

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

MARCH 2011 ED.



The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound. Stephen Bailey, the new golf coach at Marquette, will talk about his background, coaching golf in the Big East, and perhaps help with a swing tip or two. The Division will also elect Division officers for the upcoming year and confirm the details about the St. Patrick's Day festivities, in which your participation is essential. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you adequately managing your cabin fever and cautiously preparing for spring. As I write this, snow is still falling, but the Golf Show is next weekend, and our March speaker will help get us in the mood to hit the links. But first (since the courses are not likely to open for at least another month), we have the opportunity once again to honor our Irish ancestors and to remember why we are Hibernians. The Feast of St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, marks the conversion of Ireland to Christianity, and our participation in that feast helps to remind us of the constant faith of the Irish people, which gave strength during the some of the most difficult history that any people had to endure. Every March, I am reminded of how my Irish ancestors overcome their situation to gain freedom for their descendants. For this reason, I consider it a privilege to participate in the St. Patrick's Day events,

especially beginning with the Mass at St. Patrick's. I hope that you can participate with me, to show that Hibernians remember and honor their heritage—and that includes having a lot of fun!

We'll talk in some detail at the March meeting about the upcoming events, but if you can come to the meeting and want more information, feel free to send me an email or call (414) 581-3373 if you need any details. I'll have sashes and everything you need at the meeting. You'll also have to chance to vote for our officers and express your appreciation for all that they do.

When you see Brother Bob Towne, please take the opportunity to congratulate him on his selection as Irishman of the Year. Bob is a tireless volunteer and has more than earned the honor.

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 elected to serve as officers in 2010-2011 are—

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2011

Saturday, March 12, 2011

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

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

Full Irish Breakfast after Mass at the ICHC for \$7; Bus rides to the Downtown Parade are \$3;

Downtown Parade at 12 noon;

ICHC Post Parade Party at 1 PM;

Bluemound Parade at 3:30 PM

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM

Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound

Rev. James E. Lobacz, Vocation Director for Archdiocese of Milwaukee, will be the speaker.

Saturday, April 16, 2011

ICHC Cleanup Day, 9 AM to 1 PM

Bring cash and non-perishable food items for the Friends of St. Patrick food drive!

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 March 2011

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

Total as of 1/31/11	\$ 13,577.25
CD Balance as of 2/26/11	\$ 9,469.70
Checking Balance as of 2/26/11	\$ 5,434.59
Total as of 1/31/11	\$ 14,814.29

Membership Report for March 2011

Dues for 2011 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 12, 2011!

Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will advise as to the total membership numbers and dues paid status of the membership at the 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 2011 dates!

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Irish Cultural & Heritage Center,
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue

Carl Baehr of Milwaukee Area Genealogical Services will speak on "Irish Milwaukee and the Fenian Invasion of Canada."

THERE IS NO DIVISION MEETING IN JUNE.

Wednesday July 13, 2011
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound

Jane Anderson will talk about Irish Fest 2011.

Wednesday, August 10, 2011
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound

Phil Ryan of Inroads Ireland will speak on traveling to Ireland.

Thursday, August 18, to Sunday, August 21, 2011
Irish Fest at Maier Festival Park

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.

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Division Meeting at 7:15 PM
Derry's, 54th and Bluemound

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

Minutes from the February 2011 Division Meeting.

President Doug Smith opened the meeting, and Deacon Mike Finley led the members in the opening prayer. The speaker, Mark Eppli, Director of the Center for Real Estate, talked about the economic recovery, the real estate situation in Milwaukee, and Milwaukee position's for a rebound in the real estate market compared to the rest of the country. Despite more numbers in fifteen minutes than the Division normally encounters in a whole year, the members remained interested in the presentation and asked a number of good questions. New members were introduced. The Treasurer's Report and the Membership Report was given. A motion was made to consider making an additional contribution from the Division to the three parochial schools that the Division and Foundation regularly support if the Foundation will match it. Tom Callen offered on behalf of the Foundation that the schools were pleased with the donations already received and that the funds should be retained for future use. As a result, the motion was withdrawn. The President made nominations for officers for 2011-2012: President—Doug Smith; First Vice President—Greg Harrington; Second Vice President—Sean Callahan; Membership Secretary—Mike Finley; Treasurer—Bob Mikush; Recording Secretary—Patrick Smith; Corresponding Secretary—Michael Kilkenny; and Chaplain—Father William Kelly, S.J. In addition, the President indicated that Mike Finley would be appointed Assistant Chaplain and Denis Lynch would be appointed Chair of the Hospitality Committee. All nominations were second. No new nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Members were reminded again to add their email addresses to our electronic lists, maintained by Doug Smith and Father Kelly. Dean Mike Finley led the members in closing prayers.