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» MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION #2 «

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

As always, the St. Patrick's Day season was a busy one for Division. On Saturday, March 8th, many of our members competed in the annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run. Proceeds from that great event go to the Syracuse St. Patrick Hunger Project. On March 15th, we again led the procession at the Cathedral for the St. Patrick's Mass. We had a nice turn-out for the parade and we looked sharp!

Congratulations to AOH Syracuse Division member Tom Ryan, who was the winner of the "Early Bird" dues payment drawing and, as such, will have his 2015 dues paid for by the Division!

As you know, we are planning a bus trip to Grosse Île, Quebec City, Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré Shrine, and Montreal from September 12th–14th, 2014. We've obtained very reasonable prices for the bus, hotels, and island tour. Our current estimate of the per-person cost is \$250 to \$260 for the three-day trip. In order to ease the financial burden on everyone, we're offering a \$45 per-month installment plan from April to September. Six monthly payments may be easier for some than coming up with one lump sum payment in September. The bus has 56 seats. The hotels and island tour company are very flexible regarding our number, so if we fall short of 56 passengers, we will not be charged. I'm confident that we can fill the bus. AOH, Ladies AOH, CNY-ICS, and IACI members and their families and friends have first priority for seats on the bus. We'll expand to the general public if needed. I have to provide a final headcount and list of names for the hotels and island tour company as soon as possible, so that they can finalize our contracts. Please let me know by the Sunday, April 6th meeting if you plan to take the trip and provide the names of you, your spouse, partner, friends, and/or enemies who are coming with you. Call me at (315) 727-7048 or email [aohsteve@gmail.com] to reserve your spot. Also, let me know if you are choosing the monthly payment plan or the lump sum option. **Please note that everyone must present a valid passport or NYS Enhanced Driver's License to enter Canada and return to the USA.** The least expensive and quickest option is to obtain an Enhanced Driver's License (only \$30, but you must go to the DMV in person and show proof of citizenship). Checks can be sent to our Division's postal address, which is listed on the back of this newsletter.

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member — Peter Seitz! Let's continue to make progress toward achieving our 2014 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].

It's not too early to be thinking about our spring and summer schedule. As information becomes available, events and activities will be listed on the "Calendar of Events" page on our Division's website.

As always, we're still seeking guest speakers for future meetings. AOH car rental discounts are 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 6TH @ 7:00 pm**

Small Plates Restaurant (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)
For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail [aohsteve@gmail.com]

The Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser will be held at 10:30 am on **Sunday, March 30th** at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant. Please visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website for more information [www.stbaldricks.org].

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the **Camillus Memorial Day Parade**, scheduled for **Monday, May 26th**. 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. Marchers are invited to meet before and/or after the parade at Stein's Restaurant & Pub, located at 5600 Newport Rd. (just outside of the village). Parking will be available in Stein's lot. Please contact Ron Clare via phone [(315) 436-6431] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

Ron Clare and Kevin Mahoney are once again organizing the annual **AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament**, scheduled for **Sunday, June 22nd** 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: kpmahoney24@gmail.com].

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].

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 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.

If you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, comments, or suggestions for our Division, please contact fundraising committee members George Lowe [gjlowe@live.com / (315) 458-7019] or Ron Clare [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com / (315) 436-6431].

LAOH, MUSIC, & OTHER INFO



- LAOH...**
- ☑ **MEETINGS: ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7:00 PM AT NIBSY'S PUB (201 ULSTER ST. IN SYRACUSE)**
 - ☑ **DIVISION OFFICERS:** Anne Flanagan (President), Maureen Fogarty (Vice-President), Rosemary Koppel (Recording Secretary), Eileen Tickner (Treasurer), Roxanne Compoli (Historian), Yvette Guilfoil (Missions & Charities), Margaret LoPiccolo (Catholic Action), Ede Sakran (Mistress-at-Arms), Mary Lou Trait (Sentinel).
 - ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Are payable to "LAOH", and can be sent to: Anne Flanagan, 8403 Pewter Lane, Manlius, New York 13104
 - ☑ **SYMPATHY & GET WELL:** If you know of anyone who is sick or bereaved, please contact Rosemary Koppel [(315) 487-5408 / 545 Tompkins St., Syracuse, NY 13204].
 - ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Contact LAOH Division President Anne Flanagan via phone [(315) 510-6508] or e-mail [anne726@mac.com].
- 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:** music is usually 9 pm - 1 am [301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse / www.kittyhoynes.com / (315) 424-1974]
 - **Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub:** Sunday music is 4 pm - 7 pm [100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / www.colemansirishpub.com / (315) 476-1933]
 - **Syracuse Irish (music) Session:**
 - ☉ 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub [253 East Water St. in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533]
 - ☉ 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes [301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse / (315) 424-1974]
- OTHER INFO...**
- ☑ **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 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 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 non-sectarian/non-political and promotes the appreciation and enjoyment of all aspects of Irish culture. For more information, please contact them via e-mail [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com].
 - ☑ **THE SYRACUSE GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING PLAYERS.** For information, contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] or visit <http://syracuse.gaa.ie/>.

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- DATES TO REMEMBER...**
- ☑ Late July (exact dates TBD): **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** [location TBD]
 - ☑ Fri., July 25th → Sun., July 27th: **Great American Irish Festival** [Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY - www.gaif.us]
 - ☑ Wed., July 30th → Sat., Aug. 2nd: **AOH/LAOH 2014 National Convention** [St. Louis, MO - <http://aoh2014stl.com>]
 - ☑ Sat./Sun., August 23rd/24th: **Cortland Celtic Festival** [Dwyer Mem. Park in Little York, NY (just north of Homer) - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com]
 - ☑ Fri./Sat., September 5th/6th: **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).

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
- ☑ CNY Irish Cultural Soc. (CNYICS): www.syraoh.com/ics_of_cny/ics_of_cny
- ☑ 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

2014 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*