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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

Our Casino Night was a great success! Almost 200 people came to the Hurricane Sandy fundraiser on March 2nd to enjoy games of chance, 50/50 raffles, and the silent auction. Proceeds from this event are going directly to AOH families in Brooklyn and Queens. We're still collecting donations from sponsors so the total contribution has not yet been finalized. The grand total will be announced at the April 7th meeting.

Thanks to Ryan Casler, Bob Bunce, Jim Egloff, and Tom O'Neil for running the gaming tables. Special thanks also go to George Lowe for figuring out how to run the craps table! Thanks also go to those who donated items for the silent auction, including Diane Menzies, Cathleen Lyons, and Cathy & Rick Potter.

Former AOH NYS President Al O'Hagan invited our division members to visit the newly repaired AOH Hall in Gerritsen Beach. We'll be sending a delegation to Brooklyn in April so that Geordy Austin can present our contribution check to the "Brooklyn Irish". Please let me know at the April meeting if you want to take part in the trip.

The St. Patrick's Day season was a busy one for us. On Saturday, March 2nd our AOH team competed in the 8th annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run. Proceeds from the run went to the Syracuse St. Patrick Hunger Project. The course was fun until the last uphill mile! As expected, Jerry Cregan was our top finisher. Next year, we hope to double our participation. Brother Dan Case and other Division members had their heads shaved in the fight against childhood cancer in the Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser on March 3rd at Kitty Hoynes. On March 9th, we led the procession at the Cathedral for the St. Patrick's Mass. We had a great turnout for the parade and we looked sharp!

We're well on the way to achieving our 2013 membership goal of 300. Remember that many men would join if only you ask! AOH membership requirements and our Division's application are available on our website [www.syraoh.com].

Several Brothers have asked me about obtaining their AOH Major Degrees. The Degrees will be offered at the New York State Convention, to be held in Saratoga Springs in early July. We will arrange transportation for all interested candidates. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about AOH history and tradition.

It's not too early to be thinking about our spring and summer schedule. Activities are listed on the "Calendar of Events" page on our Division's website.

As always, we're still seeking guest speakers for future meetings.

Car rental discounts available to Hibernian members with Avis and Budget. When inquiring about these discounts, please reference code numbers "AWD=X265800" (Avis) or "BCD=A766200" (Budget).

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me via email [aohsteve@gmail.com].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Steve

AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH @ 7:00 pm

PJ's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)
For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail (aohsteve@gmail.com)

The Syracuse Irish-Italian Pitch Tournament will be held on Sunday, April 14th at the Italian American Athletic Club (IAAC) (103 Arterial Rd. in Syracuse - block of Court & Teall). This should be a great event, with lots of fun for all, plus the winning nationality gets bragging rights! Here's the event info:

- ☑ The cost is \$15 each player or \$60 per team
- ☑ Beer, soda, coffee, and the food will be included in the entry fee
- ☑ Doors open at Noon, lunch will be at 12:30 pm (being prepared by IAAC), and the tournament will start at 1:00 pm
- ☑ There will be a total of 20 four-man teams (½ Irish / ½ Italian)
- ☑ For those planning to attend, it will be first-come/first-served, since the limit will be 10 Irish teams
- ☑ If there are several two-man teams (as has occurred with the AOH), those two-man teams will be matched on the day of the tournament via a name-in-a-hat, bid-off, auction, or some other means TBD
- ☑ Please mail entry fees with names of team members to Tom Ryan (5675 North St., Camillus NY 13031)

For additional information, please contact Tom via e-mail [tryan@haynerhoyt.com] or phone [(315) 952-0646].

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 27th. Members and their spouses, significant others, and children are encouraged to march in this great event. Pre-parade line-up will be at 8:45 am on the corner of Maple Dr. and West Genesee St., and the parade will start promptly at 9:30 am. Dress attire should include khaki (tan) pants and an AOH golf shirt if you have one. Please contact Ron Clare via phone [(315) 436-6431] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

Ron Clare and Kevin Mahoney are organizing the annual AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, June 9th at the Westvale Golf Club in Camillus. A 1:00 pm shotgun start is planned. The cost is \$70/person or \$280/foursome, and includes greens fees, cart, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda on the course, and dinner following the tournament at the club restaurant. The foursome sign-up form is available on the "Calendar of Events" page of our Division's website (www.syraoh.com). For more information, please contact Ron [phone: (315) 436-6431 / e-mail: draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] or Kevin [phone: (315) 396-3885 / e-mail: kmahoney@mvnhealth.com].

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon @ (315) 673-4011.

AOH apparel is available. Please contact Dan Case via e-mail [dannys.pc@hotmail.com] or phone [(315) 303-7041] to purchase jackets, shirts, hats, etc.

AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are asked to provide their current street address, telephone number, and e-mail address to Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern via e-mail [kahern@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 468-6338].

If you have any AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Historian Geordy Austin via e-mail [geordya7@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 446-1153].



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LAOH, MUSIC, & OTHER INFO

LAOH...

- ☑ **MEETINGS:** Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse).
- ☑ **EVENTS:**
 - At the Tuesday, April 9th meeting, a donation check of at least \$700 will be presented to a representative from the Galisano Children's Hospital in memory of our sister, Maureen O'Hara. The check was generated from the proceeds from the quilt raffle. Once again, thanks to Cathy Murray for her donation of her handmade quilt, and to the ladies who sold so many tickets.
 - Sunday, April 21st, from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm: Second annual LAOH Bunco-High Tea. All are invited. For more information, please call Rosemary at (315) 487-5408.
 - Tuesday June 11th: Third annual Baby Shower to benefit Birthright. For more information, please call Rosemary.
- ☑ **DIVISION OFFICERS:** Rosemary Koppel (Pres.), Eileen Tickner (VP), Anne Flanagan (Rec. Secr.), Maureen Fogarty (Treas.), Joyce Krichbaum (Fin. Secr.), Roxanne Compoli (Irish Historian), Yvette Guilfoil (Missions & Charities), Margaret LoPiccolo (Catholic Action), Ede Sakran (Mistress-at-Arms), Mary Lou Trait (Sentinel)
- ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Payable to: LAOH, Joyce Kirchbaum, and can be sent to: 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY 13039
- ☑ **SYMPATHY & GET WELL:** Please keep the special intentions of LAOH members in your prayers. Contact Joyce Kirchbaum @ (315) 699-5711 if you know of anyone sick or bereaved.
- ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Contact LAOH Division Pres. Rosemary Koppel [rkoppel@aol.com / 545 Tompkins St., Syracuse, NY 13204 / (315) 487-5408]

MUSIC...

- ☑ **SEAN JOHNSTON'S "IRISH POWER HOUR" RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9 pm - 10 pm ET (Syr. TK99 FM/Utica WOUR 96.9 FM/www.irishpowerhour.com)
- ☑ **BILL KNOWLTON'S "BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9 pm - 12 am ET (Syr. 91.3 FM/Utica 89.5 FM/Watertown 90.9 FM)
- ☑ **LIVE IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...**
 - **Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant:** 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse / music is usually 9 pm - 1 am / www.kittyhoynes.com / (315) 424-1974
 - **Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub:** 100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / Sunday music is 4 pm - 7 pm / www.colemansirishpub.com / (315) 476-1933
 - **Syracuse Irish (music) Session:**
 - ☉ 1st Sunday of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub 253 East Water Street in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533
 - ☉ 2nd Saturday of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes
 - ☉ 3rd Sunday of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): Johnston's Bally Bay Pub & Rest. 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse / (315) 423-8021
 - ☉ 4th Saturday of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes

OTHER INFO...

- ☑ **THE CENTRAL NEW YORK IRISH CULTURAL SOCIETY (CNY-ICS) IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** This group sponsors, develops, and promotes Irish cultural activities in the greater Syracuse region. For more information, please contact Geordy Austin via e-mail [geordya7@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 446-1153].
- ☑ **THE TOM DOOLEY CHORALIERS GROUP IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FROM ALL VOICE RANGES.** The Choraliers are a group of men who have been singing to promote Irish culture for 50+ years. For more information, please contact Bill Delaney [(315) 430-0818].
- ☑ **THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** For more information, please contact Steve Roesch via e-mail [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com], cell phone [(315) 558-9774], or home phone [(315) 487-1109].
- ☑ **THE CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE (CNY-IACI) INVITES NEW MEMBERS.** This group is a non-sectarian, non-political organization dedicated to promoting the appreciation and enjoyment of all aspects of Irish culture. For more information, please contact the group via e-mail [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com].
- ☑ **THE SYRACUSE GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING PLAYERS.** For more information, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] or visit the club website [http://syracuse.gaa.ie/].

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Wed., July 10th → Sat., July 13th: **2013 AOH NYS Convention** (Saratoga Springs - www.nyaoh.com)
- ☑ Late July (dates TBD): **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** (location TBD)
- ☑ Fri., July 26th → Sun., July 28th: **Great American Irish Festival** (Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY - www.gaif.us)
- ☑ Sat./Sun., August 24th/25th: **Cortland Celtic Festival** (Dwyer Memorial Park in Little York (just north of Homer, NY) - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)
- ☑ Fri./Sat., September 6th/7th: **Syracuse Irish Festival** (Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse - www.syracuseirishfestival.com)

Please pay your AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$40 for members age 60 and younger; \$30 for members age 60+; \$45 for new members -- due at swearing-in ceremony along with completed application). Please see Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern at the next meeting or send a check our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2013 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS...

- ☑ Chaplain: *Father John Ahern*
- ☑ President: *Steve Leyden*
- ☑ Vice-President: *Rick Potter*
- ☑ Recording Secretary: *Dan Holleran*
- ☑ Financial Secretary: *Kevin Ahern*
- ☑ Treasurer: *Tim Lillis*
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: *Jim Egloff*
- ☑ Marshal: *John Lyons*
- ☑ Sentinel: *Ryan Casler*

WEB SITES OF INTEREST...

- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- ☑ AOH NYS: www.nyaoh.com
- ☑ AOH National: www.aoh.com
- ☑ National Hibernian Digest: www.hiberniandigest.com
- ☑ Central New York Irish Cultural Society (CNYICS): www.syraoh.com/ics_of_cny/ics_of_cny.htm
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ Syracuse Gaelic Football Club: <http://syracuse.gaa.ie>
- ☑ Irish Power Hour: www.irishpowerhour.com
- ☑ IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com
- ☑ Irish Family History Foundation (I.F.H.F.): www.rootsireland.ie
- ☑ Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com
- ☑ Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com
- ☑ Irish-American Information Service: www.iais.org
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com