

# ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MILWAUKEE DIVISION

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The next meeting of the AOH Milwaukee Division will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 7:15 PM, at the ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue. Our speaker will be former Division President Roger Walsh, who will discuss the activities of the Hibernian Foundation and will provide a financial update in advance of the William Ryan Drew Scholarship Dinner on October 3, 2009. We will also view a portion of the AOH National's video called *Reasons for Living*, which explains the causes and legacy of An Gorta Mor, the Great Hunger. We hope to see you!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I asked, what could be better than Saturday, October 3, 2009, the largest sharing great Irish and Celtic music, in a fundraiser for the year for the Hibernian beautiful setting on Milwaukee's lakefront, in Foundation takes place. Make sure that a comfortable and modern venue just across our designated charities—Jesuit Nativity from one of the liveliest stages with the big- Middle School, Notre Dame Middle gest acts, and having the chance to socialize School for Girls, and St. Rose Urban with your Hibernian brothers from Milwau- Academy—can continue to provide qual- kee and from all across the country? From ity religious education to disadvantaged Professor Jay Dolan's presentation at the students. The Division is blessed with ICHC at our Division meeting to the Scatting, many members who give above and be- this year's Irish Fest was one of the best! yond the call, and we need more mem- Although attendance was down, financially bers to purchase advertisements in the the Division did better (details will follow book, pay for their Dinner tickets, and, soon), the weather was fantastic, the number most importantly, come out to show your of Division volunteers was up, and everything support! See me at the September meet- ran as smoothly as can be expected. Thanks ing, or call me at (414) 581-3373, to find to everyone who contributed their time and out how best to contribute! energy, and special thanks to the sponsors Our new Web site now includes what who made it all possible! you need to know about the Milwaukee Now we must turn our attention to the up- Division and its many and generous coming Mass of Irish Remembrance and the works. Send me your email address, go William Ryan Drew Scholarship Dinner. On to the Web site, and see you Wednesday!

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

2009

**Wednesday, September 9**  
**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at ICHC**  
Roger Walsh, former Division President and a trustee of the Hibernian Foundation, will provide an update on the Foundation's activities and financial needs to support the Division's and Foundation's designated charities. We will also see a portion of the AOH National's new video on the Great Hunger and its legacy, as Ireland lost 2 million people and 25% of its population between 1845 and 1852 through starvation and immigration. Come learn about an important part of Irish heritage!

**Friday, October 2**  
**Seven Nations Concert at ICHC at 7:30 PM**  
**Doors Open 6:45 PM**  
**Sponsored by Marquette University**  
**Office of Student Involvement**

**Saturday, October 3**  
**Irish Mass of Remembrance**  
**Program at 4 PM**  
**Mass at 4:30 PM**  
**St. Rose Catholic Church**  
**528 North 31st Street (Merrill Park)**  
**William Ryan Drew Spaghetti Dinner**  
**St. Rose School, immediately following Mass**

See page 2 for more information.

Be sure to check out the Milwaukee Division's new and improved Web site at [www.aohmilwaukee.com](http://www.aohmilwaukee.com)! In particular, volunteer responsibilities for the Spaghetti Dinner will be listed at the Spaghetti Dinner tab, so check there to confirm your volunteer responsibilities or to find out what responsibilities remain open and available for you to fill! Thank you in advance for your generosity in assuring that local schools will continue to benefit from our Christian Charity!

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## Financial Status for September 2009

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

<b>Total as of 8/24/09</b>	<b>\$14,953.06</b>
<b>CD Balance as of 9/4/09</b>	<b>\$ 9,432.46</b>
<b>Checking Balance as of 9/4//09</b>	<b>\$14,894.85</b>
<b>Total as of 9/4/09</b>	<b>\$24,327.31</b>

Hospitality Area expenses still must be paid.  
All Hospitality Area sponsorship payments have not yet been received.

**Wednesday, October 14**  
**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM;** location TBD  
Rev. J.J. O'Leary, S.J., will be the speaker

**Wednesday, November 11**  
**Division Meeting at 7:15 PM at Derry's**  
Bishop William Callahan will be the speaker.

**Wednesday, December 9**  
**Christmas Party and New Member Initiation at ICHC**  
Mass and Initiation begins at 6 PM, dinner follows

**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 September 2009

Your dues are once again due and payable! Bring your cash or check for \$30 to the September meeting or mail to the attention of AOH Membership Secretary, c/o ICHC, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53233.

As of August 31, the total membership of the AOH Milwaukee Division was 184, with ten clergy and 174 dues-paying members. Ten new members were added at Irish Fest. Mike Finley, the Membership Secretary, will provide an update on the number of members whose 2009 dues are fully paid at the September 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 August 2009 Division Meeting

Father Kelly led the members in prayer. The speaker was Professor Jay Dolan of the University of Notre Dame, who discussed the themes and issues in his book *The Irish Americans* and answered numerous questions from the membership and invited guests. Professor Dolan received very warm applause for his presentation and participated in a social session at Quinlan's Pub immediately after his presentation. Irish Fest tickets were the door prize, won by Brother Chuck McGrady.

New members were introduced. The membership was advised as to the status of memberships and the total number of half-barrels that the Division was budgeting for the Hospitality Area as a result. Several members volunteered to become sponsors. Greg Harrington agreed to serve as the Division's Webmaster and was recognized by the Division for his willingness to serve. Sponsor and volunteer lists were reviewed, and various volunteer responsibilities as then unclaimed were filled by the membership. Ushering responsibilities for the Irish Fest Mass for Peace and Justice were reviewed by Brother Pat Quinn. Guest admission passes for the Irish Fest Hospitality Area and admission passes for Irish Fest were distributed.

Members were reminded again to pay their dues in advance of Irish Fest and to add their email addresses to our electronic lists, maintained by Doug Smith and Father Kelly.

Father Kelly led the members in closing prayers.