

Ancient Order of Hibernians
The Patrick Ryan Division #2
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Brothers,

In a few days Summer will officially begin. Today's temps were in the upper 60's and low 70's and that's just perfect. Thanks be to God. However, the weatherman is calling for temps in the 90's next week. For those of you who wait all year for these high temps, enjoy these 90 plus degree days because September is not too far away. As for me, I'll be running from AC to AC till the cooler temps return.

Our last "Dinner Out" was back on May 18th at Rocky's of Northville. Several of us and our wives had the opportunity to sample the wonderful food prepared at this local gem. At this month's meeting we'll discuss where we'll be going at the next "Dinner Out" in the next couple of months. If you know of a local place that we should go to, come to the meeting and make that suggestion.

We again, sold Irish Baker goods at this year's Feis at Schoolcraft College. We have been doing this for over 20 years now (except during the pandemic where the Feis was canceled). Two things were new this year. For the first time we sold baked goods on Friday night (May 31st) as well as on Saturday, June 1st. The fact that we are now selling on two days, and with our second new thing, using Venmo to accept payments as well as cash, proved to be a great success. Our Treasurer Mark Conroy is now also known as, "The Venmo Wizard". He made this new way for people to pay us look easy. We did anticipate an increase in sales, so we ordered 15% more than last year. It needed to be more. We sold 75% of our product on Friday night. By 10am on Saturday, we were down to less than 20 items total available. By 1pm we were down to seven shortbreads total. Our net, including tips, was \$710 in Venmo and Cash. This is our most successful Feis ever. Thank you to our volunteers who worked either one or both days: Fr. Terry Treppa, Mark Conroy, Bob Harris, Pat Williams, Rick St. Peter and Tim Higgins. Next year we have already ordered another 25% on top of what we sold this year. Special thanks to Charlie French, the "Irish Baker" and past president of the Ryan Division. Without Charlie, none of this is possible.

This past Friday, June 7th, was the Wake for our brother Danny Riley at Monaghan KofC Hall in Livonia. Danny wanted, in true Irish fashion, to have a party celebrating this life. There was a full bar, catered food, with Mick Gavin & other Irish musicians as entertainment, plus several Irish step dancers. It was a grand send off to our past president, friend and brother, Danny Riley. We'll miss him

The AOH National Convention will be August 7-11, 2024 at the Rosen Center in Orlando Florida. For more information go to the convention website: [AOH - LAOH Convention 2024 Orlando \(orlandoirish2024.com\)](http://orlandoirish2024.com) . Anyone planning on attending the Convention do need to let me know so that their Convention Delegate Card can be properly completed in advance of the August convention.

