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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...By Pat Ahern,
Division President

Worthy Brothers,

- ☑ By the time you receive this newsletter, your 2004 AOH Syracuse Division Officers have been sworn in and are up and running. In addition to myself, your Officers are: new Vice-President Frank Corcoran, a lover of all things Irish; Financial Secretary, and my right arm, Kevin Ahern; Treasurer and financial genius, retired Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputy, Dan Case; Recording Secretary and County Kerry-bred Jeremiah Cregan -- the son of the proud Brother Michael Cregan; and new Standing Committee Chair Jim "Seamus" Hartigan. Please help this great team lead us to another brilliant year. Special thanks to Brother Bob Bunce for his many years of service as Division Vice-President and immediate Past-President Brother Dave Lynch for Chairing the great Officer Installation Dinner.
- ☑ Please keep Brothers Michael Doran, Donald O'Hara, Martin Walker, and "Wimpy" Collins in your prayers.
- ☑ Plans are underway for our patron Saint's Day, March 17th. Our greatest hope is that our Congressman, worthy Brother James Walsh, will be able to bring our modern day Padriag Pearse to Syracuse. Of course, I'm referring to Gerry Adams, the President of the largest nationalist party in Ireland, Sinn Fein. Mr. Adams is in the spiritual and political vanguard of reconciliation and forgiveness from the victims of the most grievous harm and suffering during the past 800 years. His family has lost many members, and he himself was shot and nearly died from an assassin's bullet. Along with some of his family members, he spent many years in jail and was never tried or convicted of a crime in an open court. Mr. Adams has led the Republican movement away from the physical/gun to the political struggle, and more than any other is responsible for the IRA's non-violence stance over the past five years. Shamefully, Loyalist violence occurs almost daily against the Catholic community, churches, and school children. Nelson Mandela, the hero of South African freedom, has often praised Mr. Adams and Sinn Fein for their patience and steadfastness to the political realm. Mr. Adams, along with countless others in the North of Ireland, are indeed my Mandela, Pearse, Connolly, McBride, MacDonagh and George Washington !! Please God, bring our day of peace with justice and forgiveness to our troubled ancestral motherland, Ireland.
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members who were sworn in at the January Division meeting: Andrew Maxwell, Kurt Noll, and Justin Osborn-O'Brien, and recently re-instated Brothers Peter Coleman (our famous local publican) and Jim Hartnett. Welcome gentlemen !!
- ☑ Don't forget the St. Patrick's Church canned/non-perishable food drive that our Division is sponsoring. If possible, please bring an item for donation to the next Division meeting. Brother Joe Schiltz has vowed to match our donations !!
- ☑ If you get the opportunity, go and see the wonderful 4-star movie "In America" (by Irish Director and author Jim Sheridan). Also, Gerry Adams' new book, "A Further Shore", is a must read. Slan !!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Pat

AOH DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th @ 7:00 pm

PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton St., Syracuse)

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

On **Sunday, February 8th**, (from Noon to 6:00 pm) at the NYS Fairgrounds' Pepsi International Pavilion, there will be a **benefit** for the family of **Thomas Hester**, a Syracuse Police Officer who recently died of cancer. Food, drinks, prizes, and live entertainment are planned. Donations to assist Tom's family will be gladly accepted.

The annual **AOH Bowling Fun Day** event will be held on **Saturday, February 28th** from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool (7239 Old Liverpool Road [Rt. 57]). The \$10 per-person cost includes three games of bowling, shoes/ball rental, pizza, and wings. To make reservations and for further information, please contact Tim Kissane via phone [(315) 492-4830] or e-mail [tkissan@twcny.rr.com] as soon as possible. Tim has asked that anyone attending this event try arriving by 2:30 pm.

AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer Dan Case would like to inform everyone that the **latest order of AOH winter jackets has arrived**. Large and extra-large sizes are available. The per-jacket cost is \$68. For more information, please contact Dan via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail [fenian@twcny.rr.com].

As a result of John Comerford's video-recording of the November 15th, 2003 **Willie Farrell memorial service**, the AOH Syracuse Division now has **DVD** copies of this event available for \$10. Proceeds from the DVD sales will be used for future maintenance of Mr. Farrell's grave site/grave stone. For purchase information, please contact Division Historian Geordy Austin via phone [(315) 446-1153] or e-mail [geordyo@aol.com].

The **AOH name tags** (with Irish names included) will be available at the next Division meeting. Please contact Pat Ahern via phone [(315) 468-1588] or e-mail [pahern@twcny.rr.com] for requests.

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].

Please visit the **new AOH Syracuse Division web site**. Over the next few months, the site will be modified as additional sections are added/updated. As always, feedback is welcome. The site's URL is: **www.syraoh.com**

The **Central New York Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute (CNY IACI)** is offering **Irish Tin Whistle classes** for children ages 7 to 12. The first class (of 6 total) started on Saturday, January 17th and ran from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Hazard Branch Library (1620 West Genesee Street in Syracuse). The \$10 cost includes the fee for the whistle. Class size is limited to the first 15 children who sign up, regardless of ethnic or national origin. For availability, please contact class instructor Anne Peterson via phone [(315) 668-7859].

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FOR US POSTAL
SERVICE INFORMATION

Dates to remember...

- ☑ Saturday, 3-13: **2004 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade**
- ☑ June: **10th Annual AOH Syracuse/Tony Rogers Memorial Golf Tournament** (Westvale GC in Camillus)
- ☑ July: **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- ☑ August: **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)

If you have any information, photos, or other memorabilia related to the AOH/LAOH, please contact **AOH Syracuse Division Historian, Geordy Austin @ (315) 446-1153.**

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact the **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 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 the address portion of this newsletter).

For **Syracuse Gaelic Football team** info, contact Matt Smith @ (315) 451-2932, Mike O'Connor @ (315) 422-7393, Ryan Fitzpatrick @ (315) 488-1614, or Mike Byrne @ (315) 652-1062.

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: community.syracuse.com/cc/iaci
- ☑ 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/ceit
- ☑ 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, February 12th at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton). The primary discussion will be the plans for our April Hooley and our booth at the Scottish Games and Celtic Festival in August. These are both major endeavors and we will need the help of ALL the sisters to make them a success. Try to attend !!
- ☑ **FUTURE MEETING:** In May, when the days are longer and the snow is gone (God willing), we will have our monthly meeting at PJ Dorsey's in Armory Square. More detailed information to follow.
- ☑ **2004 OFFICERS:** Anne Marie Ferguson, NYS LAOH President, conducted the installation of the 2004 LAOH, Division #1 Officers. Serving this year are: (President: Virginia Justian); (Vice-President: Mary Lou Trait); (Secretary: Rosemary Koppel); (Financial Secretary: Florence Niciecki); (Treasurer: Lois Cogovan); (Historian: Margaret Reynolds); (Missions & Charities: Yvette Guilfoil); (Catholic Action: Eileen Tickner); (Sentinel: Shannon Hunter); (Mistress-at-Arms, Gertrude Gabor). Congratulations to all !!
- ☑ **ST. BRIGID'S FEAST DAY:** On Sunday, February 1st, our Division will honor our patron saint, St. Brigid. A Mass will be held at 9:30 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (425 Beechwood Ave. in Liverpool [off of Old Liverpool Road]). A Communion breakfast at the Ramada Inn on Buckley Road will follow the Mass.
- ☑ **CONDOLENCES:** Our deepest sympathies go out to Maggie Collins and Leslie Walker concerning the death of their brother/brother-in-law, Martin Walker. Our prayers are with you and your families.
- ☑ **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 Niciecki
1173 Bellevue Ave. Syracuse, NY 13204
- ☑ **"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, 2-6: TBD
 - ☐ Saturday, 2-7: TBD
 - ☐ Friday, 2-13: TBD
 - ☐ Saturday, 2-14: *Pat Kane*
 - ☐ Friday, 2-20 and Saturday, 2-21: *Neil & Richard (of Hadrian's Wall)*
 - ☐ Friday, 2-27: TBD
 - ☐ Saturday, 2-28: TBD
 - ☑ **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, 2-1: no music (Super Bowl)
 - ☐ Saturday, 2-8: *Pat Kane*
 - ☐ Sunday, 2-15: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
 - ☐ Sunday, 2-22: *Dave Anthony*
 - ☐ Sunday, 2-29: no music (Coleman's Annual Green Beer Delivery Day)
 - ☑ **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