

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

MAY 2011 ED.



The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 7:15 PM, at the 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." We'll also make a short preview of the exciting events yet to come this year, including Oshkosh Irish Fest and the Division's 25th anniversary celebration. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all know by now, founding Brother Jeremiah (Derry) Hegarty passed away on April 20. His funeral, on April 26, was consistent with Derry's gentle spirit and was well attended by Derry's friends and patrons, including a sizeable contingent of Hibernians who ushered the funeral Mass and provided assistance where it was needed. Derry's brother Joe was very emotional in expressing his thanks for the outpouring of support for the family by the Hibernians. Brother John Maher of Brett Funeral Home advises: "Please extend our thanks to the brothers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for their presence and valued assistance at the visitation and Mass for Derry Hegarty. I know that Derry's family appreciated their participation and would join me in their thanks."

After a short hiatus from Irish-related topics, I hope that you will have the chance to come to our May meeting to hear about the Fenian

invasion of Canada and Milwaukee's role in it. For the Irish, history is part of the present and not merely a shadow from the past, and so we Hibernians should value the opportunities to understand the challenges of our Irish forebears, in geography if not in blood.

We also will gauge interest in your participation in the Oshkosh Irish Fest and to begin in earnest our preparations for Milwaukee's Irish Fest in August and the 25th anniversary of the reconstituted Milwaukee Division of the AOH. Now more than ever, we need your participation—as a sponsor, as a volunteer, and as a Brother to the rest of the membership. In my last year as President, I hope to encourage you to take advantage of what the Division has to offer.

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 2011-2012 are—

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2011

There is no Division Meeting in June.

Third Annual Oshkosh Irish Fest
Friday, June 3 through Sunday June 5
Leach Amphitheatre

Entertainment includes an authentic Medieval Banquet on Friday, Seamus Kennedy, Gaelic Storm, Larkin and Moran Brothers, Whiskey of the Damned, and Rising Gael, and Mass on Sunday morning. More details to come in the very near future!

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 May 2011

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

Total as of 4/3/11	\$ 16,057.29
CD Balance as of 5/3/11	\$ 9,471.17
Checking Balance as of 5/3/11	\$ 6,704.09
Total as of 5/3/11	\$ 16,175.26

Membership Report for May 2011

Dues for 2011 are now overdue! Bring your cash or check for \$40 to the meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233.

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!

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 McNerny, 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
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 April 2011 Division Meeting.

President Doug Smith opened the meeting, and Father Kelly led the members in the opening prayer. Father James Lobacz, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, was the speaker. Father Lobacz gave a very informative talk about vocations and formation within the Archdiocese that was positively received by the membership.

Officer reports were given, highlighting the Division's continued financial solvency and the increased number of new members added. The ICHC Cleanup Day and Oshkosh Irish Fest event information was presented. The opportunity to apply for the Hibernian Scholarship through the Shamrock Club was discussed. No other new business was presented.

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.