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HISTORY CORNER: ONE TOUGH IRISH WOMAN

In 2024, the world of Stormont changed. (Stormont is the common name for the Northern Ireland Assembly, as well as its estate in Belfast where it is located). Although Northern Ireland is still ultimately under the British King's control, Stormont uses a power-sharing system. This system allows Nationalists (people who want to unite with the Republic of Ireland) and Unionists (people who want to remain in union with the United Kingdom) to share power. Stormont exercises powers over things such as the economy, education, health, and police. So, what happened in 2024? A nationalist Catholic with IRA roots, Michelle O'Neill, was appointed First Minister of Northern Ireland. Her power-sharing deputy first minister would be Emma Little-Pengelly. Michelle said, "This is a historic day. It is about the future. It is about working together to deliver for workers and families, and creating new and exciting opportunities that ensure our children and grandchildren can achieve their dreams and ambitions in life."



So, what makes her so tough? Well, you can hear it in her words and see it in her history. Her maiden name was Doris, and she was born into a well-known republican (nationalist) family. Her father, Brendan Doris, was an Irish Republican Army prisoner, and her uncle headed a committee that raised funds for the IRA. One of her cousins was killed in an ambush by a unit of the British Army. She had her first baby at 16. She said the nuns prayed over her, and some people treated her badly, but luckily, she had people who gave her support. With that support, she moved on. She became involved in politics as a teenager, and at 21 she joined the political party Sinn Féin (Irish for We Ourselves). In 2010 she became Mayor of Dungannon; Michelle was the first woman to hold that position. She was also one of the youngest people to lead Sinn Féin through two election campaigns.

In her first address to the Northern Ireland Assembly, she said: "The days of second-class citizenship are long gone". She called for all to see her appointment "as a moment of equality and progress". She made international news recently when a parade commission approved an Orange Order (a group of pro-British unionists) request to parade through the Garvaghy Road area of NI. This particular parade had not been allowed for almost 3 decades due to it previously sparking serious violence, including several murders. As the parade began to form, First Minister O'Neill stood with others to block its movement. She said, "No right-minded person would allow an Orange Order march through the Garvaghy Road community!" She expressed her support for the Garvaghy Rd. residents by saying, "These people have suffered generations of sectarian domination, intimidation, and violence. I will stand with the people of Garvaghy Road today and every day!" Michelle O'Neill, one tough Irish woman, whose story is still being written.

And by the way, the parade did not go through.

– by Bill Burke.

Sources: Business Post 2/3/24, NI's Government has Returned to Stormont-what you need to know-J. McCormack BBC, WSKG PBS News2/3/24, The Journal & Belfast Telegraph, BBC.com.

HOOLEY COMMITTEE NEWS

Wreaths Across America is happening on December 19, 2026.

Help us honor a fallen soldier while teaching younger generations the value of freedom."Remember, Honor and Teach"

For each wreath purchased for $17.00 an additional $5.00 will be added towards the purchase of another wreath. Checks can be made out to Wreaths Across America or Savage DeMarco Funeral Home.

Note which cemetery in the memo on your check

Conklin Cemetery contact Maureen Kadlecik (607) 206-2963 with questions

Stillwater Cemetery contact Jaqi Kenefick (607) 206-6762 with questions

Both cemeteries need over a hundred wreaths.

Thank you for honoring a soldier we appreciate their service and you.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I can't believe it but the end of the year is near. Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner, and we will soon be gathering around the table, breaking bread and sharing in some holiday cheer with one another and our families!

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Turkey Party in October. A special shout out goes to our planning team: Mark Kadlecik, Rich Maloney, Joe Mihalko, Tom Kelly, Pat Walsh, Bill Burke, John Walker and especially to Paddy Fitzgerald who secured numerous gift cards for us to raffle off during the event. I'd also like to thank our many volunteers from all divisions during that helped during the party including Craig Wagaman, Bruce King, Bob Bryant, Marie Davenport, Barb Walling, Matt & Mary Gilroy, Maggie Haines, Ken Sullivan, Kevin Byrnes, Maureen Kadlecik, Francine Connerton, Carol Thayne, Sabian Honnick and anyone else I may have forgotten who helped make this night a resounding success!

Please join us for the annual Halloween party on October 30th at the hall and please support our Juniors on election day for their annual spaghetti dinner, this is always delicious. Also, if you can please join us to walk in the Veterans Day Parade in Binghamton on November 11th. Line up is at 12:30pm at the American Legion on Main St. Please wear your sash if you have one!

Lastly, we are having our Annual All Divisions Christmas Party on Saturday December 5th. Sign-ups will be available at the hall for this event. Please join us again this year for some delicious food, companionship and of course to sing some carols with us led by our very own AOH Christmas Choir. We hope to see you there!

Our next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday November 10th at 7PM.

In our motto,

Ian Haines, AOH President

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

There are many events upcoming in November: LAOH Jr's Spaghetti Dinner on Election Day, November 3rd, 2026

• The Ancient Art &Architecture of Ireland with Laura Lee - November6, 7pm AOH hall

• AOH/LAOH Fall State Board Meeting @ West Point on November 14th,2026

The Turkey party was a great success as always. Thank you for all the volunteers who made this possible.

Let us not forget Veteran's Day on November 11th. Thank you to all of our Veterans for their service.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! We certainly have many things to be thankful for. Enjoy your day with family and friends.

May we keep Pope Leo in our prayers and anyone who is hurting or sick. God Bless!

In our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christan Charity,

Michele Talcott, President 607 - 349-8736

BROOME COUNTY LAOH JUNIORS

Join the LAOH Junior Division – Keep Our Traditions Alive!

Junior Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser- It's not too late to purchase your ticket for our Junior Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Election Day, November 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.! We transform our hall into an Italian restaurant for a delicious dinner and a wonderful evening of community spirit. Tickets are available at the hall, and takeout is also available. Dinner Prices: Adults: $15, Children (ages 6–11): $8, Children under 5: Free. This is the Junior Division's major fundraiser, helping us support our charitable causes throughout the year. We appreciate your generosity and continued support!

November Meeting- Our November meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing our Junior members there!

Warm Hearts, Warm Hands: Collection for the Binghamton Rescue Mission. Our Juniors are collecting the following items to help those in need at the Binghamton Rescue Mission:

• Men's and women's socks • Hand warmers • Men's and women's Beanie caps • Men's and women's warm gloves and mittens

The Binghamton Rescue Mission provides housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. Residents are offered case management, employment resources, spiritual care, transportation to employment and important appointments, and other supportive services to help them move out of homelessness and toward lasting life change.

Thank you for helping our Juniors make a difference in our community. Every donation helps bring warmth and comfort to someone in need! You can drop off items at the AOH before November 22nd

Calling All Girls Ages 5–18! Join the LAOH Junior Division!

Are you interested in Irish culture, friendship, and helping others? We invite girls ages 5–18 to become part of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Junior Division! The LAOH Juniors is a vibrant Irish Catholic organization dedicated to preserving Irish traditions, customs, and heritage through friendship, cultural activities, and charitable service. As a Junior member, you'll enjoy engaging meetings and activities that explore our Catholic faith, Irish history and culture, and American patriotism, while building friendships and giving back to the community. No family connection to the Hibernians is required! All girls with an interest in Irish culture and a desire to participate are welcome.

Come join us, make new friends, celebrate our heritage, and be part of something meaningful!

LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

October is always a busy month at the Hall. Hope you were able to participate in the many activities and have great bargains from Boscovs.

There is an organization called Irish American 250 that is inviting all those with Irish ancestry to take part in a nationwide initiative. By sharing personal and family journeys on their website and social media channels. The organization is trying to form a collective portrait of the Irish in America. If interested in participating go to americaeire.org.

SAVE THE DATE Our Christmas Party is Saturday, December 5th at 6pm. We are planning a delicious dinner and entertainment. Take this opportunity to wish your AOH brothers and sisters a Merry Christmas.

Eileen Zemek is gladly collecting your dues. Dues are $35 now for 2026 and $30 for 2027. Starting in 2027 everyone needs to pay dues to remain in good standing. The exemption for 25 years membership was no longer sustainable. If the dues are a financial hardship please see me. If you would like to mail your dues, send your check and your dues card in a self address stamped envelope to Eileen Zemek, 1906 Hawleyton Rd, Binghamton N.Y. 13903

Veterans Day will be here shortly. We are grateful for their sacrifice and service. Please keep our AOH/LAOH service members in your prayers. We thank all Veterans for their Service.

Wreaths Across America is on Saturday, December 19th. The ceremony at Savage Funeral Home is at 2pm, after we will go to the cemeteries and place the wreaths. The cost of the wreath is $17.For every wreath ordered Savage Funeral Home will donate $5 toward the cost of another wreath. The deadline for ordering wreaths is December 1st. At the November we will be collecting money for wreaths.

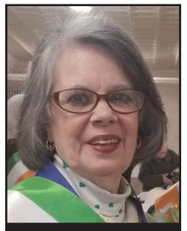
Good news- the cookie Platters will be available again this year. The cost remains $10, a great Christmas gift. We will need some volunteer bakers. Sign up and order sheets will be available at the November meeting. A big THANK YOU to Mary Nowak for coordinating this event.

Thanksgiving will be here shortly. Be thankful for all your blessings. If you need a place at a table there is always at place at mine for you.

Our next meeting is Friday, November 13th. Rosary is 645pm, meeting is at 7pm.

In our Motto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Jaqi Kenefick
607 206 6762
Jkenefick1@stny.rr.com

LAOH DIVISION TWO



Susan Connors
LAOH2 President

Welcome to November, a time to embrace your Irish sweater, crisp air and the promise of new beginnings!

Thank you to those who helped at our Fall Rummage Sale (set up, clean up, working and donating items) and to those who bought items, it's always nice to pick up an item or two or three…

Thank you to all who helped at our Shepherd's Pie Fundraiser, by taking reservations, shopping, prep work, baking, cooking, clean up AND to those for buying from us.

Nominations for two AOH Board members, if you have been a division officer and are interested in serving a 3-year term, please let me or any board member know no later than Nov. 5th.

The Convention Committee Chairs are working hard for the 2027 AOH/LAOH Convention in Binghamton. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

There are still a few members who have not paid their dues which are now $35. To ensure continued membership and receiving the Chieftain, please stop in or mail it in with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AOH Hall, 148 Main St., Bing. 13905, Attn: Cookie Luke.

Don't forget to get your Election Night Spaghetti Dinner tickets to support our LAOH Junior Division, there are still a few tickets left.

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. There is a signup sheet at the hall, please see the flyer.

Nominations for the 2027 Grand Marshal and Maid of Erin are being accepted by the Parade Committee, please let me know if you need more information.

I hope you will join us at the AOH/LAOH Christmas Party to be held at the hall on Saturday, December 5th from 6pm to 10pm. I will have a sign-up sheet and more information at the November meeting, the party is for adults only.

Our next division meeting is Wednesday, November 18th , Meeting at 6pm followed by our Harvest Dinner with a dish/dessert to pass. Please bring items for our Thanksgiving gift basket.

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.

I am thankful for the gift of your friendship which fills my life with beauty, joy and grace, making my world a warm and happier place. Happy Thanksgiving to our Hibernian families!!

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

CORPORATION NEWS

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We have been busy at the Hall making several upgrades to improve our facility. Recently, a new refrigerator was installed in the kitchen, and a new under-bar sink was added in the front bar area. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Bill Burke, Tom Kelly, and Rich Maloney for their hard work and assistance with the sink installation.

As we continue preparing for the 2027 New York State Convention, we remain committed to making improvements to our building as needed. We look forward to showcasing our Hall and welcoming our fellow New York State Brothers and Sisters when they visit.

The Luck of the Irish Raffle will be kicking off soon, and we encourage everyone to support the Corporation by purchasing a ticket. Tickets are $50 each, and the drawing will be held this spring. Watch for tickets at the Hall or from Board Members. If you would like tickets mailed to you, simply send a check to the Hall with "Luck of the Irish" noted in the memo line. This raffle is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we greatly appreciate your support. Best of luck to all participants!

I would also like to invite everyone to stop by the Hall to reconnect with friends and meet fellow members you may not yet know. The Hall doors are open Tuesday through Saturday at 3:00 PM. We are also open on Sundays during the NFL season, beginning at 12:00 PM, so come enjoy the games on our big-screen TVs and spend time with your fellow members.

Thank you for your continued support of our Hall and Corporation. We look forward to seeing you soon.

In Our Motto,
Patrick Walsh, Corporation President

BARTENDER SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Matt F Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Bring a dish to pass Free Hot dogs	**2** Closed Prep 5:00	**3** Jeff W Joanie M & Cookie Junior's Spaghetti Dinner 4:30	**4** Barb B Deb K Bingo 5-7:30	**5** Barb B Tom M	**6** Charlie & Dick Sylvia S Ancient Art of Ireland 7:00	**7** Matt F Open 3-7 October and November Birthdays
8 Bob & Betty Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Bring a dish to Pass Free Hot dogs	**9** Closed Corporation 6:00	**10** Mike C Sylvia S Men's Meeting 7:00	**11** Tom M Craig W Trivia 6:00	**12** Barb B Molly M Morning Lark 7:30-9	**13** Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 6:45	**14** Hollie W
15 Tom M Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Free hot dogs Bring a dish to pass	**16** Closed Irish Dance 6-8	**17** Susan C John T	**18** Donald B Sylvia S LAOH Div 2 7:00	**19** Eileen R Donald B & Parade Meeting 7:00	**20** Barb B Sylvia Smith	**21** Donald B Open 3-7
22 Juniors 1:00 Sylvia Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Free Hot Dogs Bring a dish to pass	**23** Closed Corporation Elections 3-6 7	**24** Pat H Jim B	25 Susan C Jaqi K	**26** Closed Happy Thanksgiving	**27** Bill B Deb K	**28** Eileen R Open 3-7
29 Tom C Sunday Fun Day Football 12:00 Bring a dish to pass Free Hot dogs Formula one 10:45 Molly	**30** Closed Open Corporation Meeting 7:00	**1** Jeff W Joanie M County Board 5:30	**2** Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	**3** Barb B Tom M Catholic Charities Christmas Party 4-7	**4** Dick & Charlie Sylvia S Catholic Central Christmas Party 6:00	**5** Matt F Open 3-? December Birthdays Diane D 5:00 All Division Christmas Party

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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PARADE COMMITTEE NEWS

Grand Marshal and Maid of Erin nominations are due by November 15.
Grand Marshal- written nomination
Maid. Of Erin - application and an interview.
Applications are at the hall or contact Meryl Deemie @607-237-6879.
For more information on Grand Marshal- Tom Kelly @607-760-8351.

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