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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...By Pat Ahern,  
Division President

Brothers,

- ☑ I hope this finds you all well and blessed by the Holidays. Our Christmas Party at PJ Dorsey's was a tremendous success. We were treated to the best food in Syracuse by our generous hosts, Brother Steve Dorsey and his wonderful sisters and family. You would have thought we were back at the old Hibernian Hall where friendship and love were so easily exchanged. At this affair, we honored long-time members Brothers Ed Barclay and Walt Guthrie for their many years of hard work for our Division. Also honored for his many contributions over the decades was our Order of Roscommon hero, Brother Brendan Sammon. Brendan is the proud father of six sons. He stole the heart from Tipperary when he married his one and only, the former Mary M<sup>c</sup>Carthy, that wonderful woman. Thanks also to Brendan and his volunteers for chairing this event. Good-on-ya !!
- ☑ Next on the AOH event calendar was the AOH Children's Christmas Party. Brother Jeremiah Cregan and his lovely wife Annette provided a heart-felt and wondrous afternoon for the children. The youngsters ran around, played, and had a loud and wonderful time. They were treated to sodas and chips and a surprise visit from Santa. Santa arrived with many gifts for the excited children. Many thanks also go to Brothers Bob Bunce and Dan "Santa" Case. I wish to suggest at our next meeting that Mrs. Annette Cregan become our first lady Social Member. She truly did a great job. Yeah for us !!
- ☑ Thanks go to Brother Fred Ferguson and his lovely wife, NYS LAOH President, Anne Marie Ferguson for organizing the very successful NYS AOH Bowling Tournament in November. Everyone in attendance has a great time and the AOH Syracuse Division received many kudos for the well-planned activities. Excellent work Fred and Anne Marie !!
- ☑ Thank you for recently electing me to a fourth term as your Syracuse Division President. I am thrilled by your vote of confidence. This will be my last year Brothers, so let's kick some butt in assuring that our culture, religion, and traditions will be kept in the forefront. Let's feed the hungry, visit the sick, and comfort the wounded. Let's do all we can to free Ireland once and for all. And, at the end of our day, may God bless us for what we have done !!
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members who were sworn in at the December Division meeting: William Kelly and Charles Beach III. Welcome gentlemen !!
- ☑ Brothers Geordy Austin and Frank Corcoran are organizing a late January group trip to Ireland. During the trip, the group will view the Bloody Sunday Commemoration Parade in Derry and attend a scheduled meeting at the Holy Cross School in Belfast. If you're interested in this trip, please contact Frank via e-mail (corchart@verizon.net) or phone [(315) 472-8165] as soon as possible.
- ☑ 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 !!
- ☑ FYI, the AOH name tags (with Irish names included on them) will be available at the January meeting.

*Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Pat*

## AOH DIVISION MEETING

☎🕒 SUNDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

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

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

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

The 2004 **AOH Syracuse Division Officer Installation Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** (from 6:00 pm - ?) at PJ Dorsey's Restaurant (Armory Square). The \$15 admission cost includes a buffet dinner and entertainment. A cash bar will be available. Admission is free for 2004 Officers. All AOH/LAOH members are encouraged to attend. For reservations, please contact Dave Lynch @ (315) 477-1962 by Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Special thanks** deservedly goes to **AOH Brother Rich Walsh** for once again successfully spearheading our Division's participation in the recent **Syracuse Newspapers Old Newsboys** fundraiser. Despite the inclement weather, our Division raised approximately \$5,300 !! Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped out with this very important event.

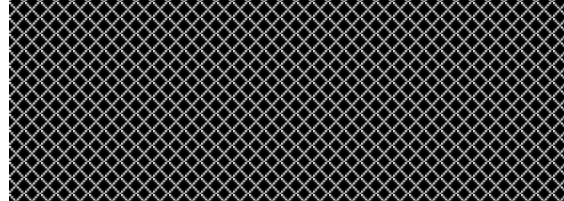
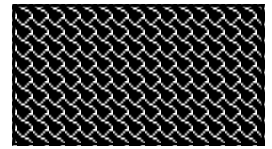
As a result of Brother John Comerford's video-recording of the recent **Willie Farrell memorial service**, the Syracuse AOH has **DVD** copies of this event available for \$10. Proceeds from the DVD sales will be used for future maintenance of Mr. Farrell's grave site/grave stone. Proceeds have already been used to purchase a very nice Christmas wreath for the grave site. The Onondaga County Historical Society, the Tully Historical Society, and Fr. Cary of St. Leo's Church (Tully) were recently presented with complementary copies for archival purposes. For purchase information, please contact Division Historian Geordy Austin via phone [(315) 446-1153] or e-mail (geordyo@aol.com).

*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).*

**The Central New York Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute (CNY IACI)** will be presenting their traditional "**Oiche Mor**" ("Great Night") on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Kitty Hoyne's Irish Pub & Restaurant. Reservations are required and there will be a \$6 donation. For more detailed information, please contact either Kay O. Ellis via phone [(315) 488-6292] or e-mail (kayoellis@aol.com) or Geordy Austin via phone [(315) 446-1153] or e-mail (geordyo@aol.com).

The **CNY IACI** will also be holding their three-part "**Irish Film Festival**" starting on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Lemoyne College's Grewen Auditorium. Noted editor and author, Dr. James M<sup>c</sup>Killop, will be presenting. For more detailed information (including cost), please contact Natalie Trump via phone [(315) 445-1092] or e-mail (trump@dreamscape.com).

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#### Dates to remember...

- ☑ Sunday, 1-25: **2004 AOH Officer Installation Dinner**
- ☑ February or March: **AOH Bowling Fun Night**  
(further details to follow as they become available)
- ☑ Saturday, 3-13: **2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade**

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 know of any AOH members who are sick or recently deceased, please contact the **Chairman of the Catholic Action Committee, David Kennedy @ (315) 637-3307.**

**AOH winter jackets/light-weight pull-over jackets/shirts/ other items are available for purchase.** Please contact Dan Case @ (315) 638-2285 for 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).

If you're interested in joining the **Syracuse Gaelic Football team**, please 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](http://www.syraoh.com)
- ☑ NYS AOH: [www.nyaoh.com](http://www.nyaoh.com)
- ☑ National AOH: [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)
- ☑ IACI of CNY: [community.syracuse.com/cc/iaci](http://community.syracuse.com/cc/iaci)
- ☑ Irish Republican Media site: [www.irishrepublicanmedia.com](http://www.irishrepublicanmedia.com)
- ☑ Irish news: [www.nuzhound.com](http://www.nuzhound.com)
- ☑ Irish-American Information Service: [iais.org](http://iais.org)
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: [www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org](http://www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org)
- ☑ Irish literature: [www.ucc.ie/celt](http://www.ucc.ie/celt)
- ☑ Irish architecture: [www.irish-architecture.com](http://www.irish-architecture.com)
- ☑ Irish scenic tours: [www.belfastcabtours.com](http://www.belfastcabtours.com)
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: [www.foodireland.com](http://www.foodireland.com)

## LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- ☑ **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the LAOH will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton). This meeting will be a "covered dish" event. If possible, please bring a dish to pass (and potential new members). Per NYS LAOH President Anne Marie Ferguson, January is NEW MEMBER DRIVE MONTH. All Division officers should please bring their medals to the meeting or have another member do so. Our LAOH Division Officer Installation will be with the AOH. More details at the meeting.
- ☑ **2004-2005 OFFICERS:** The Division officers elected for the 2004-2005 term are: (President: Ginny Justian), (Vice-President: Mary Lou Trait), (Recording Secretary: Rosemary Koppel), (Financial Secretary: Florence Niciecki), (Treasurer: Lois Cosgrove), (Irish Historian: Peggy Reynolds), (Missions and Charities: Yvette Guilfoil), (Office of Catholic Action: Eileen Tickner and Shannon Hunter), and (Mistress at Arms: Gertrude Gabor). We also appointed Kathleen Richardson to chair the Right to Life committee. Congratulations and good luck to all. The Freedom for All Ireland and Publicity Chairpersonships have not yet been appointed/filled. If you're interested, please contact Ginny Justian.
- ☑ **DECEMBER PARTY AT KITTY HOYNES:** Our Christmas Party was a great success!! Kathleen Morris won the Basket of Cheer, and two additional baskets were won by Peg Ryan and Eileen Tickner. Christmas gifts were given by Florence Niciecki, Eileen Tickner, Maureen O'Hara, and Ginny Justian. Eileen did a superb job. The meal was wonderful and David Hoyne donated a \$20 gift certificate to us (won by Maryanne Manley). Thank you, David!! Half of the proceeds (\$170) from the Basket of Cheer raffle went to the Chadwick Residence.
- ☑ **CONTACT:** Contact LAOH President Ginny Justian via e-mail ([rayorginny@aol.com](mailto:rayorginny@aol.com)) or phone [(315) 622-1705] with any questions/comments/info you have.
- ☑ **"BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9:00 pm - Midnight (WCNY-FM, 91.3 in Syracuse)
- ☑ **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
- ☑ **IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...**
  - ☐ **Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant:** (315) 424-1974 301 W. Fayette St., Syracuse [www.kittyhoynes.com](http://www.kittyhoynes.com) (Music is from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am)
    - ☐ Friday, 1-2: *Cray & Dempsey*
    - ☐ Saturday, 1-3: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
    - ☐ Friday, 1-9 and Saturday, 1-10: *Neil & Richard (of Hadrian's Wall)*
    - ☐ Friday, 1-16: *Pat Kane*
    - ☐ Saturday, 1-17: *Seanaché*
    - ☐ Friday, 1-23 and Saturday, 1-24: TBD
    - ☐ Friday, 1-30: *The M'Cabes*
    - ☐ Saturday, 1-31: *Dave Anthony*
  - ☐ **Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub:** (315) 476-1933 100 S. Lowell Ave., Syracuse [www.colemansirishpub.com](http://www.colemansirishpub.com) (Sunday music is from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Other days, from 10:00 pm - 1:30 am)
    - ☐ Sunday, 1-4: *Pat Kane*
    - ☐ Saturday, 1-10: *Glengarry Bhoys*
    - ☐ Sunday, 1-11: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
    - ☐ Sunday, 1-18: *Chris Woodward*
    - ☐ Sunday, 1-25: *Flyin' Column*
  - ☐ **BallyBay Bar:** (315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse  
Irish Music Session: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm