





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



...By Dave Lynch, **Division President**

- ☑ This has been a very busy December already!
- ☑ Thanks go to Ron Clare, Kevin Mahoney, Lee Brown, Brendan Sammon, and their team for organizing our annual Division Christmas Party/AOH and LAOH Officer Installation. Everyone had a great time and many thanks to Brother Jim M^cNamara and his staff for all of their efforts. Congratulations to Mark Carrigan for his Volunteer of the Year Award, Mike Cregan for his Hibernian of the Year Award, and Frank Corcoran for his very special award for all his work this year. Seek these men out and acknowledge their accomplishments.
- ☑ Once again, Richie Walsh and his team of Old Newsboys volunteers showed what it means to live our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Thanks go to everyone for this year's toy fund drive, particularly Rich. Our Division was again the leading (and record-breaking) fund-raising team — with a total amount raised of over \$14,200! The money goes directly to the Christmas Bureau's purchase of toys and books for children who might not otherwise have a Christmas, and comes from your generous support through the sales and purchase of newspapers and raffle tickets, and - most importantly - braving the cold on Friday and Saturday to sell the newspapers. Don't tell Brother Craig Collins there is no Santa Claus, especially after he worked out in the cold all Saturday morning. Craig made the extra effort to sell his last paper and was given a check for \$200. I bet that's a record! Thanks Craig! Rich and his team would like to congratulate the winners in this year's Christmas Raffle:
 - 1st prize: AOH member Paul Scullion
 - ⇒ 2nd prize: AOH member Bill Nolan
 - ⇒ 3rd prize: Mrs. Ellen Gooley -- Mrs. Gooley is the mother of AOH members Bill and Phil Gooley and the late Jack Gooley. She is also the grandmother of AOH members Brendan, John, and Liam Gooley, and the individual who organizes the Christmas raffle by getting the tickets in envelopes and in the mail each year!
- ☑ Thanks to Bob Bunce, Dan "Santa" Case, Tom Rogers, Rick Potter, and their team of volunteers for doing another tremendous job of organizing the annual AOH Syracuse Division Children's Christmas Party! The party was a great success with over 70 children receiving gifts. Dan is getting a little too skinny to fool anybody that he is really Santa! Rick took it upon himself to invite a neighborhood family that he knew was struggling to have a Christmas this year. When one of his children won a bike, the father began to cry. He tried to hide it, but was overwhelmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness of our Division. Job well done and mission accomplished!
- ☑ Please make plans to attend the annual St. Brigid's Day Mass of deceased Hibernians on Sunday, January 31st at 12:30 pm. This special Mass will recognize those AOH Brothers and Sisters who have passed away. Please also join us for coffee and donuts in the basement after the Mass.
- ☑ The January meeting will feature Brother Jim Salinger providing a 2009 year-end review of the investment account. The February meeting will feature the financial committee's 2009 wrap-up and 2010 projections.
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members Liam Gooley and Michael Welch. As always, we're seeking new members!
- 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].
- $\ensuremath{\square}$ If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me via e-mail [dclynch@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 477-1962].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity,



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JANUARY 10^{TH} @ 7:00 pm

s Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Committee invites the public to the 2010 Parade Grand Marshal announcement, which will be held on Thursday, January 14th 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 **Parade fundraiser**, which will be held on **Sunday, March 7** th at 2:00 pm at Kitty Hoynes. The fundraiser's admission cost will be \$5 at the door. Please visit the Parade Committee website [www.syracusestpatricksparade.org] for more information.

The Johnston School of Irish Dance will be holding a Hooley fund-raiser in order to send eight of their dancers to the World Championships, which will be held in March 2010 in Glasgow, Scotland. The fundraiser is scheduled for 7:00 pm on **Saturday, January 16th** at the Bally Bay (550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse). Beer, soda, food, and entertainment are planned. Admission tickets are \$15 for adults at the door (\$10 pre-sale), \$5 for students in grades 7-12, and children under age 12 are free. The Johnston dancers who qualified for the championships are Colleen Augello (grand-daughter of AOH Syracuse Division member Mike Cregan), Molly Caldwell, Abby Trageser, Kristin Remond, Katie Lasda, Kaitlyn Curtis, Meg Hughes, and Merry Jo Devine. The school is also seeking basket raffle donations. Please call Mike Cregan @ (315) 487-0931 for more information.

Joe M^cConnell is organizing the 38th annual **AOH Pitch Tournament**, to be held on Sunday, January 17th at 12:30 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse). The cost is \$30 per team/\$15 per player. The tournament entry deadline is Monday, January 4th. Thirty-two 2-person teams will be the maximum for this tournament. Please contact Joe @ (315) 458-6488 for more information.

The annual Most Holy Rosary dodgeball tournament fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, February 6th**. Proceeds will go to the MHR Stained Glass Fund. "Team Hibernian" has openings on its 6-person squad. The cost is \$15 per person and includes games, food, and beverages. Please contact Dan Ahern via e-mail [danahern@rocketmail.com] or phone [(315) 474-1804] for more information.

The annual **Tipp Hill Shamrock Run** will be held on **Saturday, March 6th**. Please visit the event website [www.tipphillrun.com] for more information.

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal's Dinner will be held on Friday, March 12th at 6:00 pm at the OnCenter. Please visit the Parade Committee website [www.syracusestpatricksparade.org] for more information.



2009 AOH dues must be paid by Wednesday, March 17th to avoid suspension of membership. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for more information.

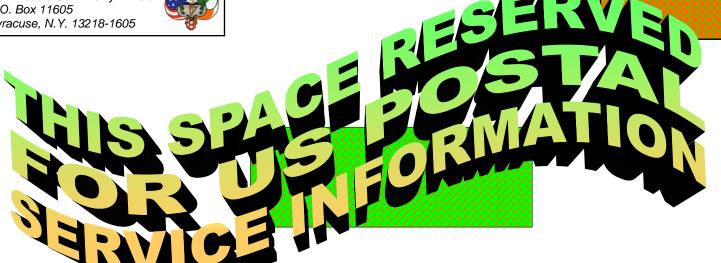
The Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 21st at 11:00 am at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant. Please contact the restaurant [(315) 424-1974] or visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website [www.stbaldricks.org] for more information.

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon @ (315) 673-4011.

AOH apparel is available. Please contact Dave Kennedy via e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net], home phone [(315) 637-3307], or cell phone [(315) 569-3302] for more information.

If you have any AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia, please contact Geordy Austin via e-mail [geordyo@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 446-1153].

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<u>Dates to remember</u>...

- ☑ Sat., 3-13: Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade (Noon in Downtown Syracuse www.syracusestpatricksparade.org)
- ☑ Fri., 7-23 & Sat., 7-24: St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- ☑ Fri., 7-23 → Sun., 7-25: Great American Irish Festival (Herkimer County) Fairgrounds - www.gaif.us)
- Sat., 8-14: CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival (Long Branch Park in Liverpool - www.syracusestpatricksparade.org)
- Sat., 8-??: Cortland Celtic Festival (Court House Park in Cortland exact date TBD - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)

Please pay your AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$40 for members age 60 and younger; \$30 for members age 60+; \$45 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).

The Tom Dooley Choraliers group is seeking new members from ALL voice ranges. 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.

2010 AOH Syracuse Division Officers...

- ☑ Chaplain: Father John Ahern
- President: Dave Lynch
- Vice-President: Dave Kennedy ⋈
- \checkmark Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan
- Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$
- Treasurer: Tim Lillis
- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff M
- Marshal: John Lyons $\overline{\mathsf{A}}$
- Sentinel: Steve Leyden \square

Web sites of interest...

- AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com $\overline{\mathsf{A}}$
- ☑ National AOH: www.aoh.com
- CNY IACI: www.syraoh.com/iaci/iaci.htm
- Syr. St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- Syracuse Irish (music) Session:
- http://web.mac.com/houseofchai/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html
- IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com
- Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com
- Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com
- ⋈ Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
- Irish-American Information Service: iais.org \square
- Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- Belfast cab tours: www.belfastcabtours.com
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

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- **<u>NEXT MEETING:</u>** No meeting in January. Our next regular business meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 11th at St. Ann's School (4471 Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse). We'll be discussing Saint Patrick's Day activities, and events and fundraisers for the year. On Sunday, January 31st, we'll honor Saint Brigid and celebrate a special Memorial Mass for deceased AOH and LAOH members at Saint Brigid's Church. We encourage AOH members to bring their wives and daughters. Families of deceased members will be our special guests.
- 2010 OFFICERS: Congratulations to our new Officers. Rosemary Koppel, President; Eileen Tickner, Vice-President; Maureen O'Hara, Recording Secretary; Maureen Fogarty, Treasurer; Joyce Krichbaum, Financial Secretary; Mary Lawless, Historian; Yvette Guilfoil, Missions and Charities; Ginny Justian, Catholic Action; Edie Sakran, Mistress-at-Arms; Leslie Walker, Sentinel. The entire membership appreciates your
- RIGHT TO LIFE ACTIVITIES: Mark your calendars. The march for Right to Life is on Saturday, January 16th at Noon. It starts at the M.O.S.T. building and ends at the Court House. Plan on making this a group event.
- BYLAWS COMMITTEE: The Bylaws Committee will be meeting again in January. Rosemary will be confirming the date as soon as she can determine a nice warm evening for our get together!
- FRIENDSHIP: If you are aware of a Hibernian who needs a ride to or from a meeting or other event, please let us know. One of the best ways we can express our friendship is to make sure our members aren't staying home for lack of transportation. Please contact Yvette Guilfoil, Leslie Walker, Cathy Murray, or Mary Lawless if you have ideas
- NEWSLETTER: Contributions to the Division newsletter are due by the 25th of each month. Contact Anne Flanagan [anne726@mac.com / (315) 510-6508]. SYMPATHY & GET-WELL CARDS/NEW DIVISION MEMBERS/DUES: Contact Joyce
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- LAOH, FRIENDS & FAMILY COOKBOOK: Only \$10. Christmas, birthdays, and wedding showers are perfect occasions for giving this collection of tried-and-true recipes.

 Contact Maureen O'Hara [(315) 478-7937] or Kathleen Richardson [(315) 672-5116].
- QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: Contact Division President Rosemary Koppel [(315) 487-4508 / rosemarykoppel@yahoo.com] or write to her [545 Tompkins Street, Svracuse, NY 13204].
- <u>SEAN HENNESSEY'S (OF THE WATERTOWN DIV.) RADIO SHOW:</u> Sundays, 11 am 12 pm (Watertown: 1240 AM) ☑
- BOB WELSH'S IRISH RADIO SHOW (FROM AUBURN):
- Sundays, 1 pm 3 pm; web: www.wdwn.fm; requests: (315) 253-0449 <u>SEAN JOHNSTON'S RADIO SHOW</u>: Sundays, 6 pm 7 pm (Syracuse 105.9 FM /
- www.irishpowerhour.com) "BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm - 12 am (Syr. 91.3 FM/Utica 89.5 FM/Watertown: 90.9 FM)

 IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...
- ☑
 - Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant: 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse
 - (music: usually 9 pm 1 am) (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com For the music schedule, please visit the website or call Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub: 100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse (Sunday music: 4 pm - 7 pm; Other days, music: 10 pm - 1:30 am) (315) 476-1933 www.colemansirishpub.com
 - ⇒ For the music schedule, please visit the website or call Syracuse Irish (music) Session: http://web.mac.com/houseofchai/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html

- 1st Sunday of each month (4 pm 7 pm): Wayside Irish Pub 8 Rest.
 301 West Main Street in Elbridge (315) 689-5240 www.waysidepub.com
 2st Sunday of each month (2 pm 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub 8 Rest.
 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com
 3st Sunday of each month (4 pm 7 pm): Johnston's Bally Bay Bar

- 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse (315) 423-8021 4th Sunday of each month (2 pm 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Rest.