

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 7:15 PM, at the ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue. Our speaker will be Professor Patrick McGilligan of Marquette University, who will discuss his recent semester at University College in Dublin. We will also continue our preparations for the Friends of Merrill Park Picnic, Irish Fest, and the Spaghetti Dinner and discuss other items of general interest. Fellowship will prevail, and Brother Terry Brennan will again try to keep the business meeting short. Please come!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen, the busy season is upon us! In meeting and talk with Terry Brennan to addition to graduations, weddings, cookouts, seek where your talents can best be put to the Brewers, vacations, and a widespread use. If time is precious, please consider rebellion against winter and a generally unco- making a sponsorship donation to the operative spring, Irish Fest is just six weeks Hospitality Area. Times are tough, spon- away, followed shortly thereafter by the Spa- sorships are down, and your participation ghetti Dinner. The Division is blessed with is greatly valued.

many members who give above and beyond In that regard, the officers at the June the call each and every year, but we all have meeting decided that, as good stewards responsibilities that make it impossible for us of the Division's resources, we are not to do everything that we have always done prepared to spend money that we do not each and every year into eternity. That's have. As a result, beer at the Hospitality why, more than ever, we need members who Area will be served only so long as spon- have not participated actively in the past to sorships and Hospitality Area donations step up and help us to deliver once again what will sustain it. If you agree as I do that is a fantastic celebration of our Irish heritage, hospitality is important to the long-term as a well as make a contribution toward paro- success of the Division, please join me chial education in Milwaukee that results in a and other members who have already real difference for real people. done so in sponsoring the Hospitality

Our new Web site includes a listing of our Area. Send me an email, and I will fol- volunteers to date for Irish Fest. If you have low up. For now, I'm off on vacation not signed up already, please come to the July myself. See you in August!

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

2009

### Saturday, July 11

AOH Brewers Outing and Thriller at Miller

### Sunday, July 19

Friends of Merrill Park Benefit Picnic, Mass at 11 AM  
Sacred Heart Church, 917 N. 49th St.

### Wednesday, August 12

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at ICHC  
Professor Emeritus Jay Dolan of Notre Dame will be the speaker.

### 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](http://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!

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## Financial Status for July 2009

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

<b>Total as of 5/4/09</b>	<b>\$14,288.34</b>
<b>CD Balance as of 6/24/09</b>	<b>\$ 9,416.80</b>
<b>Checking Balance as of 6/24/09</b>	<b>\$ 3,056.36</b>
<b>Total as of 6/24/09</b>	<b>\$12,473.80</b>

## Membership Report for July 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 June , the total membership of the AOH Milwaukee Division was 174, with ten clergy and 164 dues-paying members. Unfortunately, only 98 of the Brethren are fully paid or deemed paid for 2009, or just 60% 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 July meeting with your dues, or send them in, and continue to support the Division's 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 May 2009 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The scheduled speaker, Alderman Michael Murphy, was unable to attend as a result of a family emergency. Brother Mike Finley, who is a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese, as well as the Division Membership Secretary and Assistant Chaplain, spoke to the Brothers about the process of becoming a deacon and the duties and rewards of his journey as a deacon. Brother Jerry O'Neil complimented Mike on his ability to deliver a homily that related to the real-life challenges and difficulties of the parishioners. The membership expressed their appreciation for Mike's willingness to step in at the last minute to present a very interesting talk.

Bob Mikush provided the financial report, and Mike Finley provided the membership report. The members voted that the Irish Mass of Remembrance for 2009 would specifically honor the Irish who died or were forced to emigrate because of the Great Hunger. Various future events were discussed, including the cancellation of this year's Morning of Recollection. Interested members signed up for the wake or visitation prayer vigil by the Division.

Volunteers for Irish Fest and the Spaghetti Dinner activities were solicited. A motion concerning the renaming of the Division was referred to the officers for recommendation back to the membership. The members voted not to serve premium beer at the Irish Fest Hospitality Area. A separate motion to reconsider the terms under which the Irish Fest Hospitality Area would be conducted was referred to the officers for decision. Father Kelly led the members in closing prayers.