

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

FEBRUARY 2012 ED.



The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be the Initiation of New Members and Annual Banquet on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 6 PM, at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (IHC), 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue. The Initiation and Mass will take place at 6 PM, followed by fellowship, the Banquet, and door prizes. See the accompanying invitation. We will also accept nominations for Division officers for the upcoming year and details about the St. Patrick's Day festivities. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin our activities in 2012, I want to first thank everyone for their contributions in 2011. We have increased our membership and completed several successful activities. We will be working hard to keep the momentum going in 2012, starting with our New Member Initiation this month. Please come and honor our new Brethren if you possibly can!

Our first business this year, as in every year, is to remember to pay our dues. As the membership approved last year, dues are \$30 until March 14, when they increased to \$40. Please save some money and support the Division by paying your dues early.

Our next obligation, in February and March, is to nominate and to elect Division officers for the upcoming year. The only way in which the Division can continue to prosper is if our members, both new and more experienced, are willing to step up to help carry the

load. It's not a lot of heavy lifting, and there are many people to help you learn the responsibilities and carry them out efficiently. Please let me know if you have an interest. Our veteran officers deserve a rest!

On March 10, we have our St. Patrick Day celebrations, what I think is one of the most fun days of the year. A beautiful Mass at St. Patrick's is followed by two parades that highlight the Irish American experience in Milwaukee. The Friends of St. Patrick Milwaukee Chapter and Hunger Task Force are again co-sponsors of the Bluemound Parade, and so it's important that the Division and its membership turn out in full force to support the Friends of St. Patrick, demonstrate our Irish spirit, and set the tone for the rest of 2012. Finally, thank you for all that you do for the Division! 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 to be nominated to serve as officers in 2011-2012 are—
Doug Smith, President
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Michael Kilkenny, First Vice President
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CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2012

Saturday, March 10, 2012

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Mass to Honor St. Patrick at 8:30 AM;

Downtown Parade at 12 noon;

IHC Post Parade Party at 1 PM;

Bluemound Parade at 3:30 P

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM

Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound

Officer elections will be held. Speaker is to be determined.

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM

Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound

Speaker is to be determined.

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM

**Irish Cultural & Heritage Center,
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

See page 2 for the rest of the 2012 calendar.

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

Financial Status for February 2012

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

CD Balance as of 1/22/12	\$ 9,480.02
Checking Balance as of 1/22/12	\$ 8,463.99
Total as of 1/22/12	\$ 17,944.01

Membership Report for February 2012

Dues for 2012 may now be paid! Bring your cash or check for \$30 to the meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233. Dues increase to \$40 if not paid by March 14, 2012.

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

Mark your calendars for these additional 2012 dates!

THERE IS NO DIVISION MEETING IN JUNE.

Wednesday July 11, 2012
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound

Wednesday, August 8, 2012
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center,
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue

Thursday, August 16, 2012
to Sunday, August 19, 2012
Irish Fest at Maier Festival Park

Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center,
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue

Saturday, October 6, 2012
Mass of Irish Remembrance and
William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's, 54th and Bluemound

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's, 54th and Bluemound

Wednesday, December 12, 2012
Division Meeting
Time and Location TBD

Minutes from the January 2012 Division Meeting

President Doug Smith opened the meeting. Assistant Chaplain and Membership Secretary Mike Finley led the members in the opening prayer. Jim Kearney, teacher of Irish literature at Marquette University High School, regaled the membership with some Irish fables and legends. New members were introduced. A Membership and Treasurer's Report were given. The members voted to hold the New Member Initiation and Banquet at the February meeting. The membership was reminded that officer nominations will be accepted in February and officer elections will take place in March and that anyone willing and interested in serving was invited to let one of the officers know.

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.