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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines  
AOH President

with a great picnic.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,  
It's almost summertime and things are heating up at the AOH! Just because it isn't the Holy Season doesn't mean we aren't busy down here at the hall. In addition to all the usual events including Bingo, Trivia and our regular meetings, we are also planning for our summer picnic and the AOH Golf Tournament as well as our 2027 NYS Convention. Our AOH Summer Picnic this year will be July 12th at the Ross Park Zoo Pavilion from 12PM-5PM. Bring a dish to pass! We will be providing a variety of BBQ meats at the picnic! This is always a great event so please come and enjoy the summer weather and enjoy your friends from the AOH

Our Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 22nd at Ely Park with a 8:30 AM shotgun start. Cost per golfer will be \$100 and will include golf and a cart as well as a steak dinner after at the hall and prizes. We are always looking for teams and sponsors for this event so if you would like to register or sponsor a hole sign, stay tuned for details soon.

Lastly, I would like to mention that planning has begun in earnest for our 2027 New York State Convention. If you would like to help plan for this big event, please reach out to John Walker to sign up!

Our next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday June 9th at 7PM. Enjoy the warm weather and we will see you down at the hall.

In our motto,  
Ian Haines

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026

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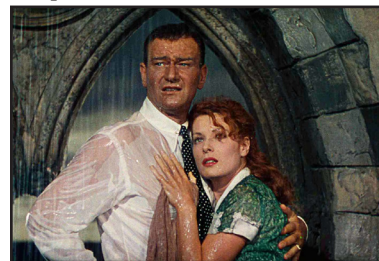
## HISTORY CORNER: THE IRISH IMMIGRANT WHO LIT UP HOLLYWOOD

In the 1940s, it was an Irish immigrant who lit up Hollywood. Her name was Maureen O'Hara (nee FitzSimons). In 1939, she made her American film debut as the alluring gypsy Esmeralda in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Two years later, she played the daughter of a Welsh mining family in *How Green Was My Valley*. The film won five Oscars, including Best Picture. Among her most notable films were 1947's *Sinbad the Sailor* with Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and 1949's *Bagdad* with Vincent Price. She also played in the holiday classic *Miracle on 34th Street*, in which she played a single working mother whose strong beliefs are challenged by a guy named Santa Claus.

Her fiery red hair and green eyes earned her the nickname the "Queen of Technicolor." This image complemented her performances in adventure movies such as *The Flame of Araby* and *The Redhead from Wyoming*. But it was in the 1950's that her career went into a new phase; it was then that she was cast alongside John Wayne in *Rio Grande*, *The Quiet Man*, and *The Wings of Eagles*. Maureen did not stop there; in the 1960s, she showcased her attractive singing voice in a series of TV appearances, record albums, and a Broadway musical. She also performed in several light roles in such films as *The Parent Trap* and *Our Man In Havana*.

But there is much more to the story of Maureen O'Hara. She acted the roles of strong women, but few knew that as her film career faded, she lived the life of a fearless and serious businesswoman. Along with her husband, Charles Blair, she ran a small airline called *Antilles Airboat*. She ran business operations, finances, and negotiations. She worked long hours, made leadership decisions, and negotiated male-dominated boardrooms. Upon the death of her husband, she took over the entire operation.

Born in a suburb of Dublin, the world-famous actress died in her sleep in her Boise, Idaho, home in 2015; she was 95. She had moved to Boise to be near her grandson Conor FitzSimons and to be a great-grandmother to his two children. Her family released a statement upon her passing, "Her characters were feisty and fearless, just as she was in real life. She was also proudly Irish and spent her entire lifetime sharing her heritage and the wonderful culture of the Emerald Isle with the world." Maureen O'Hara, another example of the Irish character and the Irish contribution to the fabric of modern America.



Maureen O'Hara and John Wayne  
from "The Quiet Man"

– by Bill Burke.

Sources: *Biography.com* M.O'Hara 5/2021, *IrishCentral* P.Counihan -Screen Legend M.O. Finds Happiness in Boise, 12/2012, *YouTube Golden Rock Stories* 2/2012.

## CORPORATION NEWS

Greetings everyone,  
There is an open corporation meeting on June 8th. All are welcome. Please continue to support our hall.  
In Our Motto,  
Patrick Walsh

## LAOH COUNTY BOARD

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the nice weather. Our recent State Board meeting that was held on May 1, 2 in East Durham, NY was well attended by the County with 11 Hibernian sisters attending. It was a great meeting. Our contributions helped Stuff the Bus which was a fundraiser for the students and families of the Cairo Durhan Central School District.

Happy Father's Day to all! I hope you all enjoy your time with family and know that you are loved and appreciated.

The next County Board meeting will be June 2, 2026, at 5:30. All in good

standing may attend. After the meeting we will announce the winners of the Irish History Contest and awards will be given. Refreshments will be served. Please come and help us celebrate the achievements of these young people.

Please support the County Board for the June Lottery. It is greatly appreciated.

In our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Michele Talcott, President 607-349-8736

## BROOME COUNTY LAOH JUNIORS

### Join the LAOH Junior Divisions – Keep Our Traditions Alive!



Our Juniors lovingly baked shamrock and heart cookies for our LAOH members who are homebound, living in nursing homes, or no longer able to drive. The girls delivered the cookie boxes before Mother's Day, bringing smiles and warm wishes to many of our members.

The spring weeding and planting of the Memorial Garden in honor of Harper Stanz and Maddie Shaw at Recreation Park was completed on May 17. This continues to be one of our Juniors' favorite service projects. A special thank you to Susan, Winnie, and Cait for helping, and to Bill Burke for repairing the sign. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by and enjoy the garden located near the George F. Johnson statue.

Our next community project, in partnership with the Broome County Council of Churches Youth

Program, will take place on June 6, when the Juniors will help build a wheelchair ramp. This annual project allows our members to give back to the community while learning valuable carpentry skills and teamwork.

On June 9, our Junior Division will celebrate its 10-year anniversary. To mark this special milestone, we are excited to gather on June 14 with our families, former Junior members, and coordinators for a celebration honoring the past 10 years of memories, growth, and community.

We are actively recruiting new members, ages 5 to 18, for the Junior Division. We encourage our brothers and sisters to help spread the word by reaching out to eligible family and friends. As our girls age out, continued growth is essential to keeping our division strong and fostering lifelong involvement in the LAOH. For more information, please contact the LAOH 2nd Vice President or pick up an application at the Hall.



Recreation Park garden Junior girls  
and volunteers



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## LAOH DIVISION ONE



**Jaqi Kenefick**  
LAOH1 President

JUNE 12th IS OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY. All of our AOH and LAOH sisters and brothers are invited to celebrate at 8pm, John Tobias will be providing the music. Please bring a snack to share. If you have any pictures that you would like included in our album please bring them with you. I am still trying to complete my mission of including a picture of every president of Div 1.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR IS EILEEN ZEMEK. Eileen is very generous with her time and talents. She can be found working at the Hall at various events, church functions and in the community at Binghamton University and the Horse stables.

She exhibits all of our tenets of friendship, unity and Christian charity. If you see her out and about please take the time to congratulate her. Many thanks to the organizers of this event, the food was delicious and the hall looked great.

Speaking of our Financial Secretary, Eileen, she is still looking to collect dues from some of our members. Dues are \$35 as of June 1st. You can leave an envelope at the hall or mail it to 1960 Hawleyton Rd, Binghamton N.Y. 13903 Please include your dues card and a self addressed stamped envelope.

Recently a save the date went out about dedicating a memorial to Saint George. The dedication is 9/20/26 at 2pm. They are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you have any interest, please contact Ms Burke at 917 857 3272.

Hope to see you at the Family Picnic on July 12 and the Golf tournament on August 1.

We are extremely lucky to have a hall for our meetings and events. In order to maintain it, we need our membership to support it. If you need a place for a family gathering consider renting it. If you need a place to meet up with friends consider using the hall. Invite friends to join as auxiliary members if they are unable to join as members. We are trying to draw people with monthly events like bingo, trivia and traditional music. Participation would be contributing.

Our Brother and Sister, Mark and Maureen celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations! Hope the Lord blesses you with many more.

Our Hooley is Sept 18, 2026. We have a meeting before the Hooley but is you have any questions about the gift cards of restaurant board please contact Mary Gilroy at 607 761 1992

Our next meeting is 9/11/2026 Rosary at 6:45 pm

Please pray for all those in need.

Wishing you a safe summer filled with happy memories.

Jaqi Kenefick



*Come Celebrate With Us!*

### LAOH Division One 60th Anniversary Party!

Following our June 12th meeting, with music by John Tobias from 8-10.

**All AOH and LAOH members are invited**

## LAOH DIVISION TWO



**Susan Connors**  
LAOH2 President

In April, we welcomed Ellen Cohen, Mary Johnson, Patricia McCarver and Molly Ryan; in May we welcomed Rita Ludwig and Virginia Thompson, we are happy to have you and look forward to your participation. At our meeting, Barbara Button and Betty Reyen were each presented with the Silver Award for 25 years as a member, congratulations Sisters!

Irish Heritage Night at the Binghamton Rumble Ponies was a little chilly, but the group that was there had a wonderful time. I'm thinking of organizing a game in the warmer weather, stay tuned.

Thank you Kate Hull for organizing "America Needs Fatima" on May 16 at Recreation Park and thank you to the participants and attendees. Our group photo is being sent to the Fatima Society!

We're getting ready for our Spring/Summer Rummage Sale, drop off is Thursday, June 4 and sale days are Friday, June 5 (9-5:30) and Saturday, June 6 (9-12noon). A lot of work goes into this, so stop in, you never know what you might find (that you didn't need, trust me, I can attest to that).

Our judges are working very hard in reviewing the essays for our LAOH Div. 2 Scholarship in Memory of Mary Curry, good luck to the applicants and the judges!

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 June meeting, after June 1 dues will increase to \$35.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 17 at 6pm followed by our annual indoor picnic, please bring a dish to pass and wear your favorite hat. This will be the last meeting as we break July and August. Look for emails as well as the Chieftain for stuff happening during those months.

Condolences to our AOH Brothers on the loss of Brother Gene Flood. Please continue to pray for our Sister and Brother Hibernians and their families, along with our men and women in the armed forces.

Congratulations to our graduates and good wishes for a Happy Father's Day!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

- Susan -

607.727.2262 or sconors@binghamton.edu

## HOOLEY COMMITTEE NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE!

22nd Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Hooley: Back to Our Roots

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## BARTENDER SCHEDULE - JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31 Closed Division 1 Women of the Year	1 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	2 Jeff W Joanie M County Board Meeting 5:30	3 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	4 Barb B Tom M Drop off Rummage Sale 3:00	5 Charlie & Dick Sylvia S Rummage Sale 9-5:30	6 Matt F Open 3-7 Ramp it up Bag sale 9-12
7 Closed	8 Closed Open Corporation Meeting 7:00	9 Mike C Sylvia S Men's Meeting 7:00	10 Tom M Craig W Trivia 6-8 \$5 a person	11 Kate H John T Morning Lark 7-9	12 Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 5:45 Picnic	13 Hollie Open 3-7
14 Closed Juniors 1:00	15 Closed Floor cleaning	16 Susan C John T	17 Donald B Tom M LAOH Div 2 6:00 Picnic	18 Eileen R Donald B	19 Barb B Kathy B	20 Diane D Open 3-7 Birthday Club 6:00
21 Closed	22 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	23 Pat H Jim B	24 Susan C Jaqi K	25 Susan C Tom M Golf Tournament meeting 6:30	26 Bill B Deb K	27 Donald B Open 3-7
28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Cookie L Molly M	1 Bar B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	2 Barb B Tom M	3 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S	4 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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