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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...By Pat Ahern,
Division President

Slainte Brothers,

- ☑ I hope this finds you all in good stead and that you and your families all had a pleasant Thanksgiving !!
- ☑ Congratulations go out to our newly elected slate of AOH Syracuse Division Officers for 2005, and especially to our new Chieftain, Daniel Case. For those of you who don't know Dan, he is a retired Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputy who enjoyed a close working relationship with our past beloved Chieftain, and County Sheriff, John "The Squire" Dillon. Dan has been to Ireland more times than our Ambassador, and knows that country like the back of his hand. More importantly, Dan is a Deacon in his Church and has contributed greatly to our Division, both with his passion and his financial guidance. He has earned us back what we lost in the 9/11 stock market crash with the help of Brother Jim Salanger, our financial advisor. Dan, in his duties as Division Treasurer, has skillfully administered our books for the past three years, and we are certainly blessed that we have a man of his ilk to steer our ship going forward. Thank you Brother Case for all your hard work and stepping-up to the plate yet again !! Your 2005 AOH Syracuse Division Officers are:
 - » Division Chaplain: *Father John Ahern*
 - » President: *Dan Case*
 - » Vice-President: *Frank Corcoran*
 - » Recording Secretary: *Jerry Cregan*
 - » Financial Secretary: *Timothy Collins*
 - » Treasurer: *Kevin Shanahan*
 - » Chairman of the Standing Committee: *Jim Hartigan*
 - » Marshal: *Terry Maddison*
 - » Sentinel: *Craig Quinn*
- ☑ Dan Case would like to thank those Brothers who participated in and organized the Shamrock Degree ceremony held at the November Division meeting. This special ceremony definitely represented the great Hibernian spirit of our organization. Dan, you did a wonderful job with the ceremony !!
- ☑ Mark your calendars...on Saturday, December 11th and Sunday, December 12th, the Syracuse Irish Session and the Folkus Project welcome two Masters of Irish traditional music to Syracuse for two public performances. Brian Conway, considered one of the best Irish fiddlers of his generation, accompanied by Brendan Dolan on keyboards and flute, will perform a concert of the traditional music of Ireland on December 11th at the Westcott Community Center starting at 8:00 pm. Admission tickets will be \$10 and available at the door only. On Sunday, December 12th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the musicians will join the regular members of the Syracuse Irish Session, a community musical group, for an early evening of lively Irish pub music at the Half Penny Pub (located at 321 West Fayette Street). Admission is free. Preceding the session will be a fiddle workshop led by Conway and a keyboard workshop led by Dolan from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, also at the Half Penny Pub. There is a \$30 fee for each workshop and reservations are required. These programs are presented by the Syracuse Irish Session and the Folkus Project and are made possible by a grant from the Cultural Resources Council. For workshop reservations or more information, please call Harvey Nusbaum @ (315) 492-4283.
- ☑ Join me in welcoming the following recently reinstated AOH Syracuse Division members: John Doyle, Kevin Quinn, and Thomas Young. Welcome gentlemen !! As always, we're seeking new members.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ See you all at our Christmas party and let's not forget about the lonely, the sick, the jailed, and the hungry. God Bless All in This House.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Pat

A O H D I V I S I O N M E E T I N G

☎🕒 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th @ 7:00 pm**

PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)

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

AOH Syracuse Division Member **Rich Walsh** is once again organizing our Division's participation in the annual **Syracuse Newspapers "Old Newsboys"** fund-raiser scheduled for **Friday, December 10th** and **Saturday, December 11th**. If you're interested in lending a hand at this fun and very important community fund-raising event, please contact Rich @ (315) 488-9114 as soon as possible.

The annual **AOH Syracuse Division Children's Christmas Party** will be held on **Saturday, December 11th** starting at 2:30 pm at the St. Patrick's School Gym (Lowell Ave. in Syracuse). Anonymous sources close to Santa Claus have confirmed that he should be arriving (by sleigh) around 3:00 pm. There will be snacks, pizza, drinks, etc. AOH members and family/friends are invited. This event is free. If you're interested in attending, please contact one of the following Division members as soon as possible:

- » Bob Bunce @ (315) 488-0020
- » Tom Rogers @ (315) 488-1844
- » Jerry Cregan @ (315) 487-7828

The annual **AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party** will be held on **Sunday, December 12th** (from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm) at PJ Dorsey's Restaurant (Armory Square). A cocktail hour and buffet dinner are planned. Admission to this event is free for members in good standing and guest tickets are \$20. If you're interested in attending, please contact one of the following Division members by Wednesday, December 8th so that an accurate head count can be provided to PJ Dorsey's:

- » Brendan Sammon @ (315) 673-4011
- » Mike Cregan @ (315) 487-0931
- » Dan Case @ (315) 638-2285
- » Frank Corcoran @ (315) 472-8165

A sign-up sheet will also be available at the December Division meeting.

AOH Syracuse Division member **Craig Quinn** is organizing our annual **Christmas Appeal to help the needy**. If you're interested in making a monetary donation to this great cause, please speak with Craig at the next Division meeting.

Dave Lynch is organizing the **2005 AOH Syracuse Division Officer Installation Dinner** which will be held on **Sunday, January 30th**. More detailed information will follow in the January 2005 HH newsletter.

AOH Syracuse Division member Joe Schiltz is organizing a Membership Committee charged with the responsibility to attract new members and retain current members. While we currently boast 326 members, we must continue our growth to ensure that we remain an active and influential organization. If you're interested in joining this committee, please call Joe @ (315) 468-1832 for more information.

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

AOH Syracuse Division member **Joe Schiltz** is seeking an AOH Syracuse Division member to assist him with the planning and oversight of our Division's participation at the **2005 Scottish Games and Celtic Festival** (Saturday, August 13th). If you're interested in lending a hand, please call Joe @ (315) 468-1832 for more information.

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

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the **Syracuse Kiltie Pipe Band**, please contact **Rich Walsh** @ (315) 488-9114. You can also stop by one of their practice sessions which are held each Wednesday night starting at 7:30 pm at the American Legion Tipperary Hill Post. The band is seeking new drummers and pipers. Experience is not necessary and instruction will be provided.

The **Tom Dooley Choraliers** are in need of a new Director. For more information, please contact **Bill Normoyle** @ (315) 487-2422.

Ancient Order of Hibernians
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Dates to remember...

- ☑ Friday, 12-10 and Saturday, 12-11: *Syracuse Newspapers "Old Newsboys" Fund-Raiser*
- ☑ Saturday, 12-11: *AOH Syracuse Division Children's Party @ St. Patrick's School Gym* (more detailed information to follow)
- ☑ Sunday, 12-12: *AOH Children's Christmas Party* (PJ Dorsey' Restaurant from 2:00 pm—6:00 pm)
- ☑ Sunday, 1-30: *2005 AOH Syracuse Division Office Installation Dinner* (more detailed information to follow)
- ☑ Saturday, 3-12: *2005 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade* (more detailed information to follow)

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 along with 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).

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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
- ☑ Cavan County, Ireland Museum: www.cavanmuseum.ie
- ☑ Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- ☑ **NEXT MEETING/PARTY (TO BE HELD AT KITTY HOYNES):** If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving, by mail, the menu for our Christmas Dinner at Kitty Hoynes, which will be held on Thursday, December 9th starting at 6:00 pm. Please contact Ginny Justian @ (315) 622-1705 as soon as possible if you plan to attend and what your dinner choice (from the menu) will be. Also, in the mail, are tickets for our annual "Basket of Cheer" raffle in December. It's not too late to bring a contribution for this raffle. Please contact Kathleen Richardson @ (315) 672-5116 as soon as possible if you have an item to donate. This year's prizes will be: 1st (Basket of Cheer), 2nd (Irish Afghan), 3rd (Irish Collector's Doll). Plans for an LAOH Irish-Celtic Cookbook are really "cooking" now!! It will be available for purchase. Please bring your favorite Irish recipe (and any others) to Kitty Hoynes or contact Ginny Justian @ (315) 622-1705, Maryanne Manley @ (315) 695-1217, or Kathleen Richardson @ (315) 672-5116.
- ☑ **NOVEMBER MEETING FOLLOW-UP:** The election of officers for the 2005-2006 year took place at the November meeting. Here is the slate of elected officers: [President: Peggy Reynolds], [Vice-President: Mary Lou Trait], [Secretary: Rosemary Koppel], [Office of Catholic Action: Eileen Tickner], [Office of Missions & Charities: Yvette Guilfoil], [Financial Secretary: Florence Nieciecki], [Treasurer: Lois Cogovan], [Irish Historian: Kathleen Richardson], [Mistress at Arms: Gert Gabor], [Sentinel: Shannon Hunter]. Congratulations and good luck to all!! This meeting was also our annual "Covered Dish Supper". We had lots of great food and desserts. In addition, we decided to have a 50/50 drawing at our monthly meetings, starting in January.
- ☑ **JANUARY INSTALLATION DINNER:** Plans to be announced at Kitty Hoynes. We're planning this year's Installation Dinner with the AOH Syracuse Division. We would like to have entertainment.
- ☑ **CONTACT:** Please contact LAOH Syracuse Division 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 (Syracuse WCNY 91.3/Utica WUNY 89.5/Watertown WJNY 90.9)
- ☑ **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, 12-3: *Neil Emberg Trio*
 - ☐ Saturday, 12-4: *Wild Geese*
 - ☐ Friday, 12-10: *Pat Kane*
 - ☐ Saturday, 12-11: ** traditional Irish music session (2:30 pm - 5:00 pm) **
 - ☐ Saturday, 12-11: *Pat Kane*
 - ☐ Friday, 12-17: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
 - ☐ Saturday, 12-11: ** traditional Irish music session (2:30 pm - 5:00 pm) **
 - ☐ Saturday, 12-18: *Seanaché*
 - ☐ Thursday, 12-23: *Old Friends*
 - ☐ Friday, 12-31: *Gerry Dixon* (New Year's Eve reservations)
 - ☐ **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, 12-5: *Pat Kane*
 - ☐ Sunday, 12-12: *Dave Anthony*
 - ☐ Sunday, 12-19: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
 - ☐ Sunday, 12-26: *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