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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...By Pat Ahern,
Division President

Worthy Brothers,

- ☑ I just returned from the AOH National Convention in Philadelphia, PA, where over 1,200 delegates converged to espouse our culture, religion, and freedom for Ireland. We listened to the Cardinal, the Mayor of the City, and two former Mayors of Belfast (SDLP's Alban McGinnis and Sinn Fein's Alex Maskey -- the only Catholics ever elected Mayors of Belfast). We also heard from the JFK Medal recipient Fr. Aidan Troy, the Pastor of Holy Cross School in Belfast. Fr. Troy spoke about the terrorizing of the 4- to 12-year-old girls who trudged the road to and from School each day with their mothers while under attack by grown men and women throwing urine-filled bottles, bricks, and petrol bombs. Fr. Troy, a Dubliner, had been working for the Vatican in Rome for 12 years when he was assigned to Belfast. He mentioned his shock at what he witnessed during that siege. The good Father could not believe that such hatred existed toward these little girls simply because they were Catholic -- in this day and age. We Hibernians presented him with a check for \$41,000 to assist the children in receiving help to overcome the trauma and keep the school going. This past January, Brothers Dan Case, Frank Corcoran, Geordy Austin, and I visited Holy Cross School and presented a \$2,000 check from our Division. If you ever saw the beautiful faces on these little girls, your heart would break from what our people have to endure in that God-forsaken, British-ruled, bigoted, stolen statelet.
- ☑ I am pleased to announce that our Division was awarded the Certificate of Merit at the AOH National Convention in honor our charitable donations over the past year. We had the highest donation total of all Divisions in the Northeastern U.S. (including NYC and Boston)!! Great work gentlemen.
- ☑ Of all the sites I've seen, none compare to the AN GORTA MOR Memorial at the seaport. I've never been so touched and moved by such an astonishing work commemorating our starved dead. This giant sculpture depicts a nervous mother with her son digging up the rotten spuds. Then it proceeds to show the vanquished dying on the roadways while some haggard souls ascend a gangplank to a ship, and the fewer yet who reach the port with worried and fear-filled faces, and a young lad looking with great anticipation on the new world. Truly a masterpiece. The name of the sponsor: "ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS". Good for us.
- ☑ Formal nominations for 2005 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the Sunday, September 12th meeting. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact Committee Chairman Ron Clare @ (315) 468-1892 for more information.
- ☑ Our condolences to Division Recording Secretary Jerry Cregan and his family on the recent death of their grandfather in Ireland.
- ☑ Former AOH Syracuse Division and AOH Onondaga County President Joe Sammon and his wife Bridget have moved to Boston. We wish them the best of luck and hope they visit often !!
- ☑ The Media Unit is organizing a performance by the Ireland-based "Opportunity Youth" performers scheduled for Sunday, August 22nd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Onondaga County Civic Center's BeVard Theater. If you're interested in seeing this entertaining group of performers, please contact the Media Unit @ (315) 478-8648 for more specific information.
- ☑ Don't forget the St. Patrick's Church canned/non-perishable food drive that Joe Schiltz is organizing. If possible, please bring an item for donation to the next Division meeting.
- ☑ Slan !!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Pat

AOH DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st @ 7:00 pm

PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)

For details, contact Pat Ahern: (315) 468-1588 or pahern@twcny.rr.com

We are actively seeking volunteers to work the AOH food concession stands at this year's CNY Scottish Games and Celtic Festival (Saturday, August 14th) and Syracuse Irish Festival (Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th). AOH/LAOH members and family/friends are strongly encouraged to lend a hand in support of these important and fun fund-raising events. Please call Joe Schiltz @ (315) 468-1832 for more information.

AOH member Joe McConnell is once again organizing the (33rd) annual **Pitch Tournament**. The tournament will be held on Sunday, September 26th at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster Street in Syracuse). The start time will be 12:30 pm and the cost will be \$15 per man/\$30 per team. Please contact Joe @ (315) 458-6488 to reserve your spot and/or for more information.

Dan Case is seeking an AOH Syracuse Division member to take over the **coordination of ordering and selling our Division's AOH clothing**. Dan has done a fantastic job with this over the past few years. He would like to be able to concentrate more on his many duties as Division Treasurer. If you're interested, please contact Dan via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail (fenian@twcny.rr.com).

In a continuing effort to update our AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division membership database, all members are encouraged to provide their current telephone number and e-mail address (if available) to Vice-President Frank Corcoran. Please submit this information to Frank via phone [(315) 472-8165] or e-mail [corchart@verizon.net].

AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer Dan Case would like to inform the membership that a **photo booklet** is available for \$12. The booklet contains professional photographs taken during the 2004 Syracuse Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Profits from the sale of the booklets will be donated to a needy organization. Please contact Dan via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail (fenian@twcny.rr.com) for more information.

The **Second Annual Butler Golf Classic** (to benefit the Butler Academy of Irish Dance) will be held on Saturday, August 21st at the Hill-n-Dale Golf Course in Tully (2:00 pm shotgun start with a captain & crew format). The \$45 per-person cost includes 9 holes of golf with cart, buffet dinner, prizes, awards, raffles, and entertainment. Volunteers to staff the event and \$50 hole sponsors are being sought. Please contact Terry Blaich @ (315) 488-0645, Phyllis Scanlon @ (315) 695-3829, or Jim Egloff @ (315) 454-0029 for more information.

St. Patrick's School (210 Schuyler Street in Syracuse) is seeking **volunteers** for their upcoming **Mentoring Program**. The program will run from October 2004 through May 2005 and will focus on working with students in grades 2nd through 4th concerning reading and math skills. If you're interested in participating in this important and rewarding program, please contact one of the following individuals for more specific information:

- » Cheryl Canfield (Principal): (315) 476-4076
- » Mary Kane: (315) 469-1428
- » Emily Hunter: (315) 476-7290

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Dates to remember...

- ☑ Friday, 7-30 and Saturday, 7-31: **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- ☑ Saturday, 8-14: **CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival** (Long Branch Park in Liverpool)
- ☑ Friday, 9-10 and Sat. 9-11: **Syracuse Irish Festival** (Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse)
- ☑ Saturday, 9-11: **AOH NYS Jack Burns Memorial Golf Tournament** (Tuscarora GC in Marcellus)
- ☑ Saturday, 10-16: **LAOH Hooley** (more information to come)

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

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact **AOH Syracuse Division Catholic Action Committee Chairman David Kennedy @** (315) 637-3307.

AOH winter jackets, light-weight pull-overs, shirts, etc. are available for purchase. Please contact Dan Case via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail (fenian@twcny.rr.com) for more information.

Please pay your AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$35 for members age 60 and younger; \$25 for members age 60+; \$40 for new members — due at swearing-in ceremony w/ completed application). Please see Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern at the next meeting or send a check to our PO Box (listed on this newsletter).

For **Syracuse Gaelic Football team** info, contact Brian Fitzpatrick @ (315) 488-1614 or Mike O'Connor @ (315) 422-7393. Practices are held at noon on Sundays and at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at King's Park (Town of Onondaga). Upcoming games:
» TBD

2004 AOH Syracuse Division Officers...

- ☑ Division (and NYS) Chaplain: *Father John Ahern*
- ☑ President: *Pat Ahern*
- ☑ Vice-President: *Frank Corcoran*
- ☑ Recording Secretary: *Jerry Cregan*
- ☑ Financial Secretary: *Kevin Ahern*
- ☑ Treasurer: *Dan Case*
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: *Jim Hartigan*
- ☑ Marshal: *Terry Maddison*
- ☑ Sentinel: *Kevin Shanahan*

Web sites of interest...

- ☑ **AOH Syracuse Division:** www.syraoh.com
- ☑ NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com
- ☑ National AOH: www.aoh.com
- ☑ IACI of CNY: www.iaci-usa.org/cnychapter.html
- ☑ Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com
- ☑ Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
- ☑ Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- ☑ Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- ☑ Irish scenic tours: www.belfastcabtours.com
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- ☑ **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the LAOH will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 9th at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton).
- ☑ **JULY MEETING FOLLOW-UP:** Congratulations to Mary T. Leatham who was elected our LAOH National President. Margaret Hennessy is the new LAOH Missions & Charities Officer. We're very proud of our LAOH State President Anne Marie Ferguson for keeping the New York State Delegation united. Final plans and crafts for the Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, August 14th are set. Please let Ginny Justian or your telephone committee person know if you will be working at the Celtic Festival, so your name will be added to the list at the front gate. Please contact Gert Gabor [(310 Walberta Rd. & (315) 468-5761] if you can make something for the Celtic Games but won't be able to work there and need to drop off your goods. We will let you know if we have a booth at the downtown Irish Festival in September. Let's support the AOH/LAOH Utica Divisions by attending the Great American Irish Festival on July 31st at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. Plans for an LAOH Irish Celtic Cookbook are just getting started. It will be available for purchase. Please bring your favorite Irish Recipe (and any other favorites) to the September meeting. Our October 16th Hooley is with the Kilbrannans. Half of the profits will go to Project Children. Shannon Hunter will let us know all the final details at our September meeting.
- ☑ **JUNIOR DIVISION:** Please contact Mary Lou Trait @ (315) 476-7682 if you know of any girls between the ages of 6-16 who would like to join our newly-formed LAOH Junior Division.
- ☑ **CONTACT:** Please contact LAOH President Ginny Justian via e-mail [rayorginny@aol.com] or phone [(315) 622-1705] with questions/info.
- ☑ **DUES:** LAOH membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. Please send a \$20 check (payable to LAOH Division #1) to:
Financial Secretary, Florence Nieciecki
1173 Bellevue Ave. Syracuse, NY 13204
If you're having trouble with payment, PLEASE contact Florence as soon as possible @ (315) 478-6799
- ☑ **"BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9:00 pm - Midnight (WCNY-FM, 91.3 in Syracuse)
- ☑ **IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...**

Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant: 301 W. Fayette St., Syracuse (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com (music is from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am)

- ☉ Friday, 8-6: TBD
- ☉ Saturday, 8-7: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
- ☉ Friday, 8-13: *Pat Kane*
- ☉ Saturday, 8-14: *Seanaché*
- ☉ Wednesday, 8-18: *The Searsons*
- ☉ Friday, 8-20: *Neil & Richard (of Hadrian's Wall)*
- ☉ Saturday, 8-21: *Hadrian's Wall*
- ☉ Friday, 8-27: *The Townpans*
- ☉ Saturday, 8-28: *Gerry Dixon*

Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub: 100 S. Lowell Ave., Syracuse (315) 476-1933 www.colemansirishpub.com (Sunday music is from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Other days, music is from 10:00 pm - 1:30 am)

- ☉ Sunday, 8-1: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
- ☉ Sunday, 8-8: *Pat Kane*
- ☉ Sunday, 8-15: TBD
- ☉ Sunday, 8-22: TBD
- ☉ Sunday, 8-29: *Flyin' Column*

Syracuse Irish Music Session:

- ☉ 1st Sunday of each month: *Half Penny Pub* (4:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
(315) 478-3091 321 W. Fayette St., Syracuse
- ☉ 3rd Sunday of each month: *Johnston's BallyBay Bar* (4:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
(315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse