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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Summer is coming to close and we are looking forward to an eventful fall at the AOH. Coming up this month we have the return of our regular meetings as well as some more exciting events at the hall and in the community. In September we have the triumphant return of the Hooley as they go back to their roots and return to Celebrations on Park Ave. This is always a really fun event so I hope you can join us there!

Also coming up in the fall will be our Annual Turkey Party and the return of football Sundays! Additionally, this year we hope to get a contingent together to go and visit our brothers and sisters in

Hornell as they celebrate the anniversary of their division this year. The fall state AOH/LAOH meeting and dinner will be at West Point this year,

if you have any interest in going, please reach out to me for details.

Lastly, as fall is a time of change, I wanted to challenge everyone in our divisions to do something around you this fall to change our community for the better. Volunteer at a local food pantry or help our local unhoused population. Consider donating time or money to local organizations that certainly need our help. We are an important part of this community so I would encourage you all to show your Hibernian pride and put our motto into action! Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity!

Our next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday September 8th at 7PM.

In our motto,
Ian Haines, AOH President

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

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HISTORY CORNER: DUBLIN MAYOR COMES TO BINGHAMTON

It was 1958 when a police detail led by Irish American Sergeant Pat Walker arrived at Binghamton's Arlington Hotel. The detail was escorting the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Robert Briscoe. He was immediately introduced to the Irish American Mayor of Binghamton, John Burns. Who was Robert Briscoe and why was he here?

Mr. Briscoe was born in Dublin in 1894. As a youngster, he was taught in Irish schools and raised in Dublin tenements. From 1917 to 1924, he was a member of the Irish Republican Army. During that period, he led IRA forces that smuggled arms to fight the British. After Ireland gained independence, together with his friend Éamon de Valera, he helped found the Fianna Fáil (Soldiers of Destiny) political party. In 1927, he was elected to the Dáil Éireann (the Irish parliament), where he served for many years. An assassination attempt on his life occurred in 1927, but he survived. He was elected Mayor of Dublin in 1956 and again in 1961. He was also Jewish. After World War II, he secretly advised a group in Palestine who were also fighting for independence from the British.

He was an entertaining speaker. While in Binghamton, he told the press in a heavy Irish brogue, "Call me Bob, my constituents do, and some of my enemies do too". When asked

if he wanted his children to follow him into politics, he responded, "Isn't one fool in any family enough?" (However, his son Ben did become mayor of Dublin in 1988).

He could be profound. When asked if he supported the then-present IRA raids of the 1950s, he stated he did not, but he still was working for a united, free Ireland. He said the eventual crumbling of the "artificial barrier" of the partition of Ireland would happen in time. Mr. Briscoe said

he was here to help Ireland market her products and persuade American capital to invest in Irish factories, "so we can keep Irishmen at home." He was also here to sell bonds to support Israel's economic development. Binghamton, a bustling city full of immigrants from all over Europe, was a great place to espouse his causes. He noted there were many parallels between the Irish and Jewish people, including dispersion and persecution. Briscoe told a student reporter from Binghamton Central H.S. that anyone considering a career in politics must "love people, without prejudice". He stated, "It is a good job (great thing) for Ireland and for Israel that America is the strongest country in the world." He added, "We know that you do not intend to conquer us, that you mean to help us and all small nations."

Historians recognize Robert Briscoe as a staunch advocate of Irish independence, a revolutionary and a pivotal figure who helped transition Ireland into an independent republic. His life exemplifies the very complex journey of Ireland's pursuit of nationhood.

-by Bill Burke.

Sources: *Bing. Press J. Handte 1958, Irish Echo How Dublin's Mayor Conquered the US. 2021. Biographycentral.com/RB 11/28/25. Idea by Robert Walker.*

CORPORATION NEWS

Greetings everyone,

We ask you to continue to support the hall as we continue to make repairs and improvements to the building. Every bit helps, so please come have a pint!

In Our Motto,
Patrick Walsh

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

As summer comes to a close, I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and spent time with their families and friends.

The Lady of Knock Mass was very beautiful and well attended. The dinner at the hall was very nice and a great way to celebrate.

The Hooley is approaching and will be held on September 18, 2026 from 6-10pm at Celebrations on Park Avenue in Binghamton.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and children 5-17 are \$5 and under 5 free. Hope you all can come

The AOH Golf Tournament was a great success. Good food and spending

time with other Brother and Sister Hibernians.

As Autumn approaches let us look forward to another year of living our motto.

Best of luck to all Graduates going to college.

Our next County Board meeting will be on September 1, 2026 at 5:30. All members are welcome!

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!



A new school year is here, bringing new opportunities to learn, grow, make memories, and have fun together! We hope the year ahead is filled with exciting experiences, new friendships, and plenty of opportunities to share your Irish heritage and Catholic faith. We're looking forward to another wonderful year with all our Juniors!

The 2026–2027 Irish Writing Contest is open to students in grades 6–12. This year's topic is: "Saints of Ireland". Beyond Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid, and Saint Columcille, which other Irish Saints helped shape and sustain Ireland's Catholic identity? Visit ladiesaoh.com/contest for full contest details. Entries must be submitted by October 30, 2026, to Kelly Cole at kellyccole@verizon.net or Tracy Wagaman at tracy13905@gmail.com. We strongly encourage all our Juniors to participate!

Our next Junior Division meeting will be a volunteer activity at Stable Movements – I Can Ride. We will help at the stable on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Location: 18 Smith Hill Road Binghamton, NY. We look forward to spending the morning together while supporting this wonderful organization!

Help Grow Our Junior Division: We are actively recruiting new members ages 5 to 18 who are Catholic and of Irish heritage. Junior members do not need to be related to a member of an AOH or LAOH division. It is important to keep our membership strong and growing, with the hope that our Juniors will continue as lifelong members of the LAOH. Junior members who sponsor a new member will receive a special gift!

We hope to see everyone on September 19th at Stable Movements. Bring a friend and help us grow our Junior Division!

22nd Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Hooley • 9.18.2026 • 6 - 10pm



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LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

Hope to see you all at the Hooley. Friday 9/18/26 at Celebrations on Park, 6 to 10 pm. See the enclosed flyer for all the details. Lots of hard work goes into the planning of this fun events-participation is appreciated. Mary Gilroy is the Chair for the raffle baskets and restaurant board. The board contains all kinds of gift certificates- restaurants, salons, retails stores, etc. If you know a business that may donate please reach out and ask for a gift certificate. If you have any gift certificates that you probably are not going to use, considering donating them. No sense wasting them. Questions or to drop off items please contact Mary Gilroy at Mgilroy1@stny.rr.com or 607 761

1992. You may bring the gift cards and baskets to September's meeting if that is more convenient.

Friends Helping Friends Day is Wednesday October 21th. The \$5 coupons will be available at the September and October meeting. This fundraiser is advantageous for the organization and the person who purchases the coupon. The \$5 goes to the organization and the purchaser get 25% off most purchases at Boscovs. So get you Christmas shopping list ready. Maureen Reynolds will be passing around a sign up sheet to man the table at Boscovs to sell tickets for our Division.

Eileen is collecting dues for this year of last year. Please bring your dues card to the meeting or send the \$30 check with you dues card and a stamped self addressed envelope to Eileen Zemek, 1960 Hawleyton Rd, Binghamton NY 13903

The 60th Anniversary Album is just about complete. If you have any photos you would like included, leave them at the hall in my mailbox at the hall. Please make sure everyone is identified. Last month I forgot to thank Barb Walling for her generous donation of a \$100 catering certificate she donated toward the food at the party.

The AOH/LAOH Presidents Testimonial dinner is November 14, 2026. It is at the US Military Academy West Point N.Y. The honorees are Terry Meyers and Tom Beirne. The state board meeting is at 10am, Mass at 4pm and dinner is at 6pm.

Next meeting is 9/11/26. Rosary is at 6:45pm Meeting is 7pm Please keep our military in your prayers. The 25th Anniversary of the events of 9/11 demonstrate how precious our freedom is.

In our motto,
Jaqi Kenefick jkenefick@stny.rr.com 607 206 6762

HOOLEY COMMITTEE NEWS

22nd Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Hooley:
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LAOH DIVISION TWO



Susan Connors
LAOH2 President

The summer sure has gone by quickly, I hope you had a great summer and I look forward to the fall and seeing everyone once again...

Congratulations to Mikayla Walsh, our 2026 Div. 2 Scholarship recipient in memory of Mary Curry. Thank you to Rosemary (Mary's daughter) and Bill Collins for making the trip down and to the committee members for their work on this...

Our Lady of Knock Mass was held on Saturday, August 8th at St. Paul's Church; thank you to our Catholic Action Officer Hollie Walsh for arranging the mass and Fr. Kirkman for accommodating us. Thank you to Kate Hull for informing the

congregation on Our Lady of Knock and to Chef Patrick Walsh for dinner, as well as those who helped at the hall, it was a great team effort.

Congratulations to the AOH Men for another successful Golf Tournament, along with great help from volunteers and the weather was good.

Thank you for returning your lottery tickets in support of our September Lottery Ticket Fundraiser. Thank you to Colleen McMahon and Deb Kennedy for chairing this. Good Luck!

Our Missions and Charities Officer, Beth Mahar, submitted an Appeals for Aid grant for "Ramp It Up" to be reviewed at the AOH/LAOH National Convention, it was approved and they were awarded \$1,000. Speaking of conventions, if you are interested in volunteering at the 2027 AOH/LAOH NYS Convention being held in Binghamton, please contact me.

There are a few members who have not paid their dues which are now \$35. Stop in to the Hall with your dues card and check made out to LAOH Division 2 or you can mail it with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AOH Hall, 148 Main St., Bing. 13905, Attn: Cookie Luke.

Friday, September 18th, Half-way to St. Patrick's Day Hooley, advanced admission tickets (\$18) are on sale now, if you want to purchase a ticket, please let me know as I have some to sell. Hollie has 50/50 tickets to benefit Stamp Out Cancer (\$2) or you can buy them at the AOH Hall.

Our LAOH Fall Rummage Sale drop off day is Thursday, October 1st after 3pm, with sale days on Friday, October 2nd from 9am to 5:30pm and the Bag Sale on Saturday, October 3rd from 9am to 12noon. We are accepting seasonal clothing and items, and please no electronics, speakers, child car seats or cribs. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please let me know.

Our Shepherd's Pie and Dessert Fundraiser is Saturday, October 10th from 4-6pm. Cost is \$15 for take-out or to enjoy at the hall. You can sign-up at the hall or call/text 607.759.1820.

Our Irish Historian, Kelly Cole, reports that the annual Irish History Contest topic is "Beyond St. Patrick, St. Brigid, and St. Columcille, who are other Irish Saints that shaped and sustained Ireland's Catholic identity?" This is open to students in grades 6 through 12, deadline is October 30th, please submit to kellyccole@verizon.net or TRACY13905@gmail.com.

Our next division meeting is Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm. If you aren't receiving emails about meetings/events, please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Susan - 607.727.2262 or sconnors@binghamton.edu

PARADE COMMITTEE NEWS

Parade Day 2027 is March 6. Information on nominations for Grand Marshal and Maid of Erin will be in the October Chieftain.

BARTENDER SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30 Closed	31 Closed	1 Jeff W Joanie M County Board 5:00	2 Kate H Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	3 Barb B Tom M	4 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S	5 Closed Happy Labor Day weekend
6 Closed	7 Closed	8 Mike C Sylvia S Men's Meeting 7:00	9 Tom M Craig W Trivia 6-8	10 Barb B Molly M Morning Lark 7-9	11 Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 6:45	12 Hollie W Open 3-7
13 Tom C Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Free hot dogs Bring a dish to pass	14 Closed Board of Directors 5:00 Irish Dance 6-8	15 Susan C John T	16 Donald B Sylvia S LAOH Div 2 7:00	17 Donald B Tom M	18 Barb B Open 3-5:30 Hooley 6-10 Celebrations	19 Donald B Open 3-7
20 Juniors 1:00 Bob and Betty Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Free Hot Dogs Bring dish to pass	21 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	22 Pat H Jim B Convention Meeting	23 Susan C Jaqi K	24 Susan C Tom M	25 Bill B Deb K	26 Eileen R Open 3-7
27 Molly M Sunday Fun Day Football Bring dish to pass Bloody Mary's	28 Closed	29 Cookie L Deb K	30 Eileen R Molly M	1 Barb B Tom M	2 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S	3 Matt F Open 3-7 Birthday Club 5:00

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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