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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION #2

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Dave Lynch, Division President

Dear Brothers,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party, especially Ron Clare, Lee Brown, and Kevin Mahoney for putting together a wonderful evening! The entertainment by The Tom Dooley Choraliers and The Flyin' Column kept the whole room in the Christmas spirit. Billy Delaney not only performed with both groups, but filled in as emcee as well!

This year's AOH Syracuse Division's Children's Christmas Party was another wonderful event! Thanks go to John Lyons, Mike Barrett, and their volunteer team for planning, coordinating, and managing the event, and for making sure that no child went home empty-handed. Dan "Santa" Case did double-duty - performing as Santa at our party, as well as at the Syracuse Parks and Recreation party, immediately following our event. No wonder we need to stuff pillows in Dan's Santa suit. That kind of schedule will wear out any Santa Claus!

Thanks to Rich Walsh and his great volunteer team, the Old Newsboys fund-raiser was another fantastic success! When we get over 50 members and their families pitching-in, only good things can happen. Rich and his merry band of Hibernians squeezed-out \$100 more in donations than last year! We were described by the good folks at the Syracuse Newspapers as "running the event like a business" and using "the power of multiples", with everyone pulling in the same direction for a better outcome. For me, it comes down to one thing: watching Joe Schlitz sell newspapers wearing an elf hat and tie!

Brother Tim Lillis' 7-year-old son Cullen wrote a letter to the local "Shop with a Cop" program. Cullen described how excited his younger sisters get when receiving gifts and how he wished sick children could receive gifts as well. He further stated that if he were to win the \$100 gift certificate from Target, he would donate his prize to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Needless to say, Cullen won the contest! When hearing of Cullen's story, the AOH Syracuse Division matched the \$100 gift, and his father and two police officers went to the local Make-a-Wish offices to drop-off \$200 worth of toys, dolls, and games. The Make-a-Wish folks thanked Cullen, the police officers, and the AOH Syracuse Division for their generosity. It is amazing to see a 7-year-old representing the Hibernian motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity during the Christmas season! P.S., I think I found our Division President for the year 2041.

The local Right-to-Life march will be held at Noon on Saturday, January 21st in Downtown Syracuse. The march will begin near the Museum of Science & Technology (M.O.S.T.) and will proceed to Columbus Circle, ending with a brief ceremony.

Any AOH Syracuse Division member who pays his 2012 dues by Tuesday, February 28th, 2012 will have his name placed in a drawing. The drawing winner will get his 2013 dues paid for by the Division!

Remember that AOH membership requirements and our Division's application are available on our website (www.syraoh.com), and that we're always looking to grow our membership!

As a reminder, we're still seeking guest speakers for future AOH Syracuse Division meetings.

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, Dave

AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are asked to provide their current street address, telephone number, and e-mail address to Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern via e-mail [kahern@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 468-6338].

If you have any AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia, please contact Geordy Austin via e-mail [geordya7@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 446-1153].

AOH DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH @ 7:00 pm

PJ's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)
For info, contact Dave Lynch: dclynch@twcny.rr.com / (315) 477-1962

The Central New York Irish Cultural Society (CNY-ICS) will be holding their 2012 "Great Night" celebration on Saturday, January 14th from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Drumlins Country Club (800 Nottingham Road in Syracuse). The \$25 per-person cost includes dinner and entertainment. A cash bar will be available, and attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments for a session with Geordy "The Belfast Balladeer" Austin and his fellow musicians. Checks (payable to "CNY Irish Cultural Society") can be mailed to Richard Potter, 547 Tompkins Street, Syracuse, N.Y. 13204. **Your check will be your reservation, and must be received by Wednesday, January 11th.** Please contact Rick via e-mail [rpotter3@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 487-0953] for more information.

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Committee invites the public to the following upcoming events:

- ☑ **2012 Parade Grand Marshal announcement:** Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 am at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant (301 West Fayette Street in Syracuse)
- ☑ **The Project Hunger breakfast:** Friday, February 10th at 7:30 am at the Syracuse Salvation Army
- ☑ **"Irish Night" at the Syracuse Crunch** hockey game: evening of Friday, February 24th at the Onondaga County War Memorial (515 Montgomery St. in Syracuse)
- ☑ **St. Patrick's Parade fund-raiser:** Sunday, March 11th at Noon at Kitty Hoynes
- ☑ **City of Syracuse St. Patrick's Day stripe painting ceremony:** Friday, March 16th at 9:30 am at the City Hall Commons (201 East Washington Street in Syracuse)
- ☑ **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal's Dinner:** Friday, March 16th at 6:00 pm at the OnCenter (800 South State St. in Syracuse)
- ☑ **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade:** Saturday, March 17th at Noon in Downtown Syracuse

Please visit the Parade Committee website (www.syracusestpatrickspatrade.org) for more information on these events.

The annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run will be held on Saturday, March 10th. Please visit the event website [www.tipphillrun.com] for more information.

Details for the **Syracuse St. Baldrick's Day fund-raiser** are being finalized. Please visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website (www.stbaldricks.org) for more information.

AOH Syracuse Division member John Kissane and others are organizing a Division golf league team. If you're interested in playing, please contact Bob Bunce @ (315) 488-0020 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.

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 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 information, please contact Geordy Austin via e-mail [geordya7@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 446-1153].

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 Dave Kennedy [(315) 637-3307] or Bill Delaney [(315) 430-0818] for information/directions.



NOTICE:

2011 AOH dues must be paid by Saturday, March 17th to avoid suspension of membership. Please see the dues-related details above for more information.



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Dates to remember...

- ☑ Sat., 3-17: **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade** (Noon in Downtown Syracuse - www.syracusestpatricksparade.org)
- ☑ Fri., 7-27 & Sat., 7-28: **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse - www.stpatricksirishfest.com)
- ☑ Fri., 7-27 → Sun., 7-30: **Great American Irish Festival** (Herkimer County Fairgrounds - www.gaif.us)
- ☑ August (exact dates TBD): **Cortland Celtic Festival** (Court House Park in Cortland - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)

The Syracuse Kiltie Pipe Band is seeking new members. If you're interested in learning more about this organization, please contact Steve Roesch via e-mail [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com], cell phone [(315) 558-9774], or home phone [(315) 487-1109].

The Syracuse Gaelic Football Club is seeking players. If you're looking for a fun, new sport to try during the summer months, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] for more information.

2012 AOH Syracuse Division Officers...

- ☑ Chaplain: *Father John Ahern*
- ☑ President: *Dave Lynch*
- ☑ Vice-President: *Dave Kennedy*
- ☑ Recording Secretary: *Jerry Cregan*
- ☑ Financial Secretary: *Kevin Ahern*
- ☑ Treasurer: *Tim Lillis*
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: *Jim Egloff*
- ☑ Marshal: *John Lyons*
- ☑ Sentinel: *Steve Leyden*

Web sites of interest...

- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- ☑ NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com
- ☑ National AOH: www.aoh.com
- ☑ National Hibernian Digest: www.hiberniandigest.com
- ☑ Central New York Irish Cultural Society (CNYICS): www.syraoh.com/ics_of_cny/ics_of_cny.htm
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ Syracuse Irish (music) Session: <http://web.me.com/neofiddle/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html>
- ☑ Syracuse Gaelic Football Club: <http://syracuse.gaa.ie>
- ☑ Irish Power Hour: www.irishpowerhour.com
- ☑ IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com
- ☑ 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 news: www.nuzhound.com
- ☑ Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

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- ☑ **MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm at St. Ann's school (4471 Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse).
- ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Reminder that they're payable to: LAOH, Joyce Kirchbaum, and can be sent to: 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY 13039
- ☑ **SYMPATHY & GET WELL:** Please keep the special intentions of all our members in your prayers. Contact Joyce Kirchbaum @ (315) 699-5711 if you know of anyone who is sick or bereaved.
- ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Please contact Division President Rosemary Koppel [rkoppel@aol.com] / 545 Tompkins Street, Syracuse, NY 13204 / (315) 487-5408]
- ☑ **"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.me.com/neofiddle/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html>
 - ⇒ 1st Sunday of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub 253 East Water Street in Syracuse (315) 399-5533
 - ⇒ 2nd Saturday of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Rest. 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com
 - ⇒ 3rd Sunday of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): Johnston's Bally Bay Pub & Rest. 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse (315) 423-8021
 - ⇒ 4th Saturday of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Rest.