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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Patrick Walsh
AOH President

The AOH Turkey Party was a fantastic event—sorry if you missed it! But don't worry, there's more to come. Join us for the Juniors' Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Election Day, November 4th. Stop by for a delicious meal or grab one to go. For one evening, we'll transform the hall into Little Italy, complete with great food, a festive atmosphere, and lively music.

Mark your calendars for the "Luck of the Irish" drawing, happening on November 13th at 7:00 PM. Remember, you must be in it to win it! Tickets are \$50 each and available behind the bar.

As the holidays approach, we're excited to host an all-division Christmas Party on December 6th. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the hall—please add your name if you plan to attend.

With the days flying by and growing shorter, take a moment to stop in and support the AOH Hall. We'd love to see you, raise a glass, and share

a smile. Whether you're a familiar face or a new friend, you're always welcome. The smiles are warm, and the pints are chilled.

Don't forget—Bingo is held on the first Wednesday of each month. It's a great time for winners and players alike, and we've got food to keep you fueled while you play. On the second Wednesday of each month, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, we host Trivia Night. Gather a team of four, sharpen your pencils, and test your knowledge. Entry is just \$5 per person—come prove you've got what it takes to be the winning team!

As we enter the holiday season, let's continue to be kind and generous. Help us support our community through the good deeds we strive to keep doing. It takes effort to keep everything moving in the right direction, and we're grateful to all our members who give their time and energy to keep our hall alive and thriving.

In Our Motto, Patrick Walsh, President

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025

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HISTORY CORNER: WHO ARE THE IRISH POLICE?

They are a special group; in the Irish language, they are called the "An Garda Síochána" (pronounced gar-dee sha hanna). They are Ireland's finest. Referenced in plural, they are the Gardai. Translated to English, they are The Guardians of Peace. Before policing by the Garda, law enforcement in Ireland emanated from London. In the early 1900s, the Royal Irish Constabulary, a British-operated force, ruled. That was a time of civil war in Ireland. A truce in 1921 disbanded the R.I.C., and the "Civic Guard" was established by the Irish hero and soon-to-be assassinated Michael Collins. In 1922, the newly established Garda took over.

Michael Staines, the first commissioner of the Garda, proclaimed that, "The Garda Síochána will succeed not by force of arms or numbers, but on their moral authority as servants of the people." Therefore, firearms would not be needed. The Irish Times says that was a proud sentiment of the Irish people. The Irish were bruised by civil war, and many believed "the police should rule by consent, not coercion". However, like much of Irish history, there is more to the story. Historian Conor Brady says it was way more complicated. Brady claims the original Garda was a fully armed force. However, the new government feared an insurrection from the police rank and file, which was mainly made up of former IRA men. Yet, most of the senior officers of the new force consisted of former Royal Irish Constabulary men who had worked for the British. Rather than having an armed group of potential mutineers, a decision was made to disarm the

new force. Brady writes that the Gardai were tricked into giving up their weapons. They were told, "We are moving to a new training center, you will take lorries, and all your weapons will be taken separately. Brady says, "They never saw their weapons again."

Today, Ireland remains one of only 18 nations with a mostly unarmed police force. The Garda are headquartered in Dublin with 14,500 Gardai and civilian employees. Most Gardai do not carry firearms, but they are trained in using extendible batons, pepper spray, and handcuffs. Things changed slightly in the 1980s. One of the catalysts for this change was a bank robbery in Dublin. In this case, unarmed detectives, coming face-to-face with armed robbers, had to point their fingers at the robbers with the hope that it would look like they were holding pistols. Specialized firearms units were then established. Today, Emergency Response Units and Armed Support Units are available for backup. These units are highly trained, and they use modern guns, tasers, and stun grenades. The 2020 Global Peace Index ranks Ireland as the 12th safest country in the world. It appears that the Garda has established itself as an unarmed force that has kept the peace through consensus rather than force. However, they are always ready with an appropriate response if it is needed.

- by Bill Burke.

Sources: Resto NYC website, Ireland's National Police and Security Service website, The Irish Times C. Gallagher Sept. 2020, Global Peace Index 2020.

CORPORATION NEWS

The deadline for nominations for the 2 seats on the corporation board is Nov. 3rd. Elections for the seats are Nov. 24th from 3:00 - 6 and at the 7:00 meeting. The bylaws state that to be eligible, one must be a member for 3 years and have held an office for 1 year. The Luck of the Irish drawing is on Nov. 13th. Please support your hall.

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

There are many events coming up in November hope to see you there. Juniors Spaghetti Dinner on Election Day, November 4, 2025.

The Luck of the Irish drawing for the Corporation on November 13, 2025 at 7:00pm

Please encourage grades 6-12 to enter the Irish History Contest. Entries are due October 30th.

Let us not forget Veteran's Day on November 11, 2025. Thanks to all our Veterans for their service.

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

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!

It's not too late to purchase a ticket for the **Junior Spaghetti** dinner fundraiser on **November 4th**, Election Day, from 5:00 to 7:00. Our Junior members transform our hall into an Italian restaurant for a delicious dinner. Adults \$15, children (6-11) \$8, under 5 free. Tickets available at the hall. Take out also available.

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 LAOH Division 2 scholarship in memory of **Mary Curry**.

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!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
Debbie Burke and Kelly Cole
Junior Co-Ordinator's • 607-727-7183

SAVE THE DATE

December 6th, 2025

All Divisions Christmas Party – 6:00-9:00PM

Lá Altaithe Sona Daoibh!

Happy Thanksgiving to You All!





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LAOH DIVISION ONE



Barbara Walling
President

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us remember all we are thankful for including our families, friends, freedoms and health. A special thank you to all our Veterans and current military, first responders and health care workers.

Cathy Axtell-Shaddock joined our division at the October meeting. Welcome Cathy!

The annual AOH Turkey party was held on October 17. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated items or attended the event. It was great seeing our sisters supporting our AOH brothers.

In October we participated in the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser at Boscov's. Thank you to Maureen Reynolds for organizing this and all who helped or supported us by purchasing a shopping pass.

The Corporation's Luck of the Irish drawing is Thursday, November 13th at 7 pm. The profit from this drawing benefits the upkeep of our Hall. Please consider purchasing a ticket. Tickets are \$50 each. Buy a chance, go in with friends on a ticket, five prizes awarded for five lucky winners! Tickets are available from board members or at the hall.

Please remember in your prayers our sister Linda Bazewick and her family on the recent passing of her mother. Continue to remember in your prayers our sister and brother Hibernians who may need a healing or caring prayer.

Upcoming events:

Friday, October 31, Halloween Party, 6 pm

Tuesday, November 4, Election Day, 5-7 pm Junior Division spaghetti dinner

Thursday, November 13, Luck of the Irish raffle drawing, 7 pm

Friday, November 14, Division Meeting, 7 pm

Saturday, November 15, Degree Ceremony at St. Vincent DePaul/ Blessed Sacrament, 11 am

Saturday, November 15, Division 2, Sock Hop

Our November meeting will be on Friday, November 14th at 7 pm with a decade of the Rosary being said at 6:45 pm. I hope you find time in your schedule to join us.

Happy Thanksgiving Blessings to all!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Barb

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LAOH DIVISION TWO



Deborah Burke
President

Hello November! Warm greetings to all as we head into the holiday season—a time to cherish family, friendship, and our Hibernian sisterhood.

Please join us in welcoming Karyn Church, Elizabeth Bankhead, and Cathy Fitzgerald to our division! We are excited to have you with us and look forward to your participation. May your membership bring you joy, friendship, and a strong sense of community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated items and volunteered their time at our Fall Rummage Sale. Your generosity and effort helped make the event a success! A special shout-out to Susan Connors, who did a fantastic job chairing the event. You are all appreciated!

Let's show our support for our Junior Hibernians! On November 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 our LAOH Junior members host the Election Day Spaghetti Dinner, their major fundraiser. Tickets available at the bar. Donations (bread, parmesan cheese, pasta, salad dressing, napkins, or money) to defray expenses are appreciated.

We are honored to welcome the Trinity Degree team to Binghamton for a Major Degree ceremony for our members on November 15th at Saint Vincent DePaul Blessed Sacrament Church, 465 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, NY 13850 at 11:00 a.m. Registration begins at 10:15 am and everyone must arrive and be seated by 10:50 am. You must register to receive your degree or observe the ceremony. See attached flyer for registration form and information.

Join us later that day on Nov. 15, for a night of fun and charity at our "Sock Hop for Socks" from 7-10pm! Help us meet a critical need while enjoying a great night out with members from all divisions. Admission: **One new package of socks** (to be donated to local homeless shelters)

Please join us at the annual AOH/LAOH Christmas party on Dec. 6 from 6 to 9pm for dinner and a fun evening at our hall. Be sure to make a reservation. There will be a reservation sheet at the hall. This is for adults only.

Time is running out! Membership Dues Reminder-A few members still have outstanding dues. To ensure continued membership (including your subscription to The Chieftain), please stop at the hall or send a \$35 check payable to LAOH Division Two, along with your dues card and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AOH Hall, 148 Main St. Binghamton, NY 13905 or 43 Marys Rd. Windsor, NY 13865 Attn: Darlene Comeno.

Please join your sisters at our next division meeting on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00pm. Please bring items (see email) for our Thanksgiving gift basket for a needy family. Your generosity is appreciated.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving! May your holiday be filled with warmth, love, and gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving to all our Hibernian families!

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

-Debbie-

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PARADE COMMITTEE NEWS

November 15 is the deadline for Grand Marshal nominations- in writing. Further information Tom Kelly 607-760-8351. The Maid of Erin application is available from Meryl Deemie at 607-723-6879. Deadline is Nov 15. The theme of the parade on March 7, 2026 is walking in St Patrick's foot steps.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26 Funday Sunday 12:00-2nd half of second game Eileen R	27 Closed	28 Pat H Jim B	29 Sue C Molly M	30 Barb B Tom M	31 Deb K Halloween Party Just Jack karaoke Cookie and Theresa 6:00	1 Matt F Open 3-7
2 Funday Sunday 12:00-2nd half of second game Tom M	3 Closed Prep 5:00	4 Jeff W Joanie M Juniors Spaghetti Dinner 5-7	5 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	6 Barb B Tom M	7 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S	8 Hollie W Open 3-7
9 Funday Sunday 12:00-2nd half of second game Matt F	10 Closed Corporation 6:00	11 Mike C Sylvia S Men's meeting 7:00	12 Tom M Craig W Trivia 6-8 \$5 per person	13 Kate H John T Morning Lark 7-9	14 Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 6:30	15 Degree Ceremony Donald B Open 3-10 Sock Hop 7-10
16 Funday Sunday 12:00-2nd half of second game Molly M Juniors 1:00	17 Closed Callie Dance 6:00	18 Susan C John T	19 Donald B Sylvia S LAOH Div 2 7:00	20 Eileen R Donald B Parade Com 7:00	21 Barb B Kathy B	22 Tom C Open 3-7
23 Funday Sunday 12:00-2nd half of second game Deb K	24 Closed Open Corporation Meeting 7:00	25 Pat H Jim B	26 Barb B Jaqi K	27 Closed McManus Thanksgiving	28 Bill B Deb K	29 Tom M Open 3-7
30 Funday Sunday 12-2nd half of second game Deb K 10:45 Formula One race then football	1 Closed	2 Jeff W Joanie M	3 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	4 Barb B Tom M	5 Charlie&Dick Sylvia S	6 Matt F Open 3-7

BARTENDER SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2025

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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