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

NOVEMBER 2026

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

Brothers,

All members should have received the email regarding the November meeting date change because of election day activities on the normal first Tuesday (November 3rd). T**HE NOVEMBER MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 7:00 PM.**

The Syracuse Irish Festival was a financial success. Treasure Lillis gave details in his monthly financial report. This is an important event for the division, and the event allows us to spread our message about the history of the AOH – at the local, state and national levels. The festival also presents opportunities to recruit new members and reconnect with brothers who may have lapsed in membership. Many brothers stepped up to volunteer at the food concession stand and bartending at the VIP tent. The $10,000 '300 Raffle' first-place ticket was drawn on the main stage before a large concert crowd. The second- through eighth-place tickets were drawn at the concession stand by Onondaga County Sheriff Toby Shelley.

Brothers volunteered at the Erie Canal Museum to assemble part of the Gingerbread Gallery display. The parts of the display that we have historically put up are smaller this year because of ongoing construction where the whole display is usually set up. We may be called on to do further work on a future date. Thanks to brothers Brian Courtney, Joe Kenny, Dan Donovan, Ross Kennedy, and Jim Sheridan, and to those who volunteered for Saturday, the 17th, but were not needed.

Brother Derrick Pratt, who is the museum's Deputy Director, made us aware of a very interesting opportunity at the museum. Derek Warfield, formerly of The Wolf Tones, would like to put on his acclaimed educational show 'Irish Hands, American Waterways: The Erie Canal in Song and Story'. This show was a big success when presented at The Irish American Heritage Museum. Along with the show at the museum, Mr. Warfield would like to perform a concert with his band, The Young Wolf Tones. The division has been asked if we would like to partner with the museum. These events are expected to happen in the spring of 2027. This initiative will be brought up under new business at the November meeting. If members have opinions or options on getting involved in this opportunity, please attend meeting or reach out to me via email or phone.

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on Friday, January 8th at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. The per-person cost is $65 and kids are $15. Entertainment will include The Stout Men and Irish dancers. The menu is not set yet. Thanks to brother Ed Riley and his excellent hotel team for keeping this event affordable to all. Please remember to bring basket-of-cheer items to the November meeting.

Another initiative in the not-too-distant future is the division's sponsorship of the Lenten Friday fish dinners. We will again be asked to volunteer on those Fridays. This very rewarding volunteer experience helps some of our community's most needy individuals.

2027 officer nominations were held at the October meeting, per our by-laws. All current officers ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation. Brother John Lyons is unable to continue in his role as Marshal due to work conflicts. Brother Kevin Tooley accepted the position of Marshal and Brother Joe Kenny will serve as Sentinel.

As always, please promote The Division with friends and family members year-round. 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, NOVEMBER 10TH @ 7:00 PM

Marriott Syracuse Downtown

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

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

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

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



2026 AOH dues payments must be received by Tuesday, December 15th, 2026 to avoid suspension of membership. Please see dues-related details in this newsletter for additional information.

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.

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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

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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.

If you have AOH-related news that you would like included in the next Hibernian Herald edition, please contact Kieran Delay (kdelay@syraoh.com) by the 20th of the month.

LAOH, MUSIC, & DATES TO REMEMBER



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 CHORALIERS 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): Wednesday, November 4th and December 1st**
- ✓ **Friday, November 13th at 4 pm:** ***CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering*** | Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub & Restaurant
- ✓ **Saturday, March 13th at Noon: 2027 Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade / Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org**

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

2027 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS

- ✓ Chaplain: Deacon Bernie Feldman
- ✓ President: Phil O'Neil / theoneilgroup@gmail.com
- ✓ Vice-President: Ed Riley / watfrder@msn.com
- ✓ Recording Secretary: Bill Ryan / bill13039@yahoo.com
- ✓ Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern / kevina78@hotmail.com
- ✓ Treasurer: Tim Lillis / timothy.lillis@yahoo.com
- ✓ Chairman of the Standing Committee: Troy Murray / trizzle315@gmail.com
- ✓ Marshal: Kevin Tooley / ktooley@twcny.rr.com
- ✓ Sentinel: Joe Kenny / kenney305@verizon.net

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).