the modern founding of the Milwaukee Division and share with all of us his stories. We will also address the issue of our meeting location and the survey results; I'm pleased to say that we had 62 responses as of January 31 and will accept responses until Sunday, February 7, at 10 PM. If you want to participate, go to www.aohmilwaukee.com and follow the link

at the bottom of the center column. Nominations for officer positions will be accepted at the February meeting, with elections to be held in March. So far, we have no volunteers for the First Vice President position. The primary responsibilities are to find speakers for future meetings and to fill in for me at meetings if I can't attend. Every organization needs people who are willing to dedicate time and talent. Please let me know you have an interest! Our plan for 2010 will include more financial stability for the Hospitality Area, expanding local partnerships for our charitable activities, and trying to find ways to increase membership among young people in Milwaukee. We need your input and help to make 2010 the best year of the AOH Milwaukee Division ever. I hope to see you on February 10 and March 10 and 13! Doug Smith

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

2010

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

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

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

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JUNE.

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!

Financial Status for February 2010

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:

Total as of 1/4/10	\$16,398.50
CD Balance as of 1/31/10	\$ 9,448.93
Checking Balance as of 1/31//10	\$ 5,864.28
Total as of 1/31/10	\$15,313.50

Membership Report for February 2010

If you want to take advantage of the dues discount, pay your 2010 dues now! Bring your cash or check for \$30 to the January 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, advises that the Division ended 2009 with 139 regular members, plus 2 military and 20 priests. During January 2010, the Division added 12 new dues-paying members and reinstated 3 members. The Division therefore has 165 members as of January 31, 2010.

Mark your calendars for these additional 2010 dates!

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.

Minutes from the January 2010 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was Jim McIlvaine, who spoke about his blog, the Marquette men's basketball team, and answered questions about Racine basketball and other matters of interest. The membership expressed its appreciation for his time and energy at the end of his presentation. New members were introduced, and officer reports were given. There was a small loss reported on the Christmas Party; the President indicated that the cost next year would be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, to encourage more members to reserve their place in advance. Upon motion from the floor, the members agreed that the Division would purchase drink coupons at Derry's for members who participate in the Bluemound Parade. Terry Brennan and Tom Miller advised that they would not be able to serve again as officers, and so volunteers for replacements were solicited. The members agreed to provide up to \$1,000 in expenses to send two representatives to the AOH National Convention in Cincinnati in July to solicit Midwest Divisions to participate in a Midwest Meeting during Irish Fest 2011 and assist the Division in sponsoring the Hospitality Area there. The Division agreed that it would pursue an opportunity for an in-service day with one of the three schools supported by the Spaghetti Dinner. Members who need transportation to monthly meetings should contact Doug Smith to be matched with a volunteer who can provide the transportation. The Division agreed to omit speakers from the April and August meetings as a test to provide more opportunities for fellowship by the members. Requests for financial assistance from the Division were referred to the Foundation, and the Foundation will be asked to provide periodic reports to the Division. A on-line survey concerning the monthly meeting location was initiated and will be completed on February 7. The Division decided to keep its mailing address at the ICHC. 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.