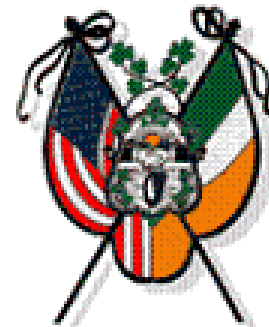


ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, North 54th St. and Bluemound Road. Tom Callen, President of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Friends of St. Patrick, and Jane Anderson of Irish Fest will bring along Bridget Ward, James McLaughlin, and Kyle O'Brien to talk about their experiences in the Young Ambassadors Program. We will also accept nominations for and elect officers for the next year, and get ready for our St. Patrick's Day celebrations. We hope to see you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm really looking forward to Saturday, March 13! Perhaps the best thing is that there's plenty of time just to talk to one's fellow Hibernians. I have made new friends, had some great laughs, and come to appreciate why it's a blessing to be of Irish descent. We'll put all of the details on the Web site and in an email message to the members after the March 10 meeting, but here's what you need to know.

1. Put 723 West Washington Street in your GPS or MapQuest and come to the Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Patrick Church. Archbishop ListECKI is the celebrant and honorary Irishman for the day. The Mass is beautiful, and the AOH needs another wonderful turnout like we had last year.
 2. Participate in the Downtown Parade. Assemble at the Miller Time Pub, 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, around 11:30 AM. We'll have a trailer for those who wish to ride, but we need your presence!
 3. Participate in the Bluemound Parade by assembling at Balistreri's Bluemound Inn, 65th and Bluemound. The trailer will be there once again, and a free libation at Derry's will follow for those who participate at the Bluemound Parade. Come find out where all the fun is!
- At Irish Fest, we celebrate being Irish and our love of all things Irish. At the Spaghetti Dinner, we give back to others for our blessings. On March 13, we tell others that we are proud of our Irish heritage. Don't be caught at home! Nominations for officer positions will be closed, and elections held, on March 10. We still need a nominee for the First Vice President position. Every organization needs people who are willing to dedicate time and talent, but I will make this as painless as possible. Please let me know you have an interest!

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

Saturday, March 13, 2010

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Mass to Honor St. Patrick at 8:30 AM, breakfast follows at ICHC; Downtown Parade at 12 noon; at Miller Time Pub ICHC Post Parade Party at 1 PM; Bluemound Parade, 3:30 PM at Balistreri's

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

Division Meeting at Derry's, 54th & Bluemound

This is the Member Social Night. Please come and get to know your Hibernian Brothers better!

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!

Financial Status for March 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:

Total as of 1/31/10	\$15,313.15
CD Balance as of 1/31/10	\$ 9,455.70
Checking Balance as of 2/28//10	\$ 6,714.28
Total as of 2/28/10	\$16,169.98

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

Membership Report for March 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 March 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. This is the last meeting at which you can pay \$30 for 2010, so please don't forget to do so!

Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will advise as to the dues paid status of the membership at the March meeting. The Division had 165 members as of January 31.

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 February 2010 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was William Ryan Drew, who discussed the history of the AOH in the context of anti-immigrant feeling in the 1800's and shared some reflections on the re-starting of the Milwaukee Division. New members were introduced, and officer reports were given. The 2009 financial report, along with the 2010 budget, was shared and discussed. It was agreed that, in order to reduce cost, monthly mailings would be handled by the ICHC going forward. A \$250 contribution to the Jesuit Partnership in honor of Rev. Richard McGarrity, S.J., former Assistant Chaplain of the Division, was approved. The results of the on-line survey were shared. Based on the overwhelming preference to retain Derry's as the Division's primary meeting place, the current method of scheduling locations for the monthly meetings will be retained. A June meeting in Oshkosh at the Oshkosh Irish Fest was approved, and the members expressed no objection to the idea of Fox Valley Chapter that would be part of the Milwaukee Division. Arrangements and details for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations were discussed. Officer nominations were accepted for Doug Smith as President, Sean Callahan as Second Vice President, Bob Mikush as Treasurer, Mike Finley as Membership Secretary, Patrick Smith as Recording Secretary, Michael Kilkenny as Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. William Kelly, S.J., as Chaplain. Nominations were held open until the March meeting, pending identification of a nominee for First Vice President. The Division agreed to sponsor the Karan Casey concert at the ICHC on Saturday, May 22; all dues-paid members will receive one free ticket to the concert. The officers were authorized to pursue discussions of a permanent traveling display discussing the AOH and the Milwaukee Division. Motions concerning sponsorship of the Thriller at Miller softball game and the Friends of Merrill Park picnic were tabled. 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.