

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound. The speaker will be Jane Mullaney Anderson, Executive Director of Milwaukee Irish Fest, who will talk about the new acts and activities and the 2010 Irish Fest, the 30th edition of "The Premier Irish Experience" promoting and celebrating all aspects of Irish culture. We will discuss our own preparations for Irish Fest and the AOH Hospitality Area and our progress at the AOH National Convention in Cincinnati. See you there!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Kevin Gilligan, Gary Quinn, Cary Merkl, Gerry Driscoll, and David and Patrick Smith for their travel to, and participation at, the Oshkosh Irish Fest. Great Irish music and a nice variety of cultural and gastronomic activities in a nice location made the Oshkosh Irish Fest an excellent start to the Irish Fest season. Special thanks to Dick Casey, who acted as our host and (perhaps not coincidentally) won the free trip to Ireland for two from the Oshkosh Irish Fest raffle. I'm guessing that Dick has already decided whom he will be taking along with him, but let him know if you want to be added to the waiting list. It's now time to think Irish Fest all the time, as we are less than 60 days from the start of the event. I encourage everyone to take just a moment to consider not just the first-class product that Irish Fest delivers every year but all of the efforts of all of the volunteers necessary to make it happen. They do this year after year not just because it's enjoyable but

also because it truly is a way for everyone to contribute to the tradition of Irish culture and heritage, which we all hope will carry on despite the trends of contemporary life. Irish culture in all of its various aspects communicates the importance of friendship, family, and God to each of our individual lives and allows us to put in perspective the difficulties and problems that we all share from time to time. More than any other culture, the Irish have viewed life, with all of its trials, as a gift from God that should never be taken for granted. That's why your participation in the AOH Hospitality and Cultural Areas—as a donor, volunteer, and attendee—is so important. Come to the July meeting and help us demonstrate Fellowship, Unity, and Christian Charity at its finest. I'm proud to be a Hibernian, and I hope that you are too! Doug

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 2010-2011 are—  
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## CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2010

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010,  
at 7:15 PM  
Division Meeting at Derry's,  
54th & Bluemound**

**August 19 to August 22, 2010  
Irish Fest 30th Anniversary**

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010,  
at 7:15 PM  
Division Meeting at the ICHC,  
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2010,  
at 7:15 PM  
Division Meeting at the ICHC,  
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**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](http://www.aohmilwaukee.com)!**

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## Financial Status for July 2010

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:

<b>Total as of 5/3/10</b>	<b>\$15,499.15</b>
<b>CD Balance as of 6/24/10</b>	<b>\$ 9,459.20</b>
<b>Checking Balance as of 5/3//10</b>	<b>\$ 3,415.46</b>
<b>Total as of 5/3/10</b>	<b>\$12,874.66</b>

## Membership Report for July 2010

If you haven't already paid your dues, bring your cash or check for \$40 to the July meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233. Don't wait for Irish Fest and risk being left outside the Hospitality Area!

Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will advise as to the dues paid status of the membership at the May meeting. Please take advantage of the opportunity to pay your dues and get it out of the way!

**Mark your calendars for these additional 2010 dates!**

**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**

**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](mailto:douglas.smith@marquette.edu).**

## Minutes from the May 2010 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was John Dodds, who spoke at length about his involvement with the Marquette Golden Eagles men's basketball team and the Green Bay Packers compiling statistics and collecting numerous stories about the individuals involved in those programs. He also discussed possible developments in terms of player personnel for the upcoming season.

Officer reports were made, and announcements were made concerning the Division's sponsorship of the Karan Casey concert at the ICHC and its participation at Oshkosh Irish Fest. Rick McDermott and Mike Finley were acknowledged for their efforts in preparing a letter for the March & April edition of the *National Hibernian Digest*. Irish Fest sponsorships were also discussed.

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.