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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Summer is here so that means we have reached our annual break from meetings! Just because there aren't any meetings happening doesn't mean that there is nothing going on! The summer is packed with events!

Our AOH Summer Picnic this year will be July 12th at the Ross Park Zoo Pavilion from 12PM-5PM. Bring a dish to pass! The grill will be open from 12-2 and we will be providing a variety of BBQ meats at the picnic! This is always a great event so please come and enjoy the summer weather and enjoy your friends from the AOH with a great picnic.

Our Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 22nd at Ely Park with a 8:30 AM shotgun start. Cost per golfer will be \$100 and will include golf and a cart as well as a steak dinner after at the hall and

prizes. We are always looking for teams and sponsors for this event so if you would like to register or sponsor a hole sign, please use the registration form enclosed in this newsletter or stop down to the hall to pick up a form.

A number of members are flying out to Omaha, Nebraska in a few weeks to attend the National AOH/LAOH Convention. We are looking forward to traveling to the Midwest and attending meetings, seminars and social events to network with our brothers and sisters from across the country and look forward to bringing you updates and news from this event in the coming months.

Our next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday September 8th at 7PM. Enjoy the warm weather and we will see you down at the hall.

In our motto,
Ian Haines

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

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HISTORY CORNER: THE FIRST IRISH CATHOLIC AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

The First Irish Catholic American Presidential Candidate The first Irish Catholic United States presidential candidate was not John F. Kennedy; it was Alfred E. Smith. Smith was the first politician of national stature to rise from the ranks of the American Catholic immigrants. His father was a Civil War veteran. His mother's parents were from County Westmeath, Ireland. As a youngster, Alfred served as an altar boy and was strongly influenced by the Catholic priests he worked with. His faith had a lasting impact on political beliefs. From the beginning of his political life, Smith identified himself as a defender of Irish immigrants and a champion of the working man.



Smith started his climb up the political ladder by first being elected as a NY State Assemblyman. Next, he was elected as Sheriff of NY County. In 1918, he was encouraged to run for NY governor. He narrowly won that election, but in 1920 he was defeated. Yet, in 1922, he secured his second of what would be 4 terms as NY governor. As NY governor, he fought for adequate housing, improved factory laws, proper care of the mentally ill, child welfare, and the expansion of state parks. He became nationally known as one who worked hard to make government more efficient and more effective.

It should be noted that Smith came to Binghamton at least 3 times. In October 1924, Smith gave a speech in Binghamton, where it was reported a 'red-fire' parade with 6 bands greeted him. In his speech, Smith promoted support for the mentally ill and assailed his opponent, Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Also, in 1924, he decided to run as a candidate for president.

He was unsuccessful. The successful candidate was a lawyer named John Davis, who then proceeded to lose the general election to Calvin Coolidge. However, in 1928, Al Smith did become the candidate to run against US Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover. Hoover won the election, and one year later, the stock market crashed. The Great Depression had begun. Hoover's policies were often cited as deepening the effects.

Several factors are seen as contributing to Smith's loss: He was not a particularly good campaigner; his "city" accent had little appeal among rural voters when heard on the radio; his "wet" (anti-prohibition) attitude didn't help with southern voters; many opposed his support for immigrants; and his Catholicism, which led to Ku Klux Klan opposition. Writer Frederick Wile stated Smith was defeated by "the 3 P's: Prohibition, Prejudice, and Prosperity". After the election, Smith became president of the corporation that built the Empire State Building. Smith arranged for construction to begin on St. Patrick's Day 1930. On that day, he declared, "I am to be an Irish landlord of a building that houses more than 10,000 people than the City of Binghamton and more than 3 times as many people in the largest village in the State". John F. Kennedy, said in 1960, "the figure of Al Smith remains large against the horizon, true, courageous, and honest ... he served his country well, and having served his country well, nobly served his God." Al Smith should not be forgotten, he was an important historical figure who did his best to support the Irish, working people, his State, and his nation. - submitted by Bill Burke.

Sources: *The Irish Story* 3/16/2023 *The Man Who Wanted to be President by John Joe McGinley*; *Presidential History blog Al Smith: The The "3-P" loss of 1928 3/28/2022 Father Foster, NY Times October 16, 1924 NY Times.com, 1929 Inside the Greatest Crash 1925 by Andrew Sorkin.*

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

I would like for all a safe and happy Fourth of July. I hope you will enjoy time with family and friends.

Congratulations to all our recent Graduates. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Our annual AOH/LAOH picnic will be held on July 12th at the Ross Park Pavillion. Hope to see you all there. Great time and good food.

Our National AOH/LAOH Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from July 13-19. Many of our sister and brother Hibernians. will be attending. We will bring back to everyone what we have learned at the convention.

Our AOH Annual Golf Tournament will be on August 22nd at Ely Park

Our hall is open make sure to stop and have a drink and some conversation with friends.

Have a happy and safe summer and enjoy!

Our next County Board meeting will be on September 1st at 5:30pm. All members in good standing are invited to attend.

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!



Celebrating 10 Years of Our Junior Division. In June, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of our charter. Over the years, our Juniors have made significant contributions to our community through volunteer service and charitable giving. Since 2021, they have earned the New York State Junior Scrapbook Award, which highlights their outstanding accomplishments and community involvement.

Once again, our Juniors stepped up to make a difference by completing a wheelchair ramp on Hawleyton Road on the South Side of Binghamton. Through the Broome County Council of Churches' "Ramp It Up" Youth Program, they not only provided a life-changing service to a person with a disability but also gained valuable carpentry skills. Well done, Juniors—we are so proud of you!

Thank you to everyone who brought goodies for the "Happiness" packages that the girls assembled at their June meeting. They will be lovingly distributed with meals to the needy in our community.

Our Juniors and their families are invited to the AOH/LAOH Picnic on Sunday, July 12, at noon at the Ross Park Zoo Pavilion. The AOH Men's Division will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. While you're there, take a stroll through the Story Garden located next to the pavilion. Come celebrate summer with us!

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!

As our Juniors recess until September, we wish each of you a summer filled with fun, laughter, new adventures, and unforgettable moments with family and friends.

See you on September 20th!

AOH Summer Picnic – July 12th at the Ross Park Zoo Pavilion from 12pm-5pm.



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LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

The 60th Anniversary Party is in the books. The food was delicious with lots of variety. John Tobias is always a crowd pleaser. He can play any request and is happy to do so. Many thanks to the set up and clean up teams especially Maureen Kadlecik and Barb Walling who was there from beginning to end.

I would like to thank everyone that helped find the former Presidents and identify people in the photographs. I was able to get a photograph of all the past presidents with lots of help. I have a few more photos to add then I will leave it at the hall.

Hope to see you at the family picnic on Sunday, July 12th, 12pm to 5pm. You can support the zoo and admire our garden which is located near the restrooms. Look for the carousel. Thanks to all that help maintain particularly the Burke family. If you are ever in the area feel free to stop by and pull a weed or two.

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. 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. Questions or to drop off items please contact Mary Gilroy at Mgilroy1@stny.rr.com or 607 761 1992.

I will be attending the National Convention in Omaha. In the August will report the highlights in the Chieftain.

We wish to extend our sincere condolences to the Clark and Bulger families on the loss of Lori Clark.

Have a great and safe summer. Will see you on September 11th. We will go back to our regular meeting time: rosary 6:45pm. Meeting 7pm. Please pray for those in need, especially our military.

In our Motto,
Jaqi Kenefick
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HOOLEY COMMITTEE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

22nd Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Hooley: Back to Our Roots

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LAOH DIVISION TWO



Susan Connors
LAOH2 President

We opened our meeting with the "Draping of the Charter" ceremony in remembrance of Colleen Mulcahy Eldred. Our meeting was followed by our picnic, thanks for helping and providing a delicious meal, it's always nice to see the variety of food and desserts.

Thank you to members of the AOH and LAOH for donating and buying items at our Spring/Summer Rummage Sale. And thank you to our division members for all the hard work in sorting, selling and cleaning up afterward, the money we earned goes towards our charities.

Hope to see you on Sunday, July 12 at the AOH/LAOH Family Picnic at Ross Park, 12-5, grill is open 12-2. Hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage provided, bring a dish to pass and your own beverage.

Safe travels to those traveling to Omaha, NE for the AOH/LAOH National Convention. If you are interested in volunteering at the 2027 AOH/LAOH NYS Convention being held in Binghamton, please contact me.

In late July you should be receiving our division Lottery Ticket Fundraiser letter/tickets for the month of September, thank you to Colleen McMahon and Deb Kennedy.

Hollie Walsh is finalizing plans for Our Lady of Knock Mass to be held on Saturday, August 8th, 5pm at St. Paul's Church with a dinner at the AOH Hall following.

Still time to sign up for the AOH Golf Tournament on August 22nd. If you aren't a golfer, they can always use help at the hall, prize donations or sponsorship of a hole for \$100.

Tickets are available for the September 18th Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Hooley. There are order forms for shirts on sale at the AOH, make sure to get one.

Thank you to our Division 1 Sisters for inviting us to their Woman of the Year breakfast, Congratulations to Eileen Zemek, a well-deserving Sister of this award. Congratulations to our Division 1 Sisters on 60 years!

Cookie Luke is accepting payment for dues which have now increased to \$35, please send a check with your card and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the AOH Hall, 148 Main St., Bing., NY 13905 to her attention or drop it off at the AOH.

Condolences to our LAOH Div. 1 Sisters on the loss of their sister Lori Bulger Clark. Please continue to pray for our Sister and Brother Hibernians and their families, along with our men and women in the armed forces.

Since we don't meet in July or August, our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm.

Enjoy the summer, have fun, stay safe and don't forget to stop in the hall to catch up with your Sisters and Brothers. Before we celebrate the freedom, we should not forget to remember those who laid down their lives for us. May peace, love and happiness...Always be with you! Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!!

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

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

BARTENDER SCHEDULE - JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Cookie L Molly M	1 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	2 Barb B Tom M	3 Cookie & Dick Sylvia S	4 Closed Happy 4th of July
5 Closed	6 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	7 Jeff W Joanie M	8 Eileen R Craig W Trivia 6-8 \$5 a person	9 Kate H John T Morning Lark 7-9	10 Deb B Pat W	11 Hollie Open 3-7
12 Closed Picnic Ross Park 12-5	13 Closed Maloney Pipe Band 6-8	14 Mike C Sylvia S	15 Donald B Tom M National Convention Omaha	16 Tom M Donald B Convention	17 Barb B Kathy B Convention	18 Eileen R Open 3-7 Birthday Club 6:00 Convention
19 Closed Convention	20 Closed	21 Susan C John T	22 Susan C Jaqi K	23 Susan C Tom M	24 Bill B Deb K	25 Donald B Open 3-7
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 6:00

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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