







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

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# ...by Steve Leyden, AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers.

Please join me in congratulating our 2015 AOH Syracuse Division award winners: Dan Case (Hibernian of the Year) and Bryan Honold (Volunteer of the Year)!

Our St. Patrick's season kicks off with the  $11^{\frac{th}{a}}$  annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run on Saturday March  $5^{\frac{th}{a}}$  at 11:00 am. Proceeds from the race benefit the local St. Patrick Hunger Project. Jerry Cregan is still our defending AOH champion, but this might be the year that he'll be challenged. You can register online or on race day. If you can't run or walk the course, please come to cheer us on. Race organizers are asking participants and spectators to either bring a food donation of non-perishable canned or boxed food or send a monetary donation to: St. Patrick Hunger Fund, c/o The Food Bank of CNY, 7066 Interstate Island Road, Syracuse, NY 13209. The Food Bank's phone number is (315) 437-1899.

We'd like to reserve a table for Hibernians at the Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal's Dinner. If you're interested, please contact Ron Clare [(315) 436-6431 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] as soon as possible for more information.

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 9:45 am for the St. Patrick's Mass. Once again, the AOH will have the honor of leading the procession. Please wear khaki pants and your AOH jackets (or other green jackets), so we look sharp! Officers, please wear a suit and tie and a dark overcoat. The St. Patrick's Parade kicks off at Noon. Please line-up by 11:45 am on Salina Street, in front of the Post Standard building. After the parade, please join us for refreshments at the Half Penny Pub in Armory Square. It's located at 321 West Fayette St., just a few doors west of Kitty Hoynes.

The Onondaga County Parks Department is hosting the  $7^{\frac{th}{a}}$  annual Irish Road Bowling Tournament on Sunday, March  $13^{\frac{th}{a}}$ , starting at 10:30 am. Last year, our Division entered two teams and we want more in 2016. It's a fun event, with an Irish buffet and beverages at the finish line. For more information or to sign-up a team, please visit the event website [www.irishroadbowling.org].

The St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser for childhood cancer research will be held on Sunday, April  $10^{th}$  from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm at Kitty Hoynes. Get "clipped" in the fight against childhood cancer. For more information, contact David Hoyne and his St. Baldrick's event team [(315) 424-1974 / hoynebaldricks@yahoo.com] or visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website [www.stbaldricks.org].

Planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the Easter Rising is underway. We will be having a celebration on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, which is the day the Rising began (location to be confirmed). This event is open to family and friends and will include food, drinks, and music. On Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a memorial mass for the signatories who were executed, a public reading of the Easter Proclamation, and a summer picnic for members, families, and guests at Ryder Park, which is adjacent to the DeWitt Town Hall. The picnic will include food, drinks, and music. We're seeking volunteers to help with these events. If you're interested, please contact Geordy Austin [Geordya7@gmail.com or (315) 446-1153].

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  $\rm M^cCool-$  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,



## AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

**☞** SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST @ 7:00 pm

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

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

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].

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

- ☑ The Hunger Project reception: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Food Bank of CNY ([066 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 26<sup>th</sup> at the Onondaga County War Memorial [515 Montgomery St. in Syracuse]
- ☑ Syracuse Silver Knights soccer game (parade fundraiser): 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Onondaga County War Memorial
- Parade committee fundraiser: Noon on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant
- City of Syracuse Parade stripe painting ceremony: 9:30 am on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral [259 East Onondaga St. in Downtown]
- Parade: Noon on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> on Salina St. in Downtown For additional event information, please visit the committee website [www.syracusestpatricksparade.org].

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

The **Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser** will be held at 10:30 am on **Sunday, April 10**<sup>th</sup> at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant [301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse]. Please visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website for more information [www.stbaldricks.org].

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May  $30^{th}$ . More specific information will be included in upcoming HH newsletters.

Planning is underway for the **AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament**, to be held in **August**. More specific information will be included in upcoming HH newsletters.

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

**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].

If you have any **AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia**, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Historian Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

# 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: 2016 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 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].



#### DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Sat., March 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon: 34<sup>th</sup> annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade [Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org]
- ☑ late July (exact dates TBD): St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival [216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse www.stpatricksirishfest.com]
- ☑ Fri., July  $29^{th}$  → Sun., July  $31^{st}$ : **Great American Irish Festival** [Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY www.gaif.us]
- ☐ late August (exact dates TBD): Cortland Celtic Festival [Dwyer Mem. Park in Little York, NY www.cortlandcelticfestival.com]
- ☑ early September (exact dates TBD): Syracuse Irish Festival [Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse www.syracuseirishfestival.com]

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).

### 2016 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS...

- ☑ Chaplain: Father 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
- ✓ Sentinel: Ryan Casler

#### **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
- $\ oxdot$  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