



Hibernian Herald

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Phil O'Neil,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

The Syracuse Irish Festival on September 11th and 12th was blessed with excellent weather. Setup was primarily done on Thursday, with a good crew of brothers helping with transporting our concession equipment. Tom Ryan again headed up this aspect of activities. Sales of food was brisk in the late afternoon on Friday. The Saturday crowd in the late morning and early afternoon was below normal because of the conflict with the Noon SU football game. From mid-afternoon until about 7 pm, the crowd picked-up nicely and food sales did well during that period. Our participation in this event could not have occurred without the organization and leadership of Joe Schiltz. John Lyons headed up our bartending team at the VIP tent, which was next to the main stage. John reported that attendance in the VIP tent was well below normal on Friday. The bartending raises a significant amount of our overall profit for the festival. Mass was held on the main stage at 11 am on Saturday, with Father Kevin Maloney as the presider and homilist. The Mass was well attended by the public. Financial numbers will be reported at the October meeting (Tuesday, 10/6).

The '300 Raffle' continues to be a vital part of our financial ability to provide the scholarships to the Syracuse area Catholic schools. All tickets were sold before Irish Fest. Thank you to all Brothers and their families for responding to the mailing that went out to members regarding ticket purchases. The last number I received was that 48 tickets were purchased as a result of that mailing. This raffle is something that should be talked about and promoted by all members year-round. Thanks to George Lowe for his leadership and commitment to this effort.

The Catholic Action team will setup for the Erie Canal Gingerbread Gallery display again this year. Dates for this are not yet firm, but will be sometime in late November or early December. If any member or family members have the skills and desire, it would be nice if our division had a gingerbread house on display for this popular community event. Info on deadlines and rules for the gingerbread houses are listed on the Erie Canal Museum website. The Catholic Action team will again be putting up the Christmas decorations at Francis House in early December. If your parish church or school has a need for help with a project or activity, please let me know.

Officer nominations will be on the agenda at the October meeting, with voting held at the November meeting.

The Division's holiday party will be held in early January. Additional information on date and cost will be in the Hibernian Herald newsletter, starting with the November edition.

As always, please promote membership in our order with family and friends. If anyone would like a membership application, they are available on our Division's website, at monthly meetings, or via mail.

Ideas and opportunities for the Order to raise funds, help in the community, and promote the Order are welcomed. If you have any questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me: theoneilgroup@gmail.com

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Phil

AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH @ 7:00 PM

Marriott Syracuse Downtown
For info, contact Phil O'Neil: theoneilgroup@gmail.com

Nominations for 2027 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the October Division meeting, with the election of Officers to occur at the November Division meeting. Offices include President (Major Degree required), Vice-President (Major Degree required), Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Sentinel, and Marshal. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact committee chairman Ron Clare:

- ✓ email: rclare@draperiesetc.com
- ✓ phone: 315-436-6431

AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are asked to provide any changes to their email address, phone number, or USPS address to Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern via:

- ✓ email: kevina78@hotmail.com
- ✓ phone: 315-468-6338

Also, if you've served in the US Military, but your membership card does not display 'VETERAN' on it, please contact Kevin to have your card updated.

Just a reminder that our division accepts payments via PayPal or Venmo. You can register for a free account on either platform and use it on your laptop/desktop or phone. Once you've established an account, you can send your payment to our Division account:

- ✓ PayPal: AOH-Syracuse@gmail.com
- ✓ Venmo: @AOH-Syracuse-1

In your transaction details, please list the purpose of your payment (including the year that you're paying for, if dues-related). AOH Syracuse Division member Sean Conway has volunteered to help members set-up their PayPal accounts. Sean is available during the week (after 5:00 pm) or on the weekends, and his contact information is:

- ✓ email: sconway8675309@gmail.com
- ✓ phone: 315-243-0962

You can access the **AOH apparel website** (from Papa's Sports) via this URL/link:

https://www.papas-sports.com/ancient_order_of_hibernians

Please note that...

- ✓ Any orders in the queue at the end of each month will be produced and delivered in approximately 2-3 weeks.
- ✓ A shipping fee of \$10 will be charged to any members choosing to have their order shipped to their home.
- ✓ Those choosing 'pick up my order' will be able to pick up their items at the next monthly meeting or can contact AOH Syracuse Division member Kevin Tooley and pick up at his home.

For questions or more information, please contact Kevin via:

- ✓ email: ktooley@twcny.rr.com
- ✓ phone: 315-398-9217

If you have information about sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Bob Bunce via:

- ✓ email: robertbunce2807@gmail.com
- ✓ phone: 315-546-6045

The CNY Irish Cultural Society has monthly social gatherings for members and friends on the second Friday of each month at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub, starting around 4:00 pm.



LAOH

- ✓ **MEETINGS:** held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse)
- ✓ **DIVISION OFFICERS:** Maureen Fogarty, President; Maureen Mullally Ferguson, Vice President; Kathryn Kelly, Treasurer; Jennifer Barclay, Financial Secretary; Eileen Tickner, Recording Secretary; Margie Miller, Missions and Charities Officer; Hope Cuddahee, Irish Historian; Liz Thomas, Catholic Action Officer; Kathleen Kenny, Mistress at Arms; Leslie Walker, Sentinel
- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Don't forget to pay your yearly dues; Make checks payable to 'LAOH' and send to Kathy Kelly, 5185 Boca Raton Way, Syracuse NY 13215
- ✓ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** If you have comments or questions, contact Maureen Fogarty: 315-478-1096 | fogarty.maureen@yahoo.com

MUSIC

- ✓ **BILL KNOWLTON'S 'BLUEGRASS RAMBLE' RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9 pm to midnight (Syracuse 91.3 FM | Utica 89.5 FM | Watertown 90.9 FM)
- ✓ **THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** For more information, contact Dan Walsh (dwalsh0817@hotmail.com).
- ✓ **THE TOM DOOLEY CHORALERS GROUP IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** The Choraliers have been singing to promote Irish culture since 1962 and are seeking men who love to sing the popular songs of Ireland. Read music? Great! Don't read music? No problem! All their music is both printed and available with sing-along parts (learn by rote). Please visit www.choraliers.com for more information.
- ✓ **LIVE IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant:** 301 W. Fayette St. in Syracuse | www.kittyhoynes.com | 315-424-1974

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ **2026 AOH Syracuse Division meeting dates (please note that all meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7 pm, unless otherwise noted):** **October 6th**, Wednesday, November 4th, and December 1st
- ✓ **Friday, October 9th at 4 pm:** **CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering** | Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub & Restaurant

Please pay your AOH Syracuse Division membership dues as soon as possible. Dues are as follows:

- ✓ \$40 for existing members age 60+
- ✓ \$50 for existing members age 59 and younger
- ✓ \$45 initial fee for new members age 60+
- ✓ \$55 initial fee for new members age 59 and younger
- ✓ See Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern in person, pay via PayPal or Venmo online payment services, or send a check to:

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Commodore John Barry Division
P.O. Box 11605
Syracuse, N.Y. 13218-1605

2026 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS

- ✓ Chaplain: Deacon Bernie Feldman
- ✓ President: Phil O'Neil / theoneilgroup@gmail.com
- ✓ Vice-President: Ed Riley / watrdrer@msn.com
- ✓ Recording Secretary: Bill Ryan / bill13039@yahoo.com
- ✓ Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern / kevin78@hotmail.com
- ✓ Treasurer: Tim Lillis / timothy.lillis@yahoo.com
- ✓ Chairman of the Standing Committee: Troy Murray / trizzle315@gmail.com
- ✓ Marshal: John Lyons / jlyons@lan-co.com
- ✓ Sentinel: Kevin Tooley / ktooley@twcny.rr.com

SITES OF INTEREST

- ✓ AOH Syracuse Division website: www.syraoh.com
- ✓ AOH apparel website: www.papas-sports.com/ancient_order_of_hibernians/
- ✓ AOH Syracuse Facebook page: www.facebook.com/aoh.syracuse
- ✓ AOH NYS: www.nyaoh.com
- ✓ AOH National: www.aoh.com
- ✓ National Hibernian Digest: www.hiberniandigest.com
- ✓ CNY Irish Cultural Society (CNY ICS): www.cnyicssyracuse.wixsite.com/cnyics
- ✓ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ✓ IrishCentral news site: www.irishcentral.com
- ✓ Irish Family History Foundation: www.rootsireland.ie
- ✓ Irish Republican Book Shop: www.republicanbookshop.com
- ✓ Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com
- ✓ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irish-us.org
- ✓ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

As information becomes available, events and activities are listed on the 'Calendar of Events' page on our Division's website (www.syraoh.com).