





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



## ...Bv Dan Case. **Division President**

Dear Brothers,

- Many thanks to all who attended the recent wake of Eugene Walker. I am sure that our showing was impressive and touching to the family, especially at a time when the small things mean so very much. As is always the case, our post-ceremony refreshments at Kelley's Restaurant on Onondaga Hill were great.
- ☑ PLEASE, at the next meeting, do not forget the deceased and those still in dire need as the result of the Tsunami disaster. Your vote for the \$1,000 donation to be sent to Catholic Relief Services will be so very much
- ☑ Also, please note that we have been asked by AOH National President Ned McGinley to send whatever money we can to Fr. Major Dennis Hanley, the Catholic Chaplin who is presently stationed in Aviano, Italy. Donations will be used to purchase Rosaries that will be given by Fr. Hanley to our troops stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. This is a great way to show our CATHOLIC PRIDE and support for these brave men and
- $\square$  Sunday, January  $9^{th}$  was a busy day for me as I attended the AOH Watertown (NY) Division Officer Installation in Brownville. Ed Wallace, our esteemed past National President, and "Chip" McLean, our excellent NYS Treasurer, presided over the ceremony. Great food and fun were had by all. Next, it was on to the IACI "Great Night" at Kitty Hoynes. The words speak for themselves, as it was a great night !! I and other Division Officers also attended the AOH Auburn (NY) Division Officer Installation on Saturday, January 15th. As always, it is very important that we show our solidarity with the other Divisions by attending their events whenever possible.
- ☑ Our Division has purchased special software for our Treasurer and Financial Secretary that should make their jobs easier going forward. Brothers, we are moving into the 21st Century with these and other changes and initiatives, so let's keep the momentum going !!
- ☑ Special thanks goes to AOH Syracuse Division Catholic Action Committee Chairman David Kennedy for taking over the responsibility for ordering and distributing our AOH clothing.
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member, Aaron Tripp, who was sworn in at the January Division meeting. I am sure that he will get a great deal out of membership, and learn more about our Irish heritage. As always, we're seeking new members.
- ☑ Don't forget the St. Patrick's Church canned/nonperishable food drive that Joe Schiltz is organizing. If possible, please bring an item for donation to the next Division meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Dan



### DIVISION MEETING ❤️② SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

# PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) For details, contact Dan Case: (315) 638-2285 or fenian@twcny.rr.com

The annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal's **Dinner** will be held on **Friday**, **March 11**<sup>th</sup>. Per-person tickets are \$40. More detailed information on this and other Parade-related events will be included in the March AOH HH newsletter and posted on our Division's website (www.syraoh.com).

AOH watches will soon be available for purchase. More information, including pictures of the watches and their costs, will be provided at the next Division meeting.

AOH Syracuse Division member Joe Schiltz is organizing a Membership Committee charged with the responsibility of attracting new members and retaining current members. While we currently boast 336 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.

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 13<sup>th</sup>). 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 Tim Collins via phone [(315) 469-5810] or e-mail [seamus33@msn.com].

Brendan Sammon is organizing a "Catskill Weekend" trip for Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. More detailed information will provided in upcoming AOH HH newsletters.

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 every 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.

Sean Hennessev of the AOH Watertown Division is hosting a radio show every Sunday from 11:00 am to Noon on Watertown's WATN 1240-AM station. Traditional and Contemporary Irish music are featured, along with interviews of high-profile artists.

The Great American Irish Festival will be held on Friday, July 29th and Saturday, July 30th at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort., NY. More detailed information can be found on the Festival's website (www.greatamericanirishfestival.com).

The Cortland (NY) Irish Festival will be held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. More detailed information will be posted on our Division's website (www.syraoh.com).



#### Dates to remember...

- Saturday, 3-12: 2005 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade (more detailed information to follow)
- Sunday, 8-27: 2005 Cortland Celtic Festival for more information, please visit the following website: www.cortland.org/news/celticfest.htm

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 via phone [(315)] 637-3307] or e-mail [dkenn@twcny.rr.com].

AOH winter jackets, light-weight pull-overs, shirts, etc. are available for purchase. Please contact David Kennedy via phone [(315) 637-3307] or e-mail [dkenn@twcny.rr.com] for more

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 Tim Collins at the next meeting or send a check to our PO Box (listed on this newsletter).

For Syracuse Gaelic Football team information, please 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).

# 2005 AOH Syracuse Division Officers ...

- Division (and New York State) Chaplain: Father John Ahern
- President: Dan Case
- Vice-President: Frank Corcoran  $\square$
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan Financial Secretary: Tim Collins Treasurer: Kevin Shanahan

- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Hartigan
- Marshal: Terry Maddison Sentinel: Craig Quinn

#### 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
- $\square$ Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
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- Irish-American Information Service: iais.org Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org Cavan County, Ireland Museum: www.cavanmuseum.ie M
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- $\square$ Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

# LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- <u>NEXT MEETING</u>: The next meeting of the LAOH will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February  $10^{th}$  at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton). We decided to have a 50/50 drawing at our meetings starting in February. We'll be discussing the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Plans for an LAOH Irish-Celtic Cookbook are really "cooking" now!! It should be available for purchase in time for the Celtic Festival in August. Bring your favorite Irish recipe to the next meeting. Please contact Maryanne Manley @ (315) 695-1217 if you'd like to help with the cookbook
- JANUARY MEETING FOLLOW-UP: Many prayers are needed for our new President Peggy Reynolds who is suffering from a serious illness. Cards may be sent to: St. Joseph's Hospital, 301 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203 (Room 3413). Please pray for her husband Bill and her mother, who is also in the St. Joseph's Intensive Care Unit. At the January meeting, plans were discussed for Anne Marie Ferguson's Testimonial Dinner, to be held at the Wyndham Hotel on Saturday, April 16th. Our Division will purchase a full page ad in her journal. You may purchase an ad for: \$100 (full page), \$60 (half page), \$35 (quarter page), and \$10 (patron). If you're interested, please contact Denise Sobus, 27 Morris Street, Auburn, NY 13021
- **CONTACT:** Please contact LAOH Syracuse Division President Peggy Reynolds via phone [(315) 476-5246], e-mail [rayorginny@aol.com], or USPS [1700 W. Onondaga Street Syracuse, NY 13204] with questions/information
- <u>DUES</u>: 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...

  Kith 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, 2-5: \*\* traditional Irish music session (2:00 pm 5:00 pm) \*\*

  Saturday, 2-5: \*\* TBD

  Saturday, 2-1: Ruffians

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  Saturday, 2-19: \*\* traditional Irish music session (2:00 pm 5:00 pm) \*\*

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  Sunday, 2-27: Searson (2005 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade fund-raiser)

  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, 2-20: TBD

  Sunday, 2-21: Tlyin Column

  Syracuse Irish Music Session:

  1 1 Sunday of each month: Half Penny Pub (4:00 pm 7:00 pm)

  (315) 478-3091 321 W. Fayette St., Syracuse

  3 2 Sunday of each month: Johnston's BallyBay Bar (4:00 pm 7:00 pm)

  (315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse If you're having trouble with payment, PLEASE contact Florence as