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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,
I am writing this to you while I am sitting at the AOH National convention in Omaha Nebraska. I truly am grateful for the opportunity to be able to attend this convention and learn from our brother Hibernians and experience everything our great order has to offer. I am also honored and humbled to be a recipient of the Thomas D. McNabb Hibernian Young Leadership Scholarship this year at the national level. I am forever thankful to all of you for your support and guidance which has helped me to earn this honor so thank you all.

Coming up in August we have primarily one big event we are working towards, our annual Golf Tournament! The tournament will be held on Saturday August 22nd at Ely Park with dinner to follow at the hall. Please register a team and sponsor a

hole. This is our largest fundraiser of the year so your help is needed. We would like to request any donations of giveaway items to be used at the tournament as prizes. Things such as cases of beer or bottles of liquor are always appreciated as well as unused gift cards, or golf items you no longer use would be gratefully accepted. Please drop these off at the hall, there will be a table set up in the back for you to drop things off. Any help you can provide by either donating items or your time through volunteering or by playing golf or donating a hole sign goes a long way towards raising funds to further our mission!

I hope to see you this next month at the hall or at the course, and I hope you are all enjoying your summer!

In our motto,
Ian Haines, AOH President

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

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HISTORY CORNER: AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE

The history of the Irish language, like all Irish history, can be confusing. To begin with, Ireland has not one, but two official languages, Irish and English. To mix it up further, the Irish language is sometimes referred to as Gaeilge or Irish Gaelic. Today, most Irish people refer to the Irish language by its official name: Irish (not as Gaelic). But luckily for American visitors to Ireland, English is the predominant language spoken by most of the population.

Irish vs Gaelic: what makes it so confusing? The confusion probably comes from the fact that Gaelic is actually a language family, not a single language. Similar to how Italian, Spanish, and French are Romance languages. Gaelic consists of 3 branches of the Celtic family. The 3 branches are: 1. Irish (Gaeilge) the language of Ireland. Still alive today with over 70,000 daily speakers in Ireland. 2. Scottish Gaelic (Gaidhlig) the language of the Scottish Highlands, related to Irish but distinctly different. 3. Manx (Gaelg), the traditional language of the Isle of Man, which has died as a native language, but is being revived today.

Historians say that Ireland's linguistic landscape has been shaped by centuries of cultural interaction and historical events. Various groups and civilizations have influenced the language over the centuries. The Gaels, an ancient Celtic people, brought their language to Ireland around 500 B.C. This tongue evolved into what was called Primitive Irish, the earliest known form of Gaelic in Ireland. Later, English became dominant during the centuries of British rule. Under British rule, English gradually became the language of government, education, and the language of economic opportunity. Irish was increasingly marginalized and associated with

poverty and rural life. The Great Famine of 1845 to 1852 dealt the Irish language a heavy blow. Irish-speaking regions were hardest hit (Gaeltacht areas). Famine survivors often adopted English for survival and mobility. By the late 19th century, Irish had shifted from a majority language to a minority one. However, during the Gaelic Revival of the late 19th and early 20th century, the language began a comeback. One of the goals of the Revival was to restore Irish as a spoken language and reconnect people with their cultural heritage. The movement played a crucial role in shaping Irish nationalism and helped the push for Ireland's independence.

Irish Central states that today the Irish language is a living language. It is taught in the schools and supported by the Irish government. The language is an integral part of Irish culture and history, and its survival continues to play an important role in the preservation of Irish identity and heritage. It is a source of pride for many Irish people around the world, and despite centuries of suppression, it is a testament to the resilience and determination of the Irish people. – Bill Burke.

Sources: *Get Your Irish On-Irish vs Gaelic, What Language Do They Speak in Ireland* by C.Jordan 8/5/2024. *A history of the Irish Language Gaelic - Irish Central* 8/5/2025, *Origins of the Irish Language: A Celtic Foundation*.

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

Well, it certainly has been a very hot summer. I hope everyone stays well and hydrated.

The AOH/LAOH picnic was a great success as always. Good food, music, and time with friends. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered.

The AOH/LAOH National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska was a great success. There were five LAOH sisters in attendance. What a great time to see everyone and have conversations. The history of the founding place of Omaha for the LAOH was interesting. A lot of information was brought back and will be discussed at the next County Board meeting.

The National LAOH Board President named Sue Messina as Military and Veterans Affairs appointee to the National LAOH Board. Sue served

as a presenter representing NYS at the National Constitutional Convention held Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the National Convention.

Congratulations to Jaqi Keneft upon receiving the Lifetime Membership. Also, Congratulations to Ian Haines a recipient of the McNabb Young Leadership program. Very proud of both of you.

Our next County Board meeting will be September 1, 2026, at 5:30. Anyone in good standing may attend and are welcome.

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

BROOME COUNTY LAOH JUNIORS

Join the LAOH Junior Divisions – Keep Our Traditions Alive!



Join the LAOH Junior Division – Keep Our Tradition Alive!

We're calling all girls ages 5–18 to become part of the LAOH Junior Division — a vibrant Irish Catholic organization dedicated to preserving Irish traditions, customs, and heritage through friendship, cultural activities, and charitable work.

As a Junior member, you will;
Participate in engaging meetings that explore our Faith, Irish history and culture, and American patriotism.

Get involved in meaningful community service projects — a great way to fulfill Confirmation requirements.

Enter the Irish Writing Contest, with the chance to win local, state, and national prizes.

Be eligible to apply for the Mary Curry Memorial Scholarship. Build leadership skills and make lasting friendships.

No family connection to the Hibernians is required — all girls with a passion for Irish culture are welcome!

We believe in growing strong, future-ready leaders who are proud of their heritage. As a bonus, Junior members who bring in a new recruit will receive a special gift!

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Debbie Burke and Kelly Cole, Junior Co-Ordinator's

AOH Golf Tournament | August 22nd | 8:30am start @ Ely Park | Steak Dinner at AOH Hall



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

At the National Convention last week, I was honored to receive the Lifetime Membership to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Award. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in submitting an application on my behalf.

The convention was educational and all of the reports are on the National website. If you need the password to the website please contact me. Along with the usual business of the Order, this year's Immigration Committee report was very moving as the U.S. Immigration policy has a direct effect on the new National President, Sandy Swift and her family. At September's meeting we will discuss resources to become better informed.

The AOH Golf Tournament on August 22, 2026. Details are on the flyer. Deadline to register is 8/10/2026. If you are not a golfer, consider volunteering to help make the event a success.

22ND HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOOLEY is 9/18/2026. Attendance is the key to success. Gather family and friends and enjoy an evening of comradery. 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 some items to donate but do not feel it is enough for a basket, contact Mary and she may be able to combine items to create a basket. Baskets sales greatly contribute to the overall success of the Hooley. Baskets do not have to be great works of art- just pick a theme and gather items that go with it. If you need help with construction, I am sure Mary can give you some direction. Questions or to drop off items please contact Mary Gilroy at Mgilroy1@stny.rr.com or 607 761 1992.

Joan Macguigan would like to thank all of her Sisters that participated in the 95th Birthday card shower. Joan was surprised and delighted to receive all the well wishes.

With the recent tragic events it makes you realize life is a precious gift. Make this realization a call to action: call a friend, mend a fence that ruined a relationship, drop off a meal to someone that is lonely.etc Keep our motto in your hearts.

I want to express our sincere condolences to Pauline Le Strange on the recent loss of her beloved grandson Camerson. May God grant him eternal rest

Our next meeting is Sept 11. Rosary is 645pm and meeting is at pm
In our Motto, Jaqi Kenefick
Jkenefick1@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

Since we don't meet in August, please take the time to read the newsletter to find out what is happening...I hope you are enjoying the Summer, if it's too hot and you need to cool down, stop in to the Hall, have a chat and a cold one with your friendly bartenders, fellow Hibernians and the hall is air conditioned!

There was a nice gathering at the AOH/LAOH Family Picnic at Ross Park on Sunday, July 12th, thank you to the AOH Men for providing the meats for grilling, and to the members in bringing a dish to pass and desserts.

You should be receiving our annual Lottery Ticket Fundraiser letter/tickets for the month of

September. The money we raise from this goes a long way in helping toward charitable contributions as well as expenses, thank you for your support. If you need more tickets or wish to have your name removed from any future mailings, please let me know. Good Luck!

Please join us for Our Lady of Knock Mass, Saturday, August 8th at the 5pm mass at St. Paul's Church on Chenango St., a dinner will follow at the AOH Hall. All AOH and LAOH members are invited to attend, if you have a sash, please wear it.

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 or you can mail it with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AOH Hall, 148 Main St., Bing. 13905, Attn: Cookie Luke.

Save the Date: 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 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.

We continue to pray for those in the military, for our members in need, and our special intentions. Condolences to our Division 1 sisters on the passing of Eileen Sullivan and to Pauline LeStrange on the passing of her grandson.

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

BARTENDER SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26 Closed	27 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	28 Pat H Jim B	29 Tom M Molly M	30 Eileen R Deb K	31 Cookie L Tom C	1 Matt F Open 3-7 Birthday Club 5:00
2 Closed	3 Closed	4 Jeff W Joanie M	5 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	6 Barb B Tom M	7 Cookie L Sylvia S	8 Donald Open 3-? Lady of Knock Mass St Paul's 5:00 Dinner to follow at the hall
9 Closed	10 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	11 Mike C Sylvia S	12 Tom M Craig W Trivia 6-8 Jim's famous Meatballs	13 Kate H Molly M Morning Lark 7-9	14 Deb B Hollie R	15 Hollie R Open 3-7
16 Closed	17 Closed	18 Susan C John T	19 Donald B Sylvia S	20 Tom M Donald B Golf meeting 6:00 Setup after meeting	21 Barb B Kathy B Golf set up	22 AOH Golf Tournament Ely Park Shot gun 8:30 Steak Dinner at hall Diane & Molly 12:00
23 Closed	24 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	25 Pat H Jim B	26 Susan C Jaqi K	27 Susan C Tom M	28 Bill B Deb K	29 Eileen R Open 3-7
30 Closed	31 Closed	1 Jeff W Joanie M	2 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	3 Barb B Tom M	4 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S	5 Matt F Open3-7 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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