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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Haines
AOH President

Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Spring has sprung! We have finally made it through the winter and just in time to enjoy the warm weather and our annual events! We have some exciting events coming up this spring and summer and we hope that you can join us or participate in some of these events with us! Coming up soon is the return of Irish Night at the Rumble Ponies! Enjoy a baseball game as well as performances from all of our local bagpipe and Irish dance groups! Irish night will be on Thursday May 7th with a first pitch at 6:07 pm. Sign ups for discounted tickets are at the hall!

Next up will be our summer events that include our Annual Picnic which will be held on Sunday July 12th at the Ross Park Zoo Pavilion. Our other big summer event has moved dates this year. Due

to numerous scheduling conflicts, our Annual Golf Tournament has moved to Saturday August 22nd. Additionally, due to circumstances outside of our control, we will be raising the price this year for each golfer to \$100 per person for the tournament from \$85. The cost increase is being put in place to offset the increased costs of the golf course this year.

Lastly, we will be sending a contingent of folks to Omaha Nebraska this summer from July 14th thru 19th to attend the National AOH convention. We are looking forward to connecting and collaborating with other divisions throughout the country and reporting back to everyone on what we learn at the convention.

Our next Men's Meeting will be Tuesday May 12th at 7PM. Enjoy the warm weather and we will see you at our events and down at the hall!

In our motto,
Ian Haines

Next AOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026

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HISTORY CORNER: THE WAR BETWEEN THE IRISH

Not too many Irish Americans realize there was an Irish Civil War. Most Americans understand that the Irish fought the British for their independence, and that protestants fought the Catholics during the "Troubles," but few realize that the Irish fought the Irish. Yes, it was Irish Catholics against Irish Catholics; it was ugly, and it was deadly.

The Irish Civil War pitted Irish nationalists (people seeking Irish freedom from British rule), against one another. It occurred in 1922 and 1923 and started over the terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. The treaty was an effort to



*Fighting on O'Connell Street
at the start of the Civil War.*

end the long conflict between Britain and Ireland. It gave 26 southern counties a degree of independence, but it still maintained an Irish connection to the British crown. It also confirmed the partition of 6 northern counties. Some in the Irish Republican Army saw it as a step forward, leading to a good chance of total independence; others said it wasn't good enough. So, they fought each other.

The war was complex and traumatic. There were shellings, kidnappings, hangings, executions, and assassinations. There were pro-Treaty towns and anti-Treaty towns. The pro-Treaty forces took Dublin after three weeks and then proceeded to take other cities held by anti-Treatyites. Anti-Treaty strongholds in Cork and Kerry were taken by sea in a series of landings. By August 1922, it appeared the pro-Treaty forces had won. However, the anti-Treaty Irish Republican Army forces continued to wage a guerrilla campaign. Also in August, pro-Treaty leader Michael Collins was assassinated. Pro-Treaty forces, hoping to crush the guerrilla war, then began a policy of executions of captured fighters. Hundreds were executed. By 1923, a great number of anti-Treaty fighters had been imprisoned, as many as 12,000. In April of 1923, Liam Lynch, the anti-Treaty leader, was killed, and it was then that his successor Frank Aiken called a ceasefire.

In May 1923, he ordered the remaining anti-treaty fighters to dump their arms. The ceasefire effectively ended the war; however, no surrender was called, and no formal end to the war was ever negotiated.

Recent research shows 1,426 people died in the war: 648 pro-Treaty, 438 anti-Treaty, 336 civilians, and 4 members of British forces. Twelve thousand anti-Treaty forces were held in prison until 1924 and were only released until after 3 had died in a hunger strike. According to historian John Dorney, the Irish Civil War left many embittered, and the subject was considered taboo for many years. There has been little commemoration until recently. It shaped Irish politics for years. It also showed the challenges of bringing a new nation into the world. However, after over 20 years of negotiation, Ireland persevered and gained full independence in 1949.

– Bill Burke. *Sources: The Irish Civil War* J. Dorney 7 '12, *What Happened in 1922 in Ireland* M. Anderson 11'25, *Facts. Net, UCC -The Irish Civil War Fatalities Project.*



CORPORATION NEWS

Greetings everyone,
I want to thank everyone who showed up for our hall deep clean we had on April 12th. We had quite a time organizing the kitchen. If you put something out to use, please put it back when you are done using it. I again thank everyone who participated in the cleanup event.

In Our Motto,
Patrick Walsh

LAOH COUNTY BOARD

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers enjoy the time with family. A special prayer for all mothers who are no longer here but in our hearts.

The AOH men's Chicken Barbeque was held on April 25th. I hope you all could attend and support the Juniors Bake sale at the same event.

The LAOH State Board meeting will be held in East Durham on Saturday, May 2nd.

Please support the June Lottery which is sponsored by the Broome County Board.

A special thank you to our Veterans and Military for their service.

The next County Board meeting will be on June 2nd at 5:30. All members in good standing may attend.

In our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Michele Talcott, President

BROOME COUNTY LAOH JUNIORS

Join the LAOH Junior Divisions – Keep Our Traditions Alive!



Thank you to everyone who supported the Junior Bake Sale held in April alongside the AOH Chicken Barbecue—we truly appreciate your generosity!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 4th at 5:00 PM, where we will bake cookies and assemble Mother's Day gifts for our homebound LAOH ladies.

The Memorial Garden at Recreation Park cleanup and planting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th at 1:00 PM, followed by a picnic on the lawn. We hope to see you there!

It's official! In partnership with the Broome County Council of Churches Youth Program, the Juniors will once again build a wheelchair ramp on June

6th. This annual project allows our members to give back to the community while learning valuable carpentry skills and teamwork. Additional details about the location will be shared as the date approaches.

Happy Mother's Day to all who nurture, lead, and love. Whether you are a mom, aunt, mentor, or a friend who cares like a mother, we celebrate the warmth you bring to the world.

We are also actively recruiting new members, ages 5 to 18, for the Junior Division. We encourage our brothers and sisters to help spread the word by reaching out to eligible family and friends. As our girls age out, continued growth is essential to keeping our division strong and fostering lifelong involvement in the LAOH. For more information, please contact the LAOH 2 Vice President or pick up an application at the Hall.

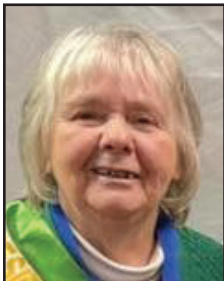




LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



LAOH DIVISION ONE



Jaqi Kenefick
LAOH1 President

Plans are in place to celebrate the Woman of the Year. The brunch will take place on May 31 at 11pm. Join us in celebrating one of our sisters who lives the tenets of our Motto. There will be a sign up sheet at the May Meeting in order to get a general idea of the number of guests attending. If you plan on attending but can not make the meeting, please let me know so we can adjust the numbers.

Our 60th Anniversary Party is June 12th after the regular meeting which will start at 6:30pm, Rosary will be at 6:15pm Music will be provided by our AOH troubadour John Tobias. Division 1 members are asked to bring a snack to share at the

party. I am hoping to see members that have not been active in a while. Be sure to invite prospective members to join the fun. This celebration is open to all LAOH and AOH members.

As we are celebrating our history, I am creating an album with the pictures of Division 1 Presidents, If you have been a President please bring a picture for the album. If you have one of your initiation that would be good, if not just a picture that clearly shows the face. If you are a family member or friend of former President that has passed, please send me a picture for the album. I am talking 4 by 6 pictures, if not available send me what you have.

Our National Historian is collecting pictures for a marketing video to increase membership. If you have pictures that depict activities demonstrating our motto please let me know and I will send you the link. Deadline is 5/8 Video will be shown at the National Convention.

I am only 4 months in to this 24 month sentence and I already have a pet peeve. If you have a piece of information you want me to know, please tell me. In other words replace "please tell Jaqi" with "I will call, email, text, drop her a line and mail it to her home or leave it at the hall" Following through would be appreciated. The information will be below.

A good friend is like a four leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have. My information: 38 Rossmore Place, Binghamton N.Y. 13904 cell 607 206 6762

Happy Mothers Day – Honoring the Devine Strength of all Woman in all walks of life.

Jaqi

Come Celebrate With Us!



LAOH Division One 60th Anniversary Party!

Following our June 12th meeting, with music by John Tobias from 8-10.

All AOH and LAOH members are invited

LAOH DIVISION TWO



Susan Connors
LAOH2 President

Happy Spring! March was certainly a busy month with all the St. Patrick's Day activities. Thank you to all involved with Parade Day Weekend and St. Patrick's Day - from the pipers at the AOH the night before, the beautiful mass, parade, all the entertainment, and the AOH Pancake Breakfast in support of the mass. And a special thank you to all of our members who volunteered at these events.

We appreciate your support for our Good Friday Fish/Macaroni & Cheese Dinner on Friday, April 3rd (take-out only).

At our March meeting, we were invited by the Twin Tiers Honor Flight to write out "Thank you cards" for our veterans, it was nice to have so many members write messages. We discussed our Mother's Day gifts for Mom's House, I will send info out before the next meeting.

The deadline for the LAOH Division 2 Scholarship in Memory of Mary Curry is May 1st, (see the info & application flyer). Encourage your family members who are eligible to apply.

The NYS Spring Board Weekend in East Durham, NY is May 1-3. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please let me know.

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be here before you know it. So as the days get warmer and you bring out those clothes that "shrunk" during the winter months, put them aside and bring them in on June 5th, the drop off day with the sales on June 5-6.

Cookie Luke is accepting payment for dues (\$30), 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 better yet, pay at the April meeting, Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm.

Please continue to pray for our Brother and Sister Hibernians and their families along with our Service Men and Women.

Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go léir ar na Cáscá Joyous agus beannaithe (I hope you all have a Joyous and Blessed Easter)

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

HOOLEY COMMITTEE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26 Closed	27 Closed AARP Drivers safety Irish Dance	28 Pat H Jim B Convention Mtg 6:00	29 Deb K Molly M	30 Susan C Tom M	1 Charlie & Dick Sylvia & Eileen Jimmy Buffet night John Tobias & Jack Almay 6:00 East Durham	2 Matt F Open 3-7 Kentucky Derby Stick pools Bring a dish to pass 5:30
3 Closed	4 Closed Juniors 4:30	5 Jeff W Joan M & Cookie Martini's and Manicures and Margarita's Walking Taco's \$20	6 Barb B Deb K Bar Bingo 5-7:30	7 Barb B Sylvia S	8 Deb B Pat W LAOH Div 1 6:30	9 Hollie Open 3-7
10 Closed	11 Closed Corporation Meeting 5:00	12 Mike C Sylvia S Men's meeting 7:00	13 Sylvia S Craig W Trivia 6-8 \$5 a person	14 Kate H John T Morning Lark 7-9	15 Barb B Kathy B	16 Eileen Open 3-7
17 Closed	18 Closed Irish Dance 6-8	19 Susan C John T	20 Donald B Sylvia S LAOH Div 2 6:30 Rosary	21 Eileen R Donald B	22 Bill B Deb K	23 Donald B Open 3-7
24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Pat H Jim B	27 Susan C Jaqi K	28 Susan C Tom M	29 Cookie L Sylvia	30 Matt F Open 3-7
31 Closed Division 1 Women of the Year	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 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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