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

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

My four years as AOH Syracuse Division President have been lots of fun, and I'd like to thank all brothers for making it a great experience. Our division is the most active in upstate New York because of your efforts. You've accomplished great things and I'd like to mention a few big ones:

- ☑ Hurricane Sandy relief: Our casino night fundraiser resulted in the largest donation of any single division in the U.S. The hard-hit Irish-American communities in Brooklyn and Queens put the funds to use by feeding and clothing poor families in their communities.
- ☑ Old Newsboys: In the last four years, you've raised \$70,000 for the Christmas Bureau, which ensured that 28,000 children received toys for Christmas.
- ☑ AOH Historical Markers: Over the last two years, you've placed 12 AOH historical markers honoring the contribution of the Irish in Onondaga County.
- ☑ Commemoration of the centennial of the 1916 Easter Rising: This event was covered by television, radio, and print media, and brought Irish history to the attention of the general public.

Your continued support of Irish culture and religion as well as the movement to a United Ireland is vital, so keep up the good work!

***** PLEASE NOTE that this will be the last paper edition of the 'Hibernian Herald' newsletter that will be distributed by USPS mail. Our Division's need to control expenses necessitates this change. As always, the newsletter will be available on our Division's website [www.syraoh.com] as well as via e-mail. Please contact Kevin Ahern to make sure he has your current e-mail address and other contact information.**

The Old Newsboys Campaign will be held on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th. This great community fundraiser is sponsored by the United Way and the Salvation Army, and helps the Christmas Bureau provide gifts for Christmas and food and other items for local families. Last year, more than 7,000 children received toys and books. For years, our Division has raised more money than any other volunteer group. Brother Rich Walsh is looking for volunteers, so please lend a hand if you're able. Additional information is contained in this newsletter.

The AOH Syracuse Division will participate in the annual 'March for Life', which will take place at Noon on Saturday, January 21st. Marchers will meet at the Museum of Science & Technology (former Jefferson St. Armory) and walk to Columbus Circle for a ceremony. AOH Syracuse Division member Dick Lowery is working with AOH state officials to get as many upstate divisions as possible to participate. Our division will be hosting a reception/social event after the march, with food and beverages provided. This is a great chance to meet Hibernians from other divisions, so please attend. For more information, please contact Dick [lowedj@aol.com / (315) 487-7009].

Our annual memorial mass for Willie Farroll at St. Leo's Church in Tully has been postponed until spring due to scheduling conflicts with the priest.

Our Ritual and Degree Committee is still looking for AOH property to store centrally. Check your garages and basements to see if you have any AOH gear (banners, flags, plaques, etc.). If so, please give the items to Dan Case so he can safely store them. We don't want to lose any valuable, historic, memorabilia.

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

AOH car rental discounts are available to Hibernian members with Avis and Budget. When inquiring about these discounts, please reference code numbers "AWD=X265800" (Avis) or "BCD=A766200" (Budget).

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 4TH @ 7:00 pm

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

At the November meeting, John Butler withdrew his candidacy for Vice President, which was the only contested office. As a result, your 2017 AOH Syracuse Division Officers are:

- ☑ President: *Jim Egloff*
- ☑ Vice-President: *Dan Holleran*
- ☑ Recording Secretary: *Steve Leyden*
- ☑ Financial Secretary: *Kevin Ahern*
- ☑ Treasurer: *Tim Lillis*
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: *Dan Case*
- ☑ Marshal: *John Lyons*
- ☑ Sentinel: *Scott Phillips*
- ☑ Chaplain: *-vacant-*

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 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 9th (8:00 am - 7:00 pm) & Saturday, December 10th (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 Division meetings.



2016 AOH dues payments must be received by Saturday, December 31st, 2016 to avoid suspension of membership. Please see dues-related details in this newsletter for more information.

Here is information on the AOH Syracuse Division Winter Party:

- ☑ Date/time: **Friday, January 13th / 6:30 pm** event start time
- ☑ Location: **Marriott Downtown** (former Hotel Syracuse) - 10th floor Empire Room
- ☑ Cost for the dinner: **\$30 per-person**, including tax and service charge
- ☑ Seating: There will be 10 guests per table
- ☑ Parking: \$5 to self-park in the nearby Harrison Parking Garage (110 Harrison Place)
- ☑ Menu: Baby Green Salad, Grape Tomatoes, Radish and Red Wine Vinaigrette; Duet Plating of Beef Sirloin and Roasted Chicken Breast with Roasted; Vegetables and Mashed Potatoes; Eggplant Parmesan (vegetarian option)
- ☑ Music will be provided by the Blarney Rebel Band, and a cash bar will be available
- ☑ The event is open to AOH/LAOH members, spouses, and other family members and friend

Please RSVP by contacting Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153] or Ron Clare [(315) 436-6431 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com].

AOH members who pay their 2017 dues by Tuesday, February 28th will have their names entered into the 'Early Bird' drawing. The drawing winner will have his 2018 dues paid by the Division.

The annual **Tipp Hill Shamrock Run** will be held on **Saturday, March 4th**. Please visit the event website for more information [www.tippillrun.com].

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

Ron Clare is once again organizing the annual **AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament**, scheduled for **Saturday, August 19th** 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].

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].

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: 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:** Don't forget to pay your yearly dues; 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].

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Friday/Saturday, December 9th/10th: **Syracuse Media Group's 'Old Newsboys' fundraiser** [various locations throughout CNY]
- ☑ Friday, January 13th: **AOH Syracuse Division Winter Party** [Marriott Downtown (former Hotel Syracuse)]
- ☑ Saturday, March 11th at Noon: **35th annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade** [Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org]
- ☑ Wednesday, July 12th → Saturday, July 15th: **2017 AOH/LAOH NYS Convention** [Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY - www.nyaoh.com]
- ☑ Saturday, August 19th at 1:00 pm: **AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament** [Westvale Golf Club in Camillus]
- ☑ Wed., July 11th → Sat., July 14th, 2018: **2018 AOH/LAOH National Convention** [Louisville, KY / www.louisvilleirish.com/2018-national-convention]

Please pay your 2016 AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$30 for members age 60+; \$40 for members age 59 and younger; \$45 for new members -- due at swearing-in ceremony, along with completed application). As of January 1st, 2017, dues will be:

- ☑ \$40 for existing members age 60+
 - ☑ \$50 for existing members age 59 and younger
 - ☑ \$45 initial fee for new members age 60+
 - ☑ \$55 initial fee for new members age 59 and younger
- See Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern or send a check to our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

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- ☑ President: *Steve Leyden*
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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
- ☑ 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