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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,
As St. Patrick's season comes to its conclusion, I wanted to thank each and everyone of you who contributed in small or large ways to the events throughout this season. From parade day to the Irish Breakfast or on St. Patrick's Day itself, your efforts and support truly mean the world to this organization so thank you for your time, your patronage and your support! Additionally I want to wish each of you a happy easter season as that time of the year is quickly approaching as well!

Looking forward to April, we have a few events coming up. In particular I want to remind everyone to please consider supporting the LAOH with the

Good Friday Fish Dinner on April 3rd. Additionally, on Saturday April 25th, we will be holding our annual Chicken BBQ. We will be once again returning to have the BBQ at the Moose Lodge. Each chicken dinner will be \$15 and will include a half chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, rolls and maybe some extra surprises too! The BBQ will be held from 11am-3pm.

Planning has already started for some of our summer events as well. We will be holding the Annual AOH Picnic on Sunday July 12th at the Ross Park Zoo again this year. Additionally, We are already starting our preparations for the Annual AOH Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be on Saturday, August 1st at Ely Park Golf Course. Please be advised that the price for this year's tournament will be increased to \$100 a player due to increased costs at the golf course. Lastly, if anyone is interested in attending the national AOH/LAOH conference this summer, please reach out to your division president for more information. The conference will be in Omaha, Nebraska this year and will be held from July 14th thru 19th.

As always, please come support the hall and don't be afraid to reach out to a fellow member if you need any help with anything at all! That's what were here for!

In our motto,
Ian Haines

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026

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HISTORY CORNER: THE U.S. NAVY IN IRELAND

Almost forgotten by history is the United States Navy's presence in Ireland. In 1914, the British entered World War I, and as part of the British Empire, so did Ireland. By 1917, the Allies were in peril of losing the war. However, in April, the United States entered the "Great War". German submarines had been causing havoc with Allied shipping, so the US quickly sent a destroyer division to Queenstown (now called Cobh, a small town located in Cork Harbor). Five destroyers were sent to Cork to destroy enemy subs with roving patrols. Later, their mission was changed to escorting



US Subchaser SC343 in Cork Harbour

merchant ships. This duty was tough and brutal, with the ever-present danger of sudden attack, collision, and dangerous seas. The Irish Atlantic coast is legendary for its fierce winter storms. The sea itself inflicted great damage on the ships and men. In January of 1918, seven submarines arrived in Cork to better deal with the German U-boats. An unusual naval craft also arrived, small wooden boats with gasoline engines called sub-chasers. The powerful Atlantic took its toll on these small craft. The Navy also stationed seaplanes throughout Ireland at bases in Lough Foyle, Wexford, Aghde,

and Whiddy Island.

Many of the American sailors were appalled by the abject poverty in Ireland. Paid very well compared to the local Irish, the sailors quickly became targets of beggars and street children. Some found the constant attention overwhelming, and tensions developed. Yet, American/Irish friendships did form, romances developed, and marriages occurred.

World War I ended in November 1918. The Navy's withdrawal from Ireland began immediately. By May 1919, most of the Navy Hospital huts in Cork were dismantled. All the destroyers, seaplanes, and submarines had also departed. Statistics show that over 190 Navy personnel lost their lives while based in Ireland. In November 1919, a US Navy ship stopped in Queenstown. The remains of US personnel interred in Clonmel Old Graveyard were exhumed, and 32 bodies were then taken back to the USA for re-burial.

Irish history moved on, through the bitter War of Independence from Britain, the even more bitter Irish Civil War, and finally the founding of the Republic of Ireland. The US presence in Ireland is but a footnote in history... but it should not be forgotten.

– Bill Burke.

Sources: *Shipwrecks of Cork Harbour* corkshipwrecks.net, *History Hit Podcast M.Macmillan 2018*, bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH,WS1737pdf

CORPORATION NEWS

Greetings,

I want to celebrate another successful Holy season and thank everyone for their efforts to see us on the other side of our busiest time of the year. I hope the snow is all through with us, I know I'm done with it. The winter was not kind this year and we had some issues with the building and grounds. We have a bit of a roof leak that we are gathering quotes for, so if you know someone that is a roofer have them reach out to me. We

would also like to get pricing for snow removal next year for any significant storms that bring several inches of snow. We don't have a lot of places to put it and the city just gives it back with the snowplows if we push it into the street. We can handle moderate amounts ourselves. I am just looking for a reliable vender if we need to bring them in to clear our parking area.

In Our Motto,
Patrick Walsh

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

I would like to thank the Parade Committee for making this St. Patrick's Parade possible. The weather was nice and the attendance was great. The Mass was beautiful as always and the activities at Seton and the AOH hall a success. Also thank to all who helped and volunteered in any way.

The AOH Irish Breakfast was a success. Thanks to all who helped and took the time to volunteer.

Please support the LAOH Division 2 on Good Friday, April 3 for the Fish/Macaroni and Cheese dinner. Take out only 4:30-6:30.

The LAOH Spring State Board Meeting in East Durham will be May 1-3. April 26th the AOH Chicken BBQ and Jr. Bake Sale 11-3. Hope all can come and support these events. Happy Easter! Enjoy the time with family and friends. Next County Board meeting will be on June 2, 2026, at 5:30 Michele Talcott, President 607-349-8736

BROOME COUNTY LAOH JUNIORS

Join the LAOH Junior Divisions – Keep Our Traditions Alive!



Thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Junior members at their table during Irish Day. Your generosity means so much to them. A special thank you to Mrs. McManus for the beautiful basket and to Mrs. Esworthy for the goodies—your donations truly helped make the fundraiser a success.

Before our March meeting, the Juniors volunteered at the AOH breakfast—well done, everyone! They also took time at their meeting to write cards for the April Honor Flight veterans to show their appreciation for their service.

Please join us in welcoming Payton Coffey, who was installed as a new member. Welcome to the group—we're glad to have you!

Up next is the Junior Bake Sale, held alongside the AOH Chicken Barbeque on April 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by and pick up a sweet treat.

Our next meeting will be on May 4th at 4:30 p.m. at the AOH Hall. We will be baking and assembling Mother's Day gifts for our homebound Hibernian ladies.

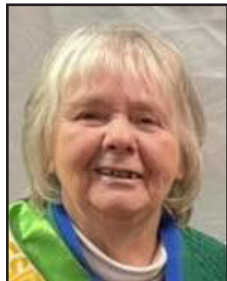
We are also actively recruiting new members, ages five to eighteen, for the Junior Division and are asking our brothers and sisters to help spread the word. Please reach out to eligible family or non-family members. As our girls age out, continued growth is essential to keeping our division strong and encouraging lifelong involvement in the LAOH. For more information, contact the LAOH 2 Vice President or pick up an application at the Hall.



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LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Easter. Hoping this Spring season arrives with the Bunny. I would love to hear some birds chirping instead of the wind howling.

Dues are being collected by Financial Secretary, Eileen Zemek. The dues are \$30. They can be dropped off at the hall or sent to 1960 Hawleyton Rd. Binghamton, N.Y 13903. Please include your dues card with your check along with a self addressed stamped envelope.

State Board Meeting is being held May 1-3 in East Durham N.Y. If planning to attend please let me know, names have to be submitted to the County President who forwards the names to the

State. Any member in good standing may attend.

Safe Driver Discount Class is being offered at the AOH Hall April 27, 2026. 10:00am- Cost is \$25 for AARP members. \$30 for non members. Payment by check only, made out to AARP. To register contact Pat Hayes-607 759 6111

Mark your calendars: the Hooley is 9/18/2026.

Irish Dance Lessons are being given to men and women on most Mondays at 6pm. Cost is \$2 Wear comfy sneakers. It would great if at our convention in July 2027 some of our members could display some Celtic heritage.

On Saturday, April 11th there will be a general Spring cleaning at the Hall. If you can spare a couple hours to spiff up the place it would be appreciated.

Bingo is available on the 1st Wednesday of the Month 5-7:30 pm. Food is available. The atmosphere is fun and light hearted.

If you have not been at the Hall recently just a reminder that there is an ATM available.

May love connect us, faith direct us and God protect us.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Jaqi Kenefick

607 206 6762 or jkenefick1@stny.rr.com

LAOH DIVISION TWO



Susan Connors
LAOH2 President

Happy Spring! March was certainly a busy month with all the St. Patrick's Day activities. Thank you to all involved with Parade Day Weekend and St. Patrick's Day - from the pipers at the AOH the night before, the beautiful mass, parade, all the entertainment, and the AOH Pancake Breakfast in support of the mass. And a special thank you to all of our members who volunteered at these events.

We appreciate your support for our Good Friday Fish/Macaroni & Cheese Dinner on Friday, April 3rd (take-out only).

At our March meeting, we were invited by the Twin Tiers Honor Flight to write out "Thank you cards" for our veterans, it was nice to have so many members write messages. We discussed our Mother's Day gifts for Mom's House, I will send info out before the next meeting.

The deadline for the LAOH Division 2 Scholarship in Memory of Mary Curry is May 1st, (see the info & application flyer). Encourage your family members who are eligible to apply.

The NYS Spring Board Weekend in East Durham, NY is May 1-3. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please let me know.

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be here before you know it. So as the days get warmer and you bring out those clothes that "shrank" during the winter months, put them aside and bring them in on June 5th, the drop off day with the sales on June 5-6.

Cookie Luke is accepting payment for dues (\$30), please send a check with your card and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the AOH Hall, 148 Main St., Bing., NY 13905 to her attention or better yet, pay at the April meeting, Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm.

Please continue to pray for our Brother and Sister Hibernians and their families along with our Service Men and Women.

Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go léir ar na Cáscá Joyous agus beannaithe (I hope you all have a Joyous and Blessed Easter)

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

- Susan -

607.727.2262 or sconors@binghamton.edu

BARTENDER SCHEDULE - APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29 Closed Private Parade Party 4-6 Cookie	30 Closed	31 Jeff W Joanie M Convention Mtg 6:00	1 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	2 Barb B Tom M	3 Charlie & Dick Sylvia Good Friday LAOH Div 2 Fish Dinner 4:30-6:30	4 Matt F Open 3-7
5 Closed	6 Closed	7 Mike C Sylvia S Men's Meeting 7:00	8 Tom M Craig W Trivia 6-8 \$5 a person	9 Kate H John T Morning Lark 7-9	10 Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 6:30	11 Hollie Open 3-7
12 Closed	13 Closed Irish Dance	14 Susan C John T	15 Tom M Sylvia LAOH Div 2 7:00	16 Eileen R Tom M	17 Barb B Kathy B	18 Eileen Open 3-7
19 Closed	20 Closed	21 Pat H Jim B	22 Susan C Jaqi K	23 Susan C Tom M Card pick up night 4-7	24 Bill B Deb K	25 Diane D Open 3-7 Chicken BBQ 11-gone Juniors bake sale
26 Closed	27 Closed Irish Dance	28 Jeff W Joanie M Convention Mtg 6:00	29 Cookie Deb K	30 Susan C Tom M	1 Charlie & Dick Sylvia	2 Matt F Open 3-7

Bartender shifts: 3-5:30 and 5:30-8. Saturday 3-7. Please call Cookie at 607-727-8161 if unavailable for your assigned shift and can't find a substitute.



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Thanks to the AOH and LAOH for everything you did for the the 58th parade. *Save the date - Parade Day 2027- March 6th.*
- Parade Committee

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