

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

PRESIDENT'S

...by Dave Lynch, Division President

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Dear Brothers,

I would like to welcome Brother Dan Holleran to the team! Dan has accepted the position of Charities and Missions Officer, and will help us collate all of the contributions and fundraising we do in order to ensure proper reporting to the AOH NYS and National Boards. Dan joined our noble order last year and brings new insights and energy to the Division.

As most of you are aware, our Hibernian brothers and sisters in Binghamton were hit with severe flooding last month, and are reaching out to our Division for financial support. At the next meeting we'll pass the hat, so please contribute what you can and we'll make sure your donations get to the right folks.

I would like to congratulate and thank Brother Sean Johnston and his Irish Power Hour radio show for hosting the first of many Celtic Clinics, which are designed to introduce traditional Irish musical instruments to a new generation of Irish music lovers. Sean arranged a Q&A session with Enter the Haggis, with lunch provided by our friends at Kitty Hoynes. As promised, Sean and his team are indeed bringing fresh ideas to the Irish community — all with the goal of preserving the culture and traditions of the Irish people. We Hibernians applaud his efforts and look forward to getting involved in his future endeavors. I urge everyone to go the IPH website (www.irishpowerhour.com) and become a member.

Ireland is now offering a "Certificate of Irish Heritage" to those who can prove that their ancestors came from Ireland. Those interested will need to gather some specific proof and apply online. Please visit the associated website (www.heritagecertificate.ie) for more information.

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member — Matthew Brennan, and recently reinstated member Paul Hughes. Remember that AOH membership requirements and our Division's application are available on our website (www.syraoh.com), and that we're always looking to grow our membership!

As a reminder, we're still seeking guest speakers for future AOH Syracuse Division meetings.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me via e-mail [dclynch@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 477-1962].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Dave

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 Geordy Austin via e-mail [geordya7@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 446-1153].

A O H D I V I S I O N M E E T I N G ☞① SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 7:00 pm PJ's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) For info, contact Dave Lynch: dclynch@twcny.rr.com / (315) 477-1962

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Syracuse Div. e-mail: kdelay@syraoh.com

The AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2012 AOH and LAOH Officer Installation Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at M^cNamara's Pub (5600 Newport Rd. in Camillus). Please arrive by 4:00 pm for the installation ceremony. Cocktail hour with appetizers will start at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by music. The per-person cost of tickets for both members and guests will be \$22, and a cash bar will be available. Please RSVP by contacting AOH Syracuse Division member Ron Clare via cell phone [(315) 436-6431] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] as soon as possible.

AOH Syracuse Division member Rich Walsh is once again organizing our Division's participation in the annual Syracuse Newspapers **"Old Newsboys" fund-raiser, which is scheduled for Friday, December 9th (7:00 am through the evening) and Saturday, December 10th (7:00 am until Noon).** If you're interested in lending a hand at this fun and very important community fundraising event, please contact Rich as soon as possible via e-mail [rpwalsh@syr.edu] or phone [(315) 488-9114]. The need for volunteers is particularly great during the day on Friday. Any amount of hours you can give would be greatly appreciated! Sign-up forms will also be available at the next Division meeting.

The annual AOH Syracuse Division Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 10th at the St. Patrick's Church Gym (Lowell Ave. in Syracuse). Santa's PR team has confirmed that he will be in attendance. There will be snacks, pizza, cookies, drinks, face-painting, etc. AOH members and family are invited. This event is free. Anyone who knows of <u>any</u> under-privileged children, is urged to bring those children to the party. If you're interested in attending, please contact Division member John Lyons as soon as possible via e-mail [jlyonsiv@verizon.net] or phone [(315) 374-3462]. Please include the number of children and adults who will be in attendance. Sign-up forms will also be available at the next Division meeting.

AOH Syracuse Division member John Kissane and others are organizing a Division golf league team for next year. If you're interested in playing, please contact John @ (315) 446-4359 for more information.

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

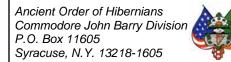
AOH apparel is available. Please contact Dave Kennedy via e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net], home phone [(315) 637-3307], or cell phone [(315) 569-3302] for more information.

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 to our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

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 40+ years. They practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Camillus Town Hall. Please contact Dave Kennedy [(315) 637-3307] or Bill Delaney [(315) 430-0818] for information/directions.

If you have AOH-related news you would like included in the next HH newsletter, please let Kieran Delay know via e-mail (kdelay@syraoh.com) by the 15th of each month.



Dates to remember ...

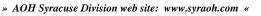
- Sat., 12-3: AOH Syr. Div. Christmas Party/2012 Officer Installation M Dinner (M^cNamara's Pub in Camillus)
- ☑ Fri., 12-9 & Sat., 12-10: Syr. Newspapers "Old Newsboys" fundraiser (various locations throughout CNY)
- M Sat., 12-10 @ 2:00 pm: Annual AOH Syr. Div. Children's Christmas Party (St. Patrick's Church Gym [Lowell Ave. in Syracuse])
- July 2012 (exact dates TBD): AOH National Convention (Turning \square Stone Resort in Verona, NY - www.aoh.com)

The Syracuse Kiltie Pipe Band is seeking new members. If you're interested in learning more about this organization, please contact Steve Roesch via e-mail [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com], cell phone [(315) 558-9774], or home phone [(315) 487-1109].

The Syracuse Gaelic Football Club is seeking players. If you're looking for a fun, new sport to try during the summer months, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] for more information.

2012 AOH Syracuse Division Officers ...

- Chaplain: Father John Ahern V President: Dave Lynch Ø
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- Vice-President: Dave Kennedy Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan M
- Ø Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern
- Treasurer: Tim Lillis M
- \checkmark Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff
- Marshal: John Lyons \checkmark Sentinel: Steve Levden
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- Web sites of interest ...
- AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- \checkmark NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com
- National AOH: www.aoh.com ☑
- National Hibernian Digest: www.hiberniandigest.com Central New York Irish Cultural Society (CNYICS): \checkmark www.syraoh.com/ics_of_cny/ics_of_cny.htm
- Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org Syracuse Irish (music) Session: \checkmark
- http://web.me.com/neofiddle/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html Syracuse Gaelic Football Club: http://syracuse.gaa.ie M
- Irish Power Hour: www.irishpowerhour.com
- IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com M
- Irish Family History Foundation (I.F.H.F.): www.rootsireland.ie ☑
- Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com
- Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com \square
- Irish news: www.nuzhound.com \checkmark
- Ø Irish-American Information Service: iais.org Irish-American Heritage Museum: \checkmark
- www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com ☑ ☑
 - Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com



LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS

- **MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month Ø @ 7:00 pm at St. Ann's school (4471 Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse).
- 2011 LAOH CHARITY RAFFLE: The LAOH is selling \$1 raffle tickets Ø for a beautiful hand-sewn Irish quilt. Tickets to be sold throughout the year, with the drawing scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. Please see an LAOH Member for tickets!
- **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Reminder that they're payable to: LAOH, Ø Joyce Kirchbaum, and can be sent to: 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY 13039
- SYMPATHY & GET WELL: Please keep the special intentions of all Ø our members in your prayers. Contact Joyce Kirchbaum @ (315) 699-5711 if you know of anyone who is sick or bereaved.
- COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Please contact Division President Ø Rosemary Koppel [rkoppel@aol.com / 545 Tompkins Street, Syracuse, NY 13204 / (315) 487-5408]
- SEAN JOHNSTON'S RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm 10 pm (Syracuse 95.7 FM (a.k.a., 95X) / www.irishpowerhour.com)
- "BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm - 12 am (Syr. 91.3 FM/Utica 89.5 FM/Watertown: 90.9 FM)
- ☑ IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...

Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant: 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse (music: usually 9 pm - 1 am) (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com

• For the music schedule, please visit the website or call Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub: 100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse (Sunday music: 4 pm - 7 pm; Other days, music: 10 pm - 1:30 am) (315) 476-1933 www.colemansirishpub.com

• For the music schedule, please visit the website or call Syracuse Irish (music) Session:

- http://web.me.com/neofiddle/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html ◦ 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 Irish Pub & Rest. 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com
- \circ 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 Irish Pub & Rest.