

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 7:15 PM, at Derry's Pub, 54th and Bluemound. Our speaker will be Bishop William Callahan of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, who will discuss the influence of the Irish on the Catholic Church in America and what today's Catholic men can do to influence positively their families and the next generation. We will also discuss our annual Christmas Party and anything else that the membership sees fit to discuss. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As most of you already know, Father Richard McGarrity, S.J., fellow Hibernian and substitute Chaplain for the Milwaukee Division, passed away on October 26 after a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer. Father McGarrity's dignity and resolute determination throughout that battle stands as a wonderful example, as does his entire life. Born in New Brunswick, with an MBA from Marquette and a PhD in business from Northwestern, Father McGarrity taught marketing at Marquette and then served in administration there, first as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and then as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. He became President of the Jesuit Partnership for the Wisconsin Province in 1999. Father McGarrity will be deeply missed. Your constant prayers during his illness were appreciated by Father McGarrity and all those who knew him. Please continue to remember Father McGarrity in your thoughts and prayers.

As the calendar year winds down and the weather changes from tolerable to barely tolerable, I want to thank you for all that you have done to support the Division, the Hibernian Foundation, and the charities that the Foundation supports. I will provide an annual report in January, but you should know now that this has been a successful year for the Milwaukee Division due to your efforts. Come to the November meeting, pay for your Christmas Party dinners (\$17 each), and enter the drawing for two Celtic Christmas concert tickets on December 5, 2009, courtesy of the ICHC, and two free dinners for the 2010 Christmas Party. What a great deal!! The members have been very helpful in the past in suggesting speakers for future meetings. Your help is again required! Please email or call me with your suggestions. See you on 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, November 11, 2009

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

Bishop William Callahan will be the speaker.

Saturday, November 14, 2009

ICHC Cleanup Day at 9 AM

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Christmas Party and New Member Initiation at the ICHC

Mass and Initiation begins at 6 PM, dinner follows. Dinner is \$17 per person; new members and a guest attend for free.

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 November 2009

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

Total as of 10/4/09	\$16,100.21
CD Balance as of 10/30/09	\$ 9,437.32
Checking Balance as of 10/30/09	\$ 7,367.75
Total as of 10/31/09	\$16,805.07

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 November 2009

If your 2009 dues are not yet paid, bring your cash or check for \$30 to the November 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 provide an update at the November 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 October 2009 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was Father J.J. O'Leary, fellow Hibernian, Jesuit, and Associate Director for the Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Marquette University. Father O'Leary initiated a thought-provoking discussion about the current state of the Catholic Church and where it might be going, as well as providing insights as to the reasons he became a Jesuit priest. The membership was very engaged in the discussion and appreciated Father O'Leary's candid comments.

New members were introduced, and officer reports were given. Roger Walsh, Tom Callen, and Mike Driscoll provided a positive recap of the Spaghetti Dinner activities and financial results. On motion of the President, the members voted to drop the membership of those members who failed to pay their annual dues by September 15, subject to a reminder notice by the following February 1, and reinstatement upon payment of dues owed by the following September 15; to credit dues from new members joining after August 1 to the following calendar year; and to increase annual dues from \$30 to \$40, subject to a \$10 discount for those members who pay their annual dues by the Saturday prior to St. Patrick's Day, which will be March 13 in 2010.

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.