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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,

Please support our Division's efforts to raise funds for the Christmas Bureau through the Old Newsboys Campaign. This community fundraiser is sponsored by the United Way and the Salvation Army and provides gifts for Christmas and food and other items for local families, and more than 7,000 children received toys and books last year. For years, our Division has raised more money than any other local volunteer group, and we've been fortunate enough to have received recognition in the media. Rich Walsh and his team are again looking for volunteers, so please try to spare some time! Additional information is included in this newsletter.

The AOH Syracuse Division will participate in the annual 'March for Life', which will take place at Noon on Saturday, January 16th. Marchers will meet at the Museum of Science & Technology (former Jefferson St. Armory) and walk to Columbus Circle for a ceremony. Please contact AOH Syracuse Division member Dick Lowery [lowedj@aol.com / (315) 487-7009] for more information.

Paul Gowdy, AOH National Freedom For All Ireland (FFAI) Co-Chairman, recently sent AOH Syracuse Division member Geordy Austin a message to thank our Division for raising approximately \$2,500 for the 2014 Christmas Appeal fundraiser, which was the most we've ever raised. We, in turn, would like to thank Geordy for his continued hard work and commitment to the FFAI cause. The donation recipients were: Coiste (located in Belfast, \$1,000), the Pat Finucane Centre (Derry, \$1,000), and the Ionad Irish language community organization (Belfast, \$500).

Planning for the 100th anniversary commemoration of the Easter Rising is underway. Our Division will celebrate the events of April 24th, 1916 in several ways, including a public reading of the Easter Proclamation, a memorial mass for the signatories who were executed, and a summer picnic for members, families, and guests. Geordy Austin has agreed to chair the events, but we'll need lots of help to arrange the venues, food and drink, and entertainment. To volunteer, please contact Geordy [Geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

The Syracuse Saint Patrick's Parade Committee invites the public to the following 2016 parade-related events:

- ☑ **Hunger Project Raffle:** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 13th at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse); Tickets are \$100 each and only 400 will be sold; First prize is \$10,000 cash; Committee members have tickets
 - ☑ **Parade Grand Marshal announcement:** 10:00 am on Thursday, January 14th at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant (301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse)
 - ☑ **The Hunger Project reception:** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 4th at the Food Bank of CNY (7066 Interstate Island Rd. in the Van Buren/Seneca Knolls area); Beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres
 - ☑ **Irish Night at the Syracuse Crunch hockey game:** 7:00 pm on Friday, February 26th at the Onondaga County War Memorial (515 Montgomery St. in Syracuse)
 - ☑ **Syracuse Silver Knights soccer game (parade fundraiser):** 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 28th at the Onondaga County War Memorial
 - ☑ **Parade committee fundraiser:** Noon on Sunday, March 6th at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant
 - ☑ **City of Syracuse Parade stripe painting ceremony:** 9:30 am on Friday, March 11th on Salina St. in Downtown, followed by a reception at City Hall Commons (201 East Washington St.)
 - ☑ **Parade Grand Marshal's Dinner:** 6:00 pm on Friday, March 11th at the Marriott Downtown Syracuse (former Hotel Syracuse); Cocktail hour from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm; A tour of the hotel will be given; Dinner at 8:00 pm (stations like last year); Entertainment provided
 - ☑ **Parade Mass:** 10:00 am on Saturday, March 12th at the Cathedral (259 East Onondaga St. in Downtown)
 - ☑ **Parade:** Noon on Saturday, March 12th on Salina St. in Downtown
- For additional event information, please visit the committee website [www.syracusestpatricksparade.org].

We still have AOH property scattered in different locations, and our Ritual and Degree Committee is looking to safely store it in a central location. Please check to see if you have any AOH gear (banners, flags, plaques, etc.). If you do have such items, please give them to Dan Case.

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon [(315) 673-4011]. Please remember in your prayers Father Naos M^cCool — who suffered a severe stroke and Immediate Past President Dave Lynch — as he continues to fight a serious health issue. Please also pray for members who are privately fighting health issues, but who wish to remain anonymous.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH @ 7:00 pm

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

Congratulations to our newly elected AOH Syracuse Division Officers for 2016! Because there was only one candidate per office, the slate of candidates was automatically elected. **Your 2016 AOH Syracuse Division Officers are:**

- ☑ **Chaplain:** Fr. John Ahern
- ☑ **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
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The AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2016 AOH and LAOH Officer Installation Dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 5th** at the Camillus Elks Club (6117 Newport Rd. in Camillus). The officer installation ceremony will be held at 4:30 pm and dinner will start at 6:00 pm. **Members must have paid their 2015 dues in order to attend. There will be no cost for paid-up members and guest tickets will be \$20.** Three drink chips will be provided to each AOH member, a cash bar will be available, and entertainment will be provided. This event is open to AOH/LAOH members and their spouses/significant others, as well as other family members and friends. Please RSVP as soon as possible by contacting Ron Clare [(315) 468-1892 / draperiesetinc@yahoo.com].

AOH Syracuse Division member Rich Walsh is once again organizing our Division's participation in the Syracuse Media Group's annual 'Old Newsboys' newspaper sales fundraiser, scheduled for **Friday, December 11th (8:00 am - 7:00 pm) & Saturday, December 12th (8:00 am - 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 [rpwalsh@syr.edu / (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.



2015 AOH dues payments must be received by Thursday, December 31st, 2015 to avoid suspension of membership. Please see dues-related details in this newsletter for more information.

AOH members who pay their 2016 dues by Sunday, February 28th will have their names entered into the 'Early Bird' drawing. The drawing winner will have his 2017 dues paid by the Division.

The annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run will be held on **Saturday, March 5th**. Please visit the event website for more information [www.tipphillrun.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].

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].

AOH apparel is available. To purchase jackets, shirts, hats, etc., please contact Dan Case [dannys.pc@hotmail.com / (315) 303-7041].

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

As information becomes available, events and activities are listed on the 'Calendar of Events' page on our Division's website [www.syraoh.com].

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: <vacant>, Recording Secretary: Rosemary Koppel, Financial Secretary: Liz Thomas, Treasurer: Kathryn Kelly, Historian: Roxanne Compoli, Missions & Charities: Yvette Guilfoil, Catholic Action: Margaret LoPiccolo, Mistress-at-Arms: Ede Sakran, Sentinel: Mary Lawless
- ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** 2015 dues are now payable; Make checks payable to "LAOH" and send to Liz Thomas, 416 Tilden Drive, East Syracuse, N.Y. 13057
- ☑ **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) 471-1637 / 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 CHORALERS 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].

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Sat., December 5th: **AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2016 AOH/LAOH Officer Installation Dinner** [Elks Club in Camillus]
- ☑ Fri. & Sat., December 11th & 12th: **Syracuse Media Group's 'Old Newsboys' fundraiser** [various locations throughout CNY]
- ☑ Sat., March 12th at Noon: **34th annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade** [Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org]
- ☑ Mon., July 11th → Thurs., July 14th: **2016 AOH/LAOH National Convention** [Atlantic City, NJ / www.aoh.com/ac2016]

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).

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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
- ☑ 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