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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...By Dan Case,
Division President

Brothers,

- ☑ I would like to thank the Brothers for putting their confidence in me as their new AOH Syracuse Division President. I will do my very best to justify that confidence. We have had a great few years and I will endeavor to continue the upswing in our membership, and look forward to new ideas from the members and my Officers in order to make our Division even better. Forgive me if I make a few mistakes in the beginning as the job is new to me. But, rest assured, these mistakes will be corrected as soon as I am used to serving you, the Brothers of the AOH. I am sure that I will need the assistance of our former Officers who have helped me through the years, and will rely on their wisdom regarding any issue that might come up.
- ☑ I, and my fellow Brothers, would like to salute our immediate AOH Syracuse Division Past President, Patrick Ahern, for the spectacular job he has performed !! Under Pat's leadership our membership has grown tremendously. Pat's energy, passion, knowledge, and wisdom have brought increased awareness and respect to our Division and to the cause of Hibernianism. Pat has certainly raised the bar in terms of what a Division President can accomplish. **THANK YOU PAT !!!!!!!!!!!**
- ☑ Congratulations and best wishes to my fellow newly elected Officers who were sworn in at the Division Christmas Party. Ed Wallace, our past AOH National President, performed the swearing-in with assistance from Tom McNabb, the AOH National Secretary. The new LAOH Syracuse Division Officers were sworn in by Anne Marie Ferguson, our NYS LAOH President. Congratulations also to those individuals who received awards at the party. Thanks go to Mike Ryan for his donation of Kelley's Restaurant gift certificates and to Jean Logan of Pernod, the owners of Irish Distillers, for their donation of two bottles of Scotch Whiskey.
- ☑ Frank Corcoran's excellent suggestion of having the Officer Installation and the Christmas Party together enabled many people to experience the Installation ceremony for the very first time. Thanks also to Dave Lynch for organizing the Installation !!
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member who was sworn in at the December Division meeting: Donald DiBenedetto, and recently reinstated member Maurice Stack. Welcome gentlemen !! As always, we're seeking new members.
- ☑ Don't forget the St. Patrick's Church canned/non-perishable food drive that Joe Schiltz is organizing. If possible, please bring an item for donation to the next Division meeting.
- ☑ Any Brother should feel free to call upon me for ANY problem that they are having. I am, and will always be, there for you. May the spirit of St. Patrick always guide me !!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Dan

AOH DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd @ 7:00 pm

PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)

For details, contact Dan Case: (315) 638-2285 or fenian@twcny.rr.com

Special thanks deservedly goes to long-time AOH member **Rich Walsh** for once again successfully spearheading our Division's participation in the recent **Syracuse Newspapers Old Newsboys charitable fundraiser**. Under Rich's direction, our Division raised over \$6,000 !! Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped out with this very important event. Well done !!

Bob Bunce and his team of volunteers once again did a great job of organizing our annual **Division Children's Christmas Party**. Everyone in attendance had a great time. Thanks everyone !!

Thanks also to **Brendan Sammon and his team of volunteers** for organizing our annual **Division Christmas Party**. The 50-50 raffle proceeds of \$236 were donated to the Christmas Appeal, which benefits the families of former political prisoners in Northern Ireland. Great job !!

Geordy Austin, Dan Case, and the many other volunteers and participants did an excellent job of organizing the recent **Willie Farroll wreath laying and Mass** at St. Leo's in Tully. Thanks everyone !!

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 334 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.

Dan Case is seeking an AOH Syracuse Division member to take over the **coordination of ordering/selling our Division's AOH clothing**. He would like to be able to concentrate more on his duties as Division President. If you're interested, please contact Dan via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail (fenian@twcny.rr.com).

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 13th). 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].

The Syracuse Right to Life Association is sponsoring its annual **March for Life** on **Saturday, January 15th** at Noon. Marchers are asked to bring a red rose and meet at the Downtown Museum of Science & Technology. Marchers will walk to Columbus Circle. For more information, please contact Jane Pigott @ (315) 633-9372 or (315) 446-7230. The **National March for Life** will be held on **Monday, January 24th** in Washington, DC. For more information on the national march, please contact Mitch Micale @ (315) 656-8921.

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.

The Central New York Irish American Cultural Institute (**CNY IACI**) will be holding its **semi-annual meeting** and New Year's Party ("**Oiche Mor**") at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant (301 West Fayette Street, Syracuse) on **Sunday, January 9th** from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The cost will be \$20 for the entertainment and dinner or \$10 for the entertainment only. Please contact Mary K. Gillis via phone [(315) 488-8749] or e-mail [eahd92@juno.com] to make reservations and/or for more information.

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SERVICE INFORMATION**

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

A winter coat owned by AOH Syracuse Division member Harry Burns was mistakenly taken at the recent Division Christmas Party at PJ Dorsey's. The coat is a black, cashmere Bill Blass overcoat. If you have any information about the coat, please contact Harry @ (315) 488-4809.

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 Dan Case 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 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*
- ☑ 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
- ☑ Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
- ☑ Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- ☑ Cavan County, Ireland Museum: www.cavanmuseum.ie
- ☑ Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.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, January 13th at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton). Plans for an LAOH Irish-Celtic Cookbook are really "cooking" now!! It will be available for purchase. Please bring your favorite Irish recipe to the next meeting.
- ☑ **FROM GINNY JUSTIAN:** Thank you all for the wonderful opportunity to serve for the past four years as your Division President. I knew nothing when I joined the Hibernians, but you soon taught me. I have personally chaired the committees for Christmas Parties and Installations. I gave awards at Christmas for Hibernians who have done exceptional things during the year. I've brought back the Mass on the Feast of Saint Brigid, followed by breakfast. I even joined the Scottish Games Committee, so we could get a booth at the Scottish Games & Celtic Festival. I suggested the 50/50 raffle for our meetings and am on the committee for the Irish Cook Book. But I really owe it all to you, the LAOH Division 1 members, who were always there for me, and who taught me more about my Irish Heritage than I had ever learned. I thank you very much, especially for your gift certificate to Kirby's, my lovely "IRISH GINNY DOLL", and the beautiful thank you note from the Division.
- ☑ **CHRISTMAS PARTY FOLLOW-UP:** The Christmas dinner at Kitty Hoynes was excellent, as always. Kathleen Kelly was there to accept the check for \$415.35 for Project Children. Florence Nieciecki gave everyone a hand-made Gaelic Christmas ornament and raffled a hand-made Christmas lighted basket, won by Marian Tighe. Ginny Justian gave everyone a Shamrock snowflake refrigerator magnet. Kathleen Richardson did a beautiful job with the raffle and the five prizes. The raffle winners were: Mary Lou Trait (doll), Kathleen Morris (Basket of Cheer #1), Peg Ryan (hand-made Irish Afghan), Mary Bogart (Basket of Cheer #2), and Mary M'Greal (the Grand Prize Basket of Cheer).
- ☑ **DIVISION OFFICER INSTALLATION:** LAOH NYS President Anne Marie Ferguson installed our Division's 2005 Officers: [President: Peggy Reynolds], [Vice-President: Mary Lou Trait], [Secretary: Rosemary Koppel], [Office of Catholic Action: Eileen Tickner], [Office of Missions & Charities: Yvette Guilfoil], [Financial Secretary: Florence Nieciecki], [Treasurer: Lois Cogovan], [Irish Historian: Kathleen Richardson], [Mistress at Arms: Gert Gabor], [Sentinel: Shannon Hunter].
- ☑ **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
- ☑ **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 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...**
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, 1-7 and Saturday, 1-8: *Seanson*
 - ☉ Saturday, 1-8: ** traditional Irish music session (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm) **
 - ☉ Friday, 1-14 and Saturday, 1-15: *Dave Anthony*
 - ☉ Friday, 1-21: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
 - ☉ Saturday, 1-22: ** traditional Irish music session (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm) **
 - ☉ Saturday, 1-22: TBD
 - ☉ Friday, 1-28: *The Crofters*
 - ☉ Saturday, 1-29: 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, 1-9: *Pat Kane*
 - ☉ Sunday, 1-16: *Donal O'Shaughnessy*
 - ☉ Sunday, 1-23: *Pat Kane*
 - ☉ Sunday, 1-30: *Flyin' Column*
- ☑ **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