

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, August, 2011, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound. Phil Ryan of Inroads Ireland, who leads small group tours throughout the Emerald Isle, will talk about his work and land we all hold dear. We'll also prepare for our participation in the Irish Fest activities, as the Division approaches its 25th anniversary. Your participation at this time is crucial to the success of the Division, as we lead into the busy season of Irish Fest and the Spaghetti Dinner. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The biggest and best Irish music and cultural festival on the planet, Milwaukee Irish Fest, is less than three weeks away as I write this. During this time, the Friendship part of our motto is on primary display, as we socialize with one another with the energy and enthusiasm that one can only muster once a year. Starting on Thursday, I normally find myself running as fast as I can until I run out of gas, usually somewhere on Sunday afternoon. I've decided to train this year, however, and hope to make it all the way to the finish line. I expect to see you there!

Attendance at the August Division meetings is essential to continuing to make both Irish Fest and the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner a success. The membership has always stepped up to meet the need, and I continue to be grateful that, despite your busy schedules and competing responsibilities, you still find time to support the Hibernians.

In particular, willingness to participate in the Mass for Peace and Justice at Irish Fest sends the message of Hibernian faithfulness throughout the Irish community in Milwaukee and even throughout the country. Your volunteer activities at the Cultural Area at Irish Fest and with the Spaghetti Dinner continue to speak to who we are and what we know to be important, namely, the Christian Charity part of our motto. Finally, through your ongoing and unwavering support, we demonstrate our Unity, as Irishmen, Catholics, friends, and citizens.

So, thank you for all that you do for the Division. I hope to see you at the August meeting, at Irish Fest in the Hospitality Area, the Cultural Area, and at the Mass for Peace and Justice, at the September meeting, and at the Spaghetti Dinner on October 1. I am proud to call you my friends! Doug

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 2011-2012 are—
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CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2011

Thursday, August 18, to Sunday, August 21, 2011

Irish Fest at Maier Festival Park

Details on the AOH's participation at the 2011 version of Irish Fest will be discussed and finalized at the August meeting. Go to www.irishfest.com for all event information, and remember that the Hibernian Hospitality Area above the Miller Lite Stage will be open Friday and Saturday during the entire time of the Fest. Additional seating will also be available in the lower area near the entrance on Saturday after 4 PM.

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center,
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

Paul McInerney, Associate Athletic Director at Marquette, will speak.

See page 2 for the rest of the 2011 calendar.

Be sure to check out the Milwaukee Division's new and improved Web site at www.aohmilwaukee.com!

Financial Status for August 2011

The monthly financial report will be distributed electronically.
The cash position of the Division is as follows:

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| Total as of 7/7/11 | \$ 14,442.30 |
| CD Balance as of 7/30/11 | \$ 9,474.67 |
| Checking Balance as of 7/30/11 | \$ 6,676.59 |
| Total as of 7/30/11 | \$ 16,151.26 |

Membership Report for August 2011

Dues for 2011 are now overdue! Don't be a laggard and pay at Irish Fest! Bring your cash or check for \$40 to the August meeting. If you mail in your dues, you risk not being on the list of members who will have access to the Hospitality Area at Irish Fest!

Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will advise as to the total membership numbers and dues paid status of the membership at the meeting. Please pay your dues and help fund our ongoing and important activities!

Mark your calendars for these additional 2011 dates!

Saturday, October 1, 2011
Mass of Irish Remembrance and
William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's, 54th and Bluemound
Dean Kevin Carroll of All Saints Cathedral will be the speaker.

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's, 54th and Bluemound
Jim Kearney from Marquette University High School will speak.

December 2011
Mass and Initiation of New Members
Division Christmas Party
Date and Location TBD

Minutes from the March 2011 Division Meeting.

President Doug Smith opened the meeting, and Deacon Mike Finley led the members in the opening prayer. The speaker was Jane Anderson, Executive Director of Irish Fest, who made her annual pilgrimage to the AOH to discuss the changes for the 2011 edition of "the Premier Irish Experience" and the scheduled entertainment. Jane's presentation was followed by a short discussion from Emily Fitzgibbons, daughter of Brother Pat Fitzgibbons and the recipient of last year's Hibernian Scholarship. Emily discussed her trip to, and internship in Ireland, last year. New members were introduced. The Treasurer's Report and the Membership Report was given. Details concerning the Friends of Merrill Park Picnic were discussed. A preliminary discussion of Hibernian events related to Irish Fest was initiated, with a reminder that attendance at the August meeting is very important to assure that all volunteer assignments and responsibilities related to Irish Fest are complete. Sponsorships were discussed, and several of the Brethren have stepped forward. The early date of this year's Spaghetti Dinner, on Saturday, October 1, was noted, and preparations for the Spaghetti Dinner were initiated. Kevin Gilligan and Gary Quinn were recognized for their willingness to step forward to assist in the organization and execution of the Spaghetti Dinner beginning in 2012. Deacon Mike Finley led the membership in the closing prayers, which included prayers for our deceased Brethren and for the speedy and complete recovery of Chaplain Father William Kelly, S.J.