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HISTORY CORNER: HISTORY OF THE IRISH PUB

Historians attribute the development of Irish pubs back to the ancient Irish Brehon Laws of the 7th century. The Brehons were judges who were closely associated with the ancient pre-Christian chiefs of Ireland. Among the many Brehon laws was one that required every household of means to practice the tradition of hospitality to strangers. Travelers could not be turned away. Food, shelter, and warmth had to be provided or a fine was assessed. To comply with the law, places of shelter, food, and drink were often placed at crossroads and local borders. The places, similar to hostels, were called bruidheans.



However, a bruidhean was much more than a hostel. It was one of the most important institutions in early Irish society. It was a place of sacred hospitality. The keeper of the hostel, called a brúic, was an important member of the community and was ranked among the nobility. It was his responsibility to provide food for the travelers, stay open at all times, and never let the fires go out. Bruidheans were the ancestors of the Irish Pub.

It was never about the drink. It was about survival. Eventually the bruidheans evolved into public houses (pubs) and became a gathering place of community, music, and warmth. Pubs became places where news traveled, disputes were settled, poems recited, and community business conducted. They became the living room of Irish public life.

Pubs have changed; many once contained a small area called a snug. A small area somewhat hidden, where people who did not want to be noticed hung out, perhaps policemen, priests, or women. Our LAOH sisters may be dismayed to hear that women were largely restricted in Irish Pubs. Of course that changed in modern times.

When the Irish emigrated, they brought the pub with them. To Boston, to Binghamton, and thousands of other sites throughout the world. True Irish pubs reflect the Irish culture and heritage through the use of traditional materials, colors, and motifs that embody Ireland's history and social values. For example, the prevalence of woodwork employing oak or pine showcases Ireland's rich forestry and craftsmanship. Also, the use of deep greens and rich browns evokes the lush landscapes and historical significance of the Irish countryside. Additionally, decorative elements such as Celtic patterns, stained glass, and vintage photographs serve to connect patrons with Ireland's heritage. Such a pub can be found at 148 Main Street in Binghamton.

Yes. Irish pubs must technically evolve. However, in truly Irish pubs, the décor, design, and vintage representations will remain as a sign of a connection to Ireland. In that way, the tradition of the bruidheans will remain alive, and places such as the bar in our Hall will continue to provide us with hospitality, friendship, and a connection to our heritage.

- Bill Burke.

Sources: *Irish History Revealed -Brehon Laws of Hospitality* 3/2/26, *Irish History Hub*, *History of Irish Pubs* - YouTube, *History of Irish Pub Culture* cbhannegans.com/11/04/25,

HOOLEY COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to everyone that worked, attended, donated etc. to make our 22nd Annual Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Hooley such a great evening! Thank you to the Edward P Maloney Memorial Pipe Band and Old Friends. You were spot on as always.

Congratulations to Diane and Denny S on winning the 50/50 Raffle.

It was great to be "Back to Our Roots" in the building where it all started, great venue.

Sincerely,
The Hooley Committee

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Fall is here and as we enter this season of change and thanksgiving, I want to express how grateful I am for all of you who actively participate and engage here at the AOH on a regular basis. From volunteering at events, to attending meetings, helping at the hall or promoting our missions, your work is appreciated and you are an important part of our Irish community.

Congratulations to the LAOH Hooley Committee on another successful event this year that was held at Celebrations! Coming up soon we have the Annual AOH Turkey Party which will be held on Friday October 16th from 7PM to 10PM at the AOH Hall. Admission is \$7. We will have a raffle going about every 10 minutes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle happening and food will be served

including a variety of soups, hot dogs, pizza and more! This is always a great time, and fun will be had by all!

Additionally coming up soon is the NYS AOH Fall Meeting which will be held this year at West Point. If you are interested in attending, please reach out and let me know so I can provide you with the details.

We hope to see you this month at the hall, at an event or out in the community. As always, if you need any help or assistance with anything at all, please reach out to a fellow brother or sister and we are happy to help.

Our next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday October 13th at 7PM.

In our motto,
Ian Haines, AOH President

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

Welcome Fall!

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. Now it is time for fall sports which I am sure all are ready for Football! so enjoy!

The Hooley was a success as always. Thanks to all who organized and volunteered.

There are many activities happening during October:

- Division 2 Rummage sale Oct. 2nd 9-5:30 pm
- Division 2 Shepard Pie Dinner Oct. 10th 4-6 pm
- Annual AOH Turkey Party Oct. 16th 7-10 pm

- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Oct. 21st 8-11 pm
- Halloween Party Oct. 31st -6pm

Please help support your Hibernian Brothers and Sisters.

Please pray for peace in the world.

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

BROOME COUNTY LAOH JUNIORS

Join the LAOH Junior Division – Keep Our Traditions Alive!



Our Juniors give back! In September, members volunteered at Stable Movements/ I Can Ride, where they cleaned out the stalls, brushed the horses, cleaned up cobwebs, and spread hay in the paddock. Well done, Juniors! We are so proud of your hard work and commitment to serving others.

Mark your calendars! Our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Election Day, November 3, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Tickets will be going on sale soon, so be sure to save the date and plan to join us!

The deadline is fast approaching to enter the 2026–2027 Irish Writing Contest open to students in grades 6–12. This year's topic is: "Saints of Ireland". Beyond Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid, and Saint Columille, 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! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Ireland's rich Catholic heritage and share your knowledge through writing.

We are actively recruiting new members ages 5–18 who are Catholic and of Irish heritage. Junior members do not need to be related to a member of an AOH or LAOH division. Keeping our membership strong and growing is important, with the hope that our Juniors will continue their involvement as lifelong members of the LAOH. And there's an extra incentive: Junior members who sponsor a new member will receive a special gift! Please help us spread the word and invite eligible young people to become part of our Junior Division.

The October meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 24th. Information will be forthcoming.

ANNUAL TURKEY PARTY • OCTOBER 16 • 7 - 10PM



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LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

HARVEST DINNER AT OUR NEXT MEETING. Please note time change. Dinner will start at 6pm. Rosary about 6:45pm with meeting to follow. Please bring a dish to pass. Please plan on returning home with any leftovers.

Boscov Day is WEDNESDAY, OCT 21. The \$5 coupon is good for 25% off most items in the store. The coupon will be available at the next meeting and at the store on the 21st. We keep the \$5 for every coupon sold. Sell some to family and friends.

If you are planning on attending the November State Board meeting in West Point on Nov 14 please let me know. There is information

in the emails I sent and on the State website. There is a “ Visitors Pass” that should be filled out prior to entering the gates of a military institution.

Sue Messina has accepted the Honor of being appointed the Veteran and Military Affairs Officer on the National Board for 2026-2028. We know she will do a great job. Thank you for your service.

Years ago a motion was passed to suspend the dues of everyone that had 25 years of consecutive membership. With the increase of national and state assessments, postal and Chieftain costs as well as the number of sisters that now qualify this benefit is no longer sustainable. At the September meeting the motion was passed that everyone will pay dues beginning in 2027 with the exception of those excused by the National Board. If this is a financial hardship for anyone an exception will be made.

Thank you to the Hooley Committee members, volunteers, bakers, raffle and gift card donors, it takes close to a village to make the event such a success. I will never go to a Hooley without thinking of our Sister Kathy Cronin who was the face of the Hooley for many years- I hope we did you proud.

This reminder is for anyone working with minors, in this organization it is mandated that you receive Protecting God’s Children training. Please go to syracusediacese.org/safe-environment to sign up.

Get you best Halloween costume together for the Halloween party on Friday evening 10/30 with DJ John Almy.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 9TH. Time change 6pm for our Harvest dinner.

In our motto: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
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CORPORATION NEWS

A Toast to Our Hall and Our Heritage

Greetings, brothers and sisters! We have some exciting improvements happening at the hall! We now have a new refrigerator in the kitchen, and as we speak, we are looking forward to getting the hall painted and looking its best.

We all know how fortunate we are to have a place where we can come together and celebrate our Irish heritage, traditions, friendships, and community. We are truly blessed to have this hall—and it is up to all of us to help keep it going for generations to come.

So, come on down and support this great establishment! Stop in, visit with friends, meet new members, and help make our hall a place where everyone feels welcome. We are only as strong as the people who give their time, effort, and support. I challenge everyone who reads this to stop in and raise a glass—whatever you care to toast with to all those who have labored before us, to those who continue to give their time and energy today, and to the future of our Irish community.

The next open board meeting is October 26th at 7:00pm.

In Our Motto, Patrick Walsh

LAOH DIVISION TWO



Susan Connors
LAOH2 President

At the September meeting we draped our Charter on the passing of our Sister, Colleen Murray who passed on July 17, 2026, may she rest in peace.

It looks like we had another successful Half-way to St. Patrick’s Day Hooley. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on this and to those who donated and attended. Again, thank you for supporting our Lottery, hopefully your check is in the mail!

Next up is 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.

Please support the AOH Turkey Party on Friday, October 16th from 7-11pm, \$7 admission and the Halloween Party on Friday, October 30th, starting at 6pm. Free admission, bring a snack to share, prizes, costumes are encouraged, but not required! DJ John Almy will be spinning his spookiest tunes.

Nominations for two AOH Board members, if you are interested in serving a 3-year term, please let me or any board member know no later than Nov. 5th. You can attend the open board meeting on Monday, October 26th at 7pm.

If you are interested in volunteering at the 2027 AOH/LAOH NYS Convention being held in Binghamton, please contact me.

There are still a few members who have not paid their dues which are now \$35. Stop in or you can mail it with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AOH Hall, 148 Main St., Bing. 13905, Attn: Cookie Luke.

The Irish History Contest is underway, the topic is “Beyond St. Patrick, St. Brigid, and St. Columille, who are other Irish Saints that shaped and sustained Ireland’s Catholic identity?”

Don’t forget to get your Election Night Spaghetti Dinner tickets to support our LAOH Junior Division, flyer enclosed.

Save the date: Friday, November 6th at 7pm for a talk by noted architect Laura Lee Intscher, who will talk about the Ancient Art & Architecture of Ireland, free admission and desserts. We’ll have a signup sheet at the hall, please see the flyer.

Our next division meeting is Wednesday, October 21st , Rosary at 6:30pm followed by our meeting 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

NOMINATION TIME.

Grand Marshal requirements: member of AOH/LAOH. Chosen by a committee of five from written nominations. For more information contact Tom Kelly @ 607-760-8351.

Maid of Erin requirements: age: 16 (by Nov. 15, 2026) to 21. Chosen by committee of five from written nominations and an interview. Must be a member of the LAOH or have a family member in AOH or LAOH. For more information contact Meryl Deemie @ 607-237-6879.

Deadline for both is November 15, 2026. Parade Day is March 6, 2027.

BARTENDER SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
27 Sylvia S Sunday Fun Day Football Bring dish to pass Free Hot dogs	28 Closed	29 Cookie L Deb K	30 Eileen R Molly M Bingo 5-7:30	1 Barb B Tom M Drop off rummage sale 3-5:30	2 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S Rummage sale 9:00-5:30	3 Deb K Open 3-7 Bag Sale 9:00-12:00
4 Matt F Sunday Fun Day Football Bring a dish to Pass Free Hot dogs	5 Closed	6 Jeff W Joanie M	7 Kate H Deb K No Bingo	8 Barb B Molly M Morning Lark 7-9	9 Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 6:45	10 Hollie W Open 3-7 Shepards Pie 4-6
11 Tom M Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Free hot dogs Bring a dish to pass	12 Closed	13 Mike C Sylvia S Men’s Meeting 7:00	14 Tom M Craig W Trivia 6:00 Convention Meeting	15 Eileen R Donald B &	16 Barb B Sylvia& Eileen R AOH Turkey Party 7-10	17 Donald B Open 3-7
18 Juniors 1:00 Bob and Betty Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Free Hot Dogs Bring dish to pass	19 Closed	20 Susan C John T	21 Donald B Sylvia S LAOH Div 2 Rosary 6:30 Meeting 7:00	22 Susan C Tom M	23 Bill B Deb K	24 Eileen R Open 3-7
25 Tom C Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Bring dish to pass Free Hot dogs	26 Closed Open Corporation Meeting 7:00	27 Pat H Jim B	28 Susan C Jaqi K	29 Susan C Tom M	30 Cookie L Deb K Halloween Party 6-9 Just Jack DJ Bring dish to pass	31 Diane D 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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