

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound. Our speaker will be Father J.J. O'Leary, S.J., of the Jesuit Community at Marquette University, who will be speaking about his experiences as a Jesuit and how Jesuit educational institutions are adapting to the shortage of vocations in today's world. We will also address membership dues, the AOH National Convention in 2010, and review the outcome of the William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, the Milwaukee Division has done an outstanding job in putting on the Irish Mass of Remembrance and the William Ryan Drew Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner. We won't have a financial report for a little while yet, but I can relate a few things of interest. First, the turnout of volunteers was well above last year's turnout and that of previous years. More importantly, there was genuine enthusiasm and engagement by all of the volunteers, and it helped those in attendance to understand the importance of what the Division and the Foundation had undertaken. Second, the Program and Mass were again inspiring, with the Shamrock Club guard, the Irish Fest Choir, the Knights of Columbus, and a pretty full congregation. Special thanks to Tom Miller and Roger Walsh for making the arrangements, John Hopkins for presenting his Memories of Merrill Park, the students from Nativity Jesuit, Notre Dame Middle School, and St. Rose Catholic Urban Academy for sharing what their schools mean to them, Fathers William Kelly and J.J. O'Leary for celebrating the Mass, and for all the Brethren who were in attendance. Third, the new cafeteria at St. Rose is smaller but worked well for the Spaghetti Dinner. Special thanks to Tom Callen and Mike Driscoll for spearheading the presentation of the Spaghetti Dinner and to the many, many Brethren and family who assisted with their time, talent, and treasure. Despite the newness of the surroundings, the dinner was once again well presented. I did not hear a single word of complaint or dissatisfaction from anyone, and many of the attendees are hard-to-please regulars. If you helped, know that your efforts will assist deserving students at our three schools. If you didn't get this by email, send me your email address. See you Wednesday!

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 2009-2010 are—
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CALENDAR OF FUTURE AOH EVENTS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

2009-2010

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub

Rev. J.J. O'Leary, S.J., will be the speaker.

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub

Bishop William Callahan will be the speaker.

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Christmas Party and New Member Initiation at the ICHC

Mass and Initiation begins at 6 PM, dinner follows.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub

Former Marquette basketball player and current color analyst Jim McIlvaine will be the speaker.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub

The speaker has not yet been determined. Officer nominations for 2010-2011 will be accepted.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's Pub

The speaker has not yet been determined. Officer elections for 2010-2011 will be held.

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

Financial Status for October 2009

Bob Mikush will provide a financial report at the October meeting, which will also be circulated via email to the membership. The cash position of the Division is as follows:

Total as of 9/4/09	\$24,237.31
CD Balance as of 10/4/09	\$ 9,432.46
Checking Balance as of 10/4//09	\$ 6,667.75
Total as of 10/4/09	\$16,100.21

All Hospitality Area expenses have now been paid. Approximately \$400 in Hospitality Area sponsorship payments have been received but not yet deposited, and some still remain outstanding.

Please send us your suggestions for speakers and events in 2010! In addition, if you are interested or willing to serve as an officer for the 2010-2011 year, please let Doug Smith know of your interest. The proposed slate of new officers will be submitted in nomination at the February 2010 meeting.

Membership Report for October 2009

If your dues are not yet paid, bring your cash or check for \$30 to the October meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233.

As of October 4, the total membership of the AOH Milwaukee Division was 186, with ten clergy and 176 dues-paying members. Two new members were added in the last month. Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will provide an update at the October meeting. Gentlemen, we very much appreciate your continued membership and participation. Don't forget to continue to invite friends to become part of the best Irish America fraternity around!

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!! Contact one of the officers and let him know of your interests and availability, and we will help you to make a contribution to the Division, to the local Irish community, and to Milwaukee's charities!

Minutes from the September 2009 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was Roger Walsh, former President of the Division and a Trustee of the Hibernian Foundation. Roger provided a financial report from the Foundation and provided information about the arrangements for the Irish Mass of Remembrance and the William Ryan Drew Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner. Members were encouraged to fulfill their responsibility to pay \$40 for their Spaghetti Dinner tickets. Mike Driscoll was recognized for his efforts in running the kitchen at the Spaghetti Dinner. The members expressed their appreciation for all of the activities of the Foundation. The video presentation on An Gorta Mor was postponed.

New members were introduced. The membership was advised that, between cash contributed at the Hospitality Area and sponsors, sufficient funds were raised to cover the costs of the Hospitality Area. Any additional Hospitality Area sponsorship payments will be reserved to cover any Hospitality Area shortfalls in future years. The President advised that the membership would be asked whether the Division should provide representatives to the AOH National Convention in July 2010, for the purpose of lobbying Midwestern Hibernians to bring a Midwestern Convention to Milwaukee Irish Fest in 2011 and to sponsor the Hospitality Area. A motion to raise dues to \$40, with a discount to \$30 if paid prior to St. Patrick's Day, was tabled and will be reintroduced at the October meeting.

Members were reminded again to add their email addresses to our electronic lists, maintained by Doug Smith and Father Kelly. Members were also reminded that AOH merchandise is available for purchase at all meetings.

Father Kelly led the members in closing prayers.