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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

As is our practice, we will not hold a July Division meeting. I hope you have a safe summer and I'll see you at the August meeting!

With the recent unexpected closure of PJ's Pub, we'll be holding our next two Division meetings at Nibsy's Pub on Sunday, August 4th and Sunday, September 8th — both at 7:00 pm

We have a major fundraising opportunity coming up on the weekend of July 12th-14th. We've been asked to provide volunteer stage hands and to staff the beer tent at the 2013 "New York Country Jam" at the NYS Fairgrounds. This event will be a source of "new" funding, since the opportunity arose after our 2013 budget was approved. Admission and parking will be free for all volunteers. In order to maximize our income we need every available brother to participate! Please see the additional information to the right of this column.

The AOH NYS Convention will be held in Saratoga Springs from Wednesday July 10th through Saturday July 13th. As in prior years, the Division will reimburse brothers for their hotel rooms provided that they double-up. The AOH Major Degrees will be offered at the convention on Saturday, July 13th. I have already registered several brothers for the major degrees. Transportation will be provided on Saturday for all interested candidates who are not otherwise planning to attend the convention. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about AOH history and tradition. Let me know if you are interested in the degrees. Contact me via e-mail [aohsteve@gmail.com] or phone [(315) 727-7048].

We've also been offered another fundraising opportunity at the Empire Brewfest on Friday, July 19th in Downtown Syracuse's Clinton Square. AOH Syracuse Division Vice-President Potter will be compiling a list of volunteers for this event. Let him know if you can participate.

At the Sunday, August 4th AOH Syracuse Division meeting, member and Onondaga County Family Court Judge Joe Fahy will lead a discussion about the Fenians Irish revolutionary group, founded in the mid-1800s. If you're able, please join us for this very interesting discussion.

Our raffle of the NY Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox game on Saturday, September 14th is in high gear. We will be selling tickets at the 2013 New York Country Jam and the Syracuse Nationals auto show. Please contact George Lowe via e-mail [slowglow61@hotmail.com] or phone [(315) 458-7019] if you can help out at either events. Don't forget to tell people that the grand prize includes two tickets to the game at historic Fenway Park, as well as Hotel accommodations and \$500 spending money.

Thanks and appreciation to Ron Clare and Kevin Ahern for once again coordinating our participation in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade. Thanks also to Ron and Kevin Mahoney for another successful AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament. These fun events are the highlight of our spring season!

AOH Syracuse Division member Geordy Austin, who chaired the committee that organized the recent Division-sponsored Hurricane Sandy fundraiser, would like to express his thanks to our members and friends who worked, donated, attended, and/or otherwise supported that very important and worthwhile event. Geordy, I, and a few others traveled down to Brooklyn trip to present a donation check from the event proceeds to our grateful AOH Brothers in the storm-ravaged area.

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members — Thomas Parker and Maurice Sheedy. We continue to do a good job adding new brothers members so far this year. We're still shooting for a 2013 membership goal of 300 by the end of the year. Don't forget to ask family, friends, and neighbors of Irish birth or descent to join. AOH membership requirements and our Division's application are available on our website [www.syraoh.com].

As always, we're seeking guest speakers and presentations for future meetings.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me via email [aohsteve@gmail.com].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Steve

AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH @ 7:00 pm

Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster Street in Syracuse)
For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail [aohsteve@gmail.com]

The AOH Syracuse Division has an excellent fund-raising opportunity at the "New York Country Jam", which will be held at the NYS Fairgrounds on Friday, July 12th through Sunday, July 14th. Our Division has been asked if we can assemble a team of volunteers to staff the beer tent and possibly move band equipment during the event. Division Vice-President Rick Potter is coordinating and scheduling the volunteer shifts. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Rick as soon as possible via e-mail: [rpotter3@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 487-0953]. Any time and energy that you could provide to this fund-raising event is very much appreciated!

The annual **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** will be held on **Friday, July 19th (evening)** and **Saturday, July 20th** on the grounds of the former school building (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse).

The AOH Syracuse Division is seeking volunteers for various duties at the Syracuse Irish Festival (Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th). Our Division serves as the primary workforce for the festival, and volunteers will be needed at the food stand, the VIP tent, and the backstage and other areas. Dave Lynch is coordinating the volunteer effort, so please let him know your availability in-person or via e-mail [dclynch@twcny.rr.com]. You can visit the festival website [www.syracuseirishfestival.com] for more event information.

The annual **Tipperary Hill Music Festival** will be held on **Saturday, September 21st** in Syracuse's Tipperary Hill neighborhood. For event details and volunteer or sponsorship information, please visit the festival web site [www.tipphillmusicfest.org].

Nominations for 2014 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the October Division meeting, with the election of Officers to occur at the November Division meeting. Division offices include President (Major Degree required), Vice-President (Major Degree required), Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Sentinel, and Marshal. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact Committee Chairman Ron Clare via phone [(315) 468-1892] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

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

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

AOH apparel is available. Please contact Dan Case via e-mail [dannys.pc@hotmail.com] or phone [(315) 303-7041] to purchase jackets, shirts, hats, etc.

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].

LAOH, MUSIC, & OTHER INFO



- LAOH...**
- ☑ **MEETINGS:** Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse).
 - ☑ **DIVISION OFFICERS:** Rosemary Koppel (Pres.), Eileen Tickner (VP), Anne Flanagan (Rec. Sec.), Maureen Fogarty (Treas.), Joyce Krichbaum (Fin. Sec.), Roxanne Compoli (Irish Historian), Yvette Guilfoil (Missions & Charities), Margaret LoPiccolo (Catholic Action), Ede Sakran (Mistress-at-Arms), Mary Lou Trait (Sentinel)
 - ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Payable to: LAOH, Joyce Kirchbaum, and can be sent to: 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY 13039
 - ☑ **SYMPATHY & GET WELL:** Keep pray for members' special intentions and contact Joyce Kirchbaum @ (315) 699-5711 if you know of anyone sick or bereaved.
 - ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Contact LAOH Division Pres. Rosemary Koppel [rkoppel@aol.com / 545 Tompkins St., Syracuse, NY 13204 / (315) 487-5408]

- MUSIC...**
- ☑ **SEAN JOHNSTON'S "IRISH POWER HOUR" RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9 pm - 10 pm ET [Syr. TK99 FM / Utica WOUR 96.9 FM / www.irishpowerhour.com]
 - ☑ **BILL KNOWLTON'S "BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9 pm - 12 am ET [Syr. 91.3 FM / Utica 89.5 FM/Watertown 90.9 FM]
 - ☑ **LIVE IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...**
 - **Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant:** music is usually 9 pm - 1 am [301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse / www.kittyhoynes.com / (315) 424-1974]
 - **Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub:** Sunday music is 4 pm - 7 pm [100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / www.colemansirishpub.com / (315) 476-1933]
 - **Syracuse Irish (music) Session:**
 - ⇒ 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub [253 East Water Street in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533]
 - ⇒ 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes [301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse / (315) 424-1974]

- OTHER INFO...**
- ☑ **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 50+ years. For more information, please contact Bill Delaney [(315) 430-0818].
 - ☑ **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 SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** For more information, please contact Steve Roesch via e-mail [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com], cell phone [(315) 558-9774], or home phone [(315) 487-1109].
 - ☑ **THE CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE (CNY-IACI) INVITES NEW MEMBERS.** This group is non-sectarian/non-political and promotes the appreciation and enjoyment of all aspects of Irish culture. For more information, please contact them via e-mail [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com].

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Wed., July 10th → Sat., July 13th: **2013 AOH NYS Convention** (Saratoga Springs - www.nyaoh.com)
- ☑ Fri./Sat., July 19th/20th: **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- ☑ Fri., July 26th → Sun., July 28th: **Great American Irish Festival** (Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY - www.gaif.us)
- ☑ Sat./Sun., August 24th/25th: **Cortland Celtic Festival** (Dwyer Memorial Park in Little York (just north of Homer, NY) - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)
- ☑ Fri./Sat., September 6th/7th: **Syracuse Irish Festival** (Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse - www.syracuseirishfestival.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 our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2013 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS...

- ☑ Chaplain: *Father John Ahern*
- ☑ President: *Steve Leyden*
- ☑ Vice-President: *Rick Potter*
- ☑ Recording Secretary: *Dan Holleran*
- ☑ Financial Secretary: *Kevin Ahern*
- ☑ Treasurer: *Tim Lillis*
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: *Jim Egloff*
- ☑ Marshal: *John Lyons*
- ☑ Sentinel: *Ryan Casler*

WEB SITES OF INTEREST...

- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- ☑ AOH NYS: www.nyaoh.com
- ☑ AOH National: 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 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-American Information Service: www.iais.org
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com