

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

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PRESIDENTS

...By Dan Case, Division President

Dear Brothers,

- It is with great joy that I write you this Holiday Season. I'm sure that we're all looking forward to spending time with friends and family. I wish all of you the very Merriest Christmas ever and a prosperous New Year!
- ☑ The showing at the recent Division Christmas Party/ Installation Ceremony was the biggest ever - 174 people! This year was a bit overwhelming for us with so many in attendance, but nothing but nice compliments came of it. As usual, the food was Steve Dorsey's very best! Many thanks go to Brendan Sammon and his team for organizing the event. I was thrilled that we had AOH NYS President Matt Nelligan and NYS Treasurer Jim Burke on hand to install our 2008 Officers, and Anne Marie Ferguson to install the LAOH Officers. In the spirit of longrange scheduling, we have already set the date for next year's party for Saturday, December 6th!
- What a great time we had at the AOH Children's Christmas Party. Over 80 children attended - one of the largest such parties that we've ever hosted. Thanks go to Bob Bunce and his team for their fine efforts. The addition of the raffle for new bicycles was a big hit with the children. During the party, some of the adults remarked that it seemed like the old days at our former AOH club house when we had the same type of fun. I have it on good authority that Santa was delighted to receive the letters from the children and thrilled to give them letters in return. One really nice thing that Santa received from a young boy was a small plastic bag containing the boy's pacifiers. The brave lad told Santa that he was "a big boy now" and no longer needed them. It was very moving. Some of the toys went to guests whose families are struggling financially. I'm happy we were able to help out!
- Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members — James Burns, Thomas Kenah, and Jed Kissane — who were sworn in at the December Division meeting. As always, we're seeking new members!
- As your President, if you have ANY problems or questions, please feel free to contact me via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail [fenian@twcny.rr.com].
- Have the best Holiday Season ever!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Dam

NOTE FROM OUTGOING AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT FRANK CORCORAN:

I would like to thank all the members of the Division for their help during my years as a Division Officer. It has been my pleasure and an honor to serve my Brothers, and I could not have done so without the support of every member. Steve Leyden will be an able and enthusiastic V.P., and I know my Brothers will support him in any way they can. Thanks, Frank

A O H D I V I S I O N MEET I N G ☞ ③ SUNDAY, JANUARY 6[™] @ 7:00 pm

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

Thanks deservedly go to Brendan Sammon, Frank Corcoran, Mike Cregan, Dan Case, and their team of volunteers for organizing our annual Division Christmas Party/AOH and LAOH Officer Installation!

Thanks also deservedly go to **Rich Walsh** and his team for once again successfully organizing/managing our Division's participation in the recent **Syracuse Newspapers Old Newsboys charitable fundraiser**. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped out with this very important event, and to everyone who sold and/or purchased newspapers and raffle tickets. Under Rich's leadership, our Division was again the leading contributor, with a **total amount raised of over \$13,000** — our highest ever! This year's raffle winners were: 1st prize (plane tickets): Susie Blaich of the Blarney Stone, 2nd prize (\$500): Judy Hartnett, 3rd prize (\$250): Jim Hewitt.

Bob Bunce, Tom Rogers, Dan "Santa" Case, Frank Corcoran, and their team of volunteers did a great job of organizing the annual AOH Syracuse Division Children's Christmas Party!

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Committee invites the public to the 2008 Parade Grand Marshal announcement, which will be held on Thursday, January 17th at 10:00 am at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant [301 West Fayette Street in Syracuse], The Committee also invites the public to its annual Parade fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 pm at Kitty Hoynes.

The AOH Syracuse Division is hosting a party for everyone (AOH and non-AOH alike, and wives, children, friends) who has volunteered at the various events the Division has been involved in during 2007. The party will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 17th at Twin Trees Too restaurant [1029 Milton Avenue in Syracuse]. Pizza, wings, salad, beer, wine, and soda will be served. If you're interested in attending this free event, please contact either Bob Bunce [(315) 488-0020] or Dave Lynch [(315) 477-1962] by Monday, January 14th, so that they can provide a rough head-count to the restaurant.

The 3rd annual **Tipp Hill Shamrock Run** will be held on **Saturday**, **March 8**th. Please visit the soon-to-be-updated event website [www.tipphillrun.com] for more information.

The Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 9^{th} at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant. Please contact the restaurant [(315) 424-1974] or visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website [www.stbaldricks.org] for more information.

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal's Dinner will be held on Friday, March 14th at the OnCenter beginning at 6:00 pm for a cocktail hour (dinner @ 7:00 pm). Per-person tickets are \$45. Please contact Sharon Campbell [(315) 475-2863] as soon as possible if you're interested in attending.

<u>NOTE</u>: 2007 AOH dues must be paid by Monday, March 17th to avoid suspension of membership. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter 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 Kevin Ahern via e-mail [kahern@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 468-6338].

The **CNY Bob Gabor Feis**, to be held on **Saturday, April 26**th at the NYS Fairgrounds' "John Deere Horticulture Building", is looking for **committee members, volunteers, and event sponsors**. Please contact Jim Egloff via phone [(315) 454-0029] or e-mail [e_g_loff@yahoo.com] for more information and/or sponsorship forms.

The Tom Dooley Choraliers group is seeking new members, especially those with baritone or bass voices. The Choraliers are a group of men who have been singing to promote Irish culture for 40+ years. They practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Camillus Town Hall. Please contact Jim Hartigan [(315) 487-6298] for directions and Jim Henson [(315) 468-6131] for membership information.

If you have AOH-related news you would like included in the next HH newsletter, please let Kieran Delay know via e-mail (kdelay@syraoh.com) by the 15th of each month.

Ancient Order of Hibernians Commodore John Barry Division P.O. Box 11605 Syracuse, N.Y. 13218-1605

Dates to remember.

- Sat., 3-15: 2008 Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade (Noon in ☑ Downtown Syracuse)
- Fri., 7-25 & Sat., 7-26: 2008 St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival ☑ (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- Fri., 7-25 \rightarrow Sun., 7-27: 2008 Great American Irish Festival (Herkimer County Fairgrounds - www.greatamericanirishfestival.com)
- Sat., 8-??: 2008 CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival (Long \square Branch Park in Liverpool - exact date TBD)
- Sat., 8-23: 2008 Cortland Celtic Festival (Court House Park in ☑ Cortland - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer David Kennedy via home phone [(315) 637-3307], cell phone [(315) 569-3302], or e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net].

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@gmail.com].

AOH apparel is available. Please contact AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer David Kennedy via home phone [(315) 637-3307], cell phone [(315) 569-3302], or e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net].

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 P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2008 AOH Syracuse Division Officers

- \square President: Dan Case
- M Vice-President: Steve Leyden
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan \checkmark
- Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern ☑
- Treasurer: David Kennedy M
- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff ☑
- Marshal: Mike Cregan M
- M Sentinel: Scott Bowles

Web sites of interest ...

AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com \checkmark

- NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com ☑
- National AOH: www.aoh.com M
- CNY IACI: www.syraoh.com/iaci/iaci.htm ☑
- Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com ☑ Irish news: www.nuzhound.com \checkmark
- Ø Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- Irish-American Heritage Museum: \checkmark www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- Belfast Cab Tours: www.belfastcabtours.com
- Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt \checkmark
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com \square
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

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- <u>NEXT MEETING</u>: The next meeting will be Sunday, February 3rd (closest day to St. Brigid's Feast Day) with a Mass for deceased LAOH/AOH members and breakfast after. Information concerning the Church, Mass time, and restaurant will follow in the next newsletter.
- DECEMBER MEETING FOLLOW-UP: Thank You and Congratulations to the AOH for a job well done. The Christmas Party/Installation was fantastic. There was the largest turn-out ever. The food of course at Meghan M^eMurphy's

Restaurant & Pub was excellent. 2008 OFFICERS: PRESIDENT-GINNY JUSTIAN; VICE-PRESIDENT-KATHLEEN RICHARDSON; RECORDING SECRETARY-ROSEMARY KOPPLE: TREASURER-MAUREEN FORARTY: FINANCIAL SECRETARY-JOYCE KRICHBAUM; HISTORIAN-ROSEMARY DAVENPORT; CATHOLIC ACTION-EILEEN TICKNER; MISSIONS AND CHARITIES-YVETTE GUILFOIL; MISTRESS AT ARMS-MAUREEN O'HARA; SENTINAL-LESLIE WALKER. Kathleen Richardson sold more cookbooks at Holy Family Church in Fairmount after the Sunday Masses. They told her to come back in February.

- CHAIRPERSONS: If you would like to co-chair the Scottish Games & Celtic Festival or the Irish Festival Committees for a separate LAOH booth (Eileen Tickner has agreed to handle the Children's booth again), please contact Ginny Justien @ (215) 623 1705. We have some service of COCO business of the Children's booth again. Justian @ (315) 622-1705. We have some new ideas for 2008, but we need more than one person to handle it.
- SYMPATHY & GET-WELL CARDS: Please contact Peggy Reynolds @ (315) 476-5246 if you know of any illness, accident or death.
- LAOH, FRIENDS & FAMILY COOKBOOK: The cookbooks make wonderful presents -- for only \$10! Please contact Maureen O'Hara @ (315) 478-7937, Kathleen Richardson @ (315) 672-5116, or Eileen Tickner @ (315) 468-6203 for more information.
- *New MemBerss*: Please contact Joyce Krichbaum @ (315) 699-5711 regarding potential new members. <u>CONTACT</u>: Please contact LAOH Division President Ginny Justian via phone [(315) 622-1705], e-mail [rayorginny@aol.com], or USPS [238 Blackberry Road Liverpool, NY 13090] with questions/suggestions/info/comments.
- **DUES:** LAOH membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. Please Send a \$20 check (payable to LAOH Division #1) to: Financial Secretary Joyce Krichbaum 5841 Reis Drive Cicero, NY 13039 If you're having trouble with payment, please contact Joyce ASAP @ (315) 699-5711
 "BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9:00 pm - Midnight (Syr. WCNY 91.3-FM/Utica WUNY 89.5-FM/Watertown WUNY 60 0)
- WJNY 90.9)
- SEAN HENNESSEY'S (OF THE WATERTOWN DIVISION) RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 11:00 am - Noon (Watertown WATN 1240-AM) - Irish musi interviews
- BOB WELSH'S IRISH RADIO SHOW (FROM AUBURN, NY): Sundays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; listen on the Web (www.wdwn.fm); for requests, call (315) 253-0449
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 IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...

 Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant: 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse

 (315) 424-1974
 www.kittyhoynes.com (music is from 9:00 pm 1:00 am)

 > For the musical schedule, please visit the website or call the establishment

 Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub: 100 South Lowell Ave. in 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)
 > For the musical schedule, please visit the website or call the establishment

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 - Syracuse Irish Music Session: 1st Sunday of each month: Half Penny Pub (4:00 pm 7:00 pm)

 - (315) 478-3091 321 West Fayette St. in Syracuse 3rd Sunday of each month: Johnston's Bally Bay Bar (4:00 pm 7:00 pm) (315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse •