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



...by Steve Leyden, **AOH Syracuse Division President**

At the next meeting, we'll discus the possibility of raising membership dues, and we'll vote on that issue at the June meeting.

Congratulations to AOH Syracuse Division member David Wall, who was the winner of this year's 'Early Bird' dues payment drawing! David's 2017 dues will be waived by the Division. Thanks to all of the members who participated and paid their 2016 dues in a timely fashion!

The St. Patrick's season was very successful and we participated in every event. On March 5th, almost 3,000 runners took part in the 11th annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run to raise money for the St. Patrick Hunger Project. Our AOH winner was Dick "Speedy" Gosson.

We had a great turnout for the St. Patrick's Mass and looked sharp leading the bishop up the aisle of the Cathedral. Nice weather helped to draw a huge crowd Downtown for the parade and our 1916 armbands and banner showing the "Founders of the Irish Republic" started some good conversations with people who didn't know Irish history. Special thanks go to Dan Case who organized the very successful post-parade party at Aster Restaurant in Armory Square. This party was the most well-attended event we've had in years, and everyone enjoyed the food, drink, and entertainment.

Upcoming activities include the first event of our 100th anniversary commemoration of the Easter Rising on Sunday, April 24th. The commemoration will start at 11:30 am with a reading of the Easter Proclamation (i.e., the Irish Declaration of Independence) at St. Agnes Cemetery at the gravesite of James K. M^cGuire. M^cGuire was known as the "boy mayor" of Syracuse and was an active supporter of the Rising through his involvement in Clan-na-Gael, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and the Irish Republican Army. Mayor M^cGuire was also instrumental in bringing Eamon De Valera to Syracuse in 1919. After the reading, we will have a brunch at Kitty Hoynes from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. This event is open to members, family and friends, and includes food and music for just \$10 per person.

On Saturday, August 27th, we will have a memorial mass for the proclamation signatories who were executed, a public reading of the Easter Proclamation, and a summer picnic for members, families, and guests at Ryder Park, which is adjacent to the DeWitt Town Hall. The picnic will include food, drinks, and music. To help with these events, please contact Geordy Austin [Geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member — Phil O'Neil — who joined at the last meeting If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me via e-mail [AOHSteve@gmail.com].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Steve



AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

☞ ② SUNDAY. APRIL 3RD @ 7:00 pm

Asil's Pub (220 Chapel Drive in Fairmount) For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail (AOHSteve@gmail.com)

AOH/LAOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE THEIR CURRENT STREET ADDRESS. TELEPHONE NUMBER. AND E-MAIL ADDRESS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARY KEVIN AHERN [kevina78@hotmail.com / (315) 468-6338].

The Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser will be held at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 10th 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 30th.

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. Please contact Ron Clare [(315) 436-6431 / 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 Saturday, August 20th at the Westvale Golf Club in Camillus. A 1:00 pm shotgun start is planned. The cost is \$75/person or \$300/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 [(315) 436-6431 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] or Kevin [(315) 396-3885 / kpmahoney24@gmail.com].

AOH apparel is available. To purchase jackets, shirts, hats, etc., please contact Dan Case [dannys.pc@hotmail.com / (315) 303-70411.

If you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, comments, or suggestions for our Division, please contact Steve Leyden [aohsteve@gmail.com].

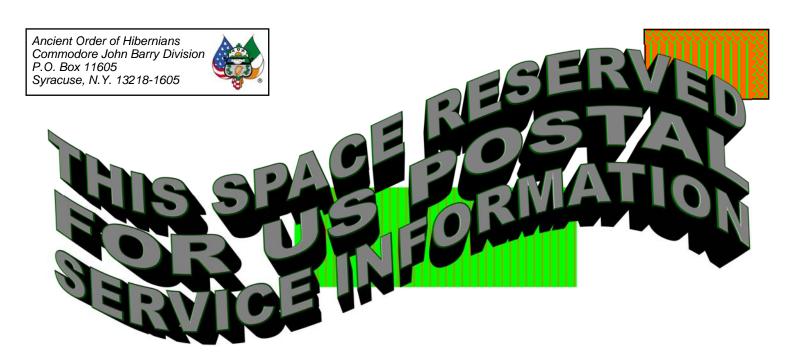
If you have any AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Historian Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

LAOH, MUSIC, & OTHER INFO



LAOH

- ☑ MEETINGS: held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse)
- DIVISION OFFICERS: President: Maureen Fogarty, Vice-President: Rosemary Koppel, Recording Secretary: Liz Thomas, Treasurer: Kathy Kelly, Irish Historian: Roxanne Compoli, Missions & Charities: Margie Miller, Catholic Action: Margaret LoPiccolo, Mistress-at-Arms: Ede Sakran, Sentinel: Yvette Guilfoil
- MEMBERSHIP DUES: 2016 dues are now payable; Make checks payable to 'LAOH' and send to Kathy Kelly, 5185 Boca Raton Way, Syracuse NY 13215
- ☑ SYMPATHY & GET WELL: If you have news of anyone who is sick or bereaved, please get in touch with Rosemary Koppel [(315) 487-5408]
- ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**: Other comments or questions? Get in touch with Maureen Fogarty [(315) 478-1096 / fogarty.maureen@yahoo.com] *MUSIC/OTHER INFO*...
- BILL KNOWLTON'S 'BLUEGRASS RAMBLE' RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9-12 am ET [Syracuse 91.3 FM / Utica 89.5 FM / Watertown 90.9 FM]
- ☑ SEAN JOHNSTON'S 'IRISH POWER HOUR' RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9-10 pm ET [Syracuse TK99 FM / Utica WOUR 96.9 FM / www.irishpowerhour.com]
- ☑ 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 4-7 pm [100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / www.colemansirishpub.com / (315) 476-1933]
 - Irish music session: 1st & 3rd Sundays of month (4-7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub [253 East Water St. in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533] / 2nd & 4th Saturdays of month (2-5 pm): Kitty Hoynes
- ☑ THE TOM DOOLEY CHORALIERS GROUP IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FROM ALL VOICE RANGES. The Choraliers are a group of men who've been singing to promote Irish culture since 1962. For more info, please contact them [ellis_drew@hotmail.com].
- ☑ 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 info, please contact Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].
- ☑ THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. For more info, please contact Steve Roesch [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com / (315) 558-9774].
- 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 info, please contact them [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com].
- ☑ THE SYRACUSE GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING PLAYERS. For more info, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com].



DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Mon., July 11th → Thurs., July 14th: 2016 AOH/LAOH National Convention [Atlantic City, NJ / www.aoh.com/ac2016]
- ☑ late July (exact dates TBD): St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival [216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse www.stpatricksirishfest.com]
- ☑ Fri., July $29^{\text{th}} \rightarrow \text{Sun., July } 31^{\text{tt}}$: *Great American Irish Festival* [Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY www.gaif.us]
- ☑ late August (exact dates TBD): *Cortland Celtic Festival* [Dwyer Mem. Park in Little York, NY www.cortlandcelticfestival.com]
- ☑ early September (exact dates TBD): *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 59 and younger; \$30 for members age 60+; \$45 for new members -- due at swearing-in ceremony, along with completed application). See Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern or send a check to our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2016 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS...

- ☑ President: Steve Leyden
- ✓ Vice-President: Dick Sheeran
- ☑ Recording Secretary: Dan Holleran
- ☑ Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern
- ☑ Treasurer: Tim Lillis
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff
- ☑ Marshal: John Lyons
- ☑ Sentinel: Ryan Ćasler

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
- CNY Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute: www.cnyirish.org
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ 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

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