





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

...by Dave Lynch, Division President

Dear Brothers,

Please note that there will NOT be a July meeting. We'll next meet on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Sister Bridget from St. Cecilia's in Solvay for celebrating her Diamond Jubilee Mass in June! The Tom Dooley Choraliers were the guest choir. Sister Bridget is from Ireland's County Roscommon. She has directed the Human Development Program — counseling hundreds of clients who have needed food, as well as personal direction — all with humble and soft-spoken gentleness. Sister Bridget has exemplified her motto of "Mission is where you are" for over 60 years and will truly be missed!

Thanks to Brother Ron Clare for organizing our Division's participation in the Camillus Memorial Day parade. It is always a highlight of the parade when Ron and Jim Sheedy roll-out their vintage cars to the oohhs and aahhs of the crowd. It was a pleasure to see some old Hibernian friends join us from Florida. If anyone wants to better learn the history of our Division, just come down to M<sup>c</sup>Namara's after the parade, and I guarantee that you will hear some stories that will make you laugh and cry at the same time!

Also in June, Brother Clare and Brother Kevin Mahoney ran another successful golf outing for the friends and family of the Division. It is amazing to see how quickly these two gentlemen have transformed the golf tournament into such a relaxing day out on the links. This event has become such a fun day for generations of families to spend time together and have a few laughs. Ron and Kevin and their team of volunteers who work this event are true examples of living the AOH motto of "Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity". Well done!

Looking forward, our Division has been given responsibility for the Saturday morning Gaelic Mass at the Syracuse Irish Festival (Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Syracuse's Clinton Square). Lead by Brothers Steve Leyden and Tim Lillis, we will be looking for a lot of help setting-up/breaking-down the stage and surroundings. The Mass will be a featured event this year and, once again, the Hibernians will be at the center of the "buzz". I hope everyone will get involved and enjoy the weekend!

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member Sean M<sup>c</sup>Avan. 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!

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 M E E T I N G

**☞**② SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>™</sup> @ 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 AOH Syracuse Division is seeking volunteers for various duties at the Syracuse Irish Festival (Friday, September  $9^{th}$  and Saturday, September  $10^{th}$ ). If you can lend a much-needed hand at this event, please contact AOH Syracuse Division President Dave Lynch via phone [(315) 477-1962] or e-mail [dclynch@twcny.rr.com] for more information.

The annual Tipperary Hill Music Festival will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2012 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the October Division meeting, with the election of Officers 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.

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

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.



## Dates to remember...

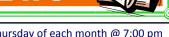
- Fri., 7-29 & Sat., 7-30: St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse www.stpatricksirishfest.com)
- ☑ Fri., 7-29 → Sun., 7-31: Great American Irish Festival (Herkimer County Fairgrounds www.gaif.us)
- ☑ Sat., 8-20 & Sun., 8-21: *Cortland Celtic Festival* (Court House Park in Cortland www.cortlandcelticfestival.org)
- ☑ Fri., 9-9 & Sat., 9-10: *Syracuse Irish Festival* (Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse www.syracuseirishfestival.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].

## 2011 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
- ☑ Syr. St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ Syracuse Irish (music) Session:
  - http://web.me.com/neofiddle/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html
- ☑ 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 Power Hour: www.irishpowerhour.com

## LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- MEETINGS: Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm at St. Ann's school (4471 Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse).
- 2011 LAOH CHARITY RAFFLE: The LAOH is selling \$1 raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-sewn Irish quilt by Cathy Murray. Tickets to be sold throughout the year, with the drawing scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- <u>CATHOLIC ACTION/LAOH BABY SHOWER</u>: Thank you to all the LAOH members who contributed to the baby shower! We collected a beautiful assortment of all the essentials that a new Mother will need.
- ☑ JUN MEETING: Thanks to the Social Committee, we had an awesome time at Copper Top Restaurant. Our 50/50 raffle was successful, along with the Syracuse gift basket for the 2011 Convention.
- 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]
- SEAN JOHNSTON'S RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm 10 pm (Syracuse 95.7 FM (a.k.a., 95X) / www.irishpowerhour.com)

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- <u>"BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW</u>: 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

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month (4 pm 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub 253 East Water Street in Syracuse (315) 399-5533
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (4 pm 7 pm): Johnston's Bally Bay Pub & Rest. 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse (315) 423-8021
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (2 pm 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub &