

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

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....By Dan Case, **Division President**

Dear Brothers,

- I had yet another proud day as your Division President as a result of our members' participation in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial event ceremonies. AOH Syracuse Division Vice-President Frank Corcoran gave a heart-felt speech that impressed all. I read the names of the 23 Irish-born soldiers who died fighting for the US in that terrible conflict, and gave them the Hibernian Blessing. Afterwards, we placed a wreath for the AOH as we were escorted to the Wall by the Syracuse Kiltie Band. It was a very moving ceremony. Special thanks go to Frank for his commitment to this wonderful event !!
- ☑ Special thanks also go to AOH Syracuse Division members Brendan Sammon and Mike Cregan for organizing the recent "Catskill Weekend" trip. There was music, golf, fellowship, shopping, food, drink, and fun - all in great supply !!
- ☑ I recently met with Gus Johnston, longtime AOH Syracuse Division member and owner of Johnston's Bally Bay Pub, to inquire about the bill for our post-St. Patrick's Day parade celebration at his fine establishment. In his usual spirit of generosity, Gus told me that this cost was his donation to the AOH Syracuse Division. Many thanks, Gus !!
- \square On Wednesday, May 4th, I had a very good meeting with Mark Wright of the Downtown Syracuse Committee. It looks like we will be going back to our favorite spot at the Irish Festival (September) !! This should mean greatly increased traffic at our stand. We are also in the process of negotiating our event fees. I'll keep the membership informed as more specific information becomes available.
- \checkmark We now have a very nice recurring column in the local "Everything Irish" publication thanks to AOH Syracuse Division member Jeff Costello. Division Historian Geordy Austin will be writing the column. In the most recent edition of the "EI", I got a front page photo (again - ha ha !!) of the Irish PM Bertie Ahern and myself presenting him with an AOH gift. Also, Frank Corcoran will be writing an article for the "Hibernian Digest" on this important event.
- I Thanks go to Kieran Delay for his continued efforts to exchange web-site links with other Divisions around the country. As a result, we have expanded our Web presence and are receiving increased feedback and information from other Divisions.
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members, Ryan M^cMahon and Thomas M^cMahon, who were sworn in at the May Division meeting. Welcome gentlemen !!. 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 Tim Collins via phone [(315) 469-5810] or e-mail [seamus33@msn.com].
- We continue to grow and our name is really spreading throughout the community. All Brothers and Sisters should be very proud to be members of the AOH !!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Dan

DIVISION MEETING АОН ☞ ② SUNDAY, JUNE 5th @ 7:00 pm

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

AOH Syracuse Division Vice-President Frank Corcoran would like to thank all who attended the wreath laying at the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial event** on Saturday, May 7^造. A short talk was given by Frank, followed by Dan Case's prayer and reading of the 20+ Irish-born whose names are on the Wall. Then, with the help of the Syracuse Kiltie Band, the wreath was laid at the Wall and green carnations were laid at the wall's base for each of the Irish-born. Thanks also to our Division and its members who supported this effort, especially Bob Bunce for coordinating the flowers, and the Syracuse Kiltie Band for their great performance.

<u>From AOH Syracuse Division member Tom Rogers</u>: The 11^m Annual Syracuse AOH/Tony Rogers Memorial Golf

Tournament is scheduled for **Sunday**, **June 12th** at the Westvale Golf Club in Camillus. The format is the same as in years past - Captain & Crew, a 1:00 pm shotgun start, hamburgers & hotdogs at the turn, beer and soda on the course rounded out by a steak dinner, awards and prizes immediately following in the clubhouse. All for \$65 per player or \$260 per foursome. Since its inception, the Syracuse AOH/Tony Rogers Memorial Golf Tournament has raised over \$10,000 in scholarships for Bishop Ludden & Bishop Grimes Schools. A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually at each school for a student going from the $8^{\frac{10}{2}}$ grade into the $9^{\frac{10}{2}}$ grade. 100% of the money raised through flag sponsorships goes to the scholarships and the Division general fund. The golf, dinner, and prize portion of the tournament is funded solely by the golfers' entry fees. On **Saturday, August 20th** the Division plays host for the second year

in a row to the AOH NYS Jack Burns Memorial Golf Tournament at the Links at Erie Village in East Syracuse. Also a Captain & Crew format, - 1:00 pm shotgun start, preceded by lunch, with beer/soda on the course, followed by a buffet dinner in the beautiful Traditions at the Links Restaurant. The cost is \$90 per player or \$340 per foursome. The Jack Burns Memorial Tournament is in honor of a deceased AOH Member and State Officer from Auburn. Money is also raised through sponsorship flags. Any profits from this tournament are the hosting Division's to keep. The Syracuse Division uses these profits to help fund the many charitable contributions and activities supported by the Division throughout the year.

We are now actively seeking flag sponsors for these two events. The cost is \$60 per flag for either tournament or a special price of \$100 for two flags, one in each tournament. The flags are collected and distributed to the sponsoring individual, family, or business following the tournaments. To golf, sponsor a flag, or both, please contact:

- Bob Bunce: (315) 488-0020 or rbunce@jbkane.com Tom Rogers: (315) 488-1844 or tprjsr@aol.com Bob Rogers: (315) 488-0307 or rrogers506@aol.com »
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- Dave Lynch: (315) 477-1962 or dclynch@textron.com

AOH Syracuse Division member Joe Schiltz is seeking fellow Division members to assist him with the planning and oversight of our Division's participation at the 2005 Scottish Games and Celtic Festival (Saturday, August 13th). Joe is also organizing a Membership Committee charged with the responsibility of attracting new members and retaining current members. If you're interested in lending a hand to either of these initiatives, please contact Joe @ (315) 468-1832 for more information.

The Central New York Irish American Cultural Institute (CNY IACI) invites the public to their next monthly presentation of "Irish Food & **Thought"**, which will be held at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant (301 West Fayette Street, Syracuse) on **Friday**, **July 22nd** starting at 6:30 pm (social). Dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. Don Cazentre, deputy regional editor of The Post-Standard for the past 18 years, will present a program on Irish beer. The cost will be \$20 for the presentation and dinner or \$10 for the presentation only. Please contact Mary K. Gillis via phone [(315) 636-7772] or e-mail [eahd92@juno.com] to make reservations and/or for more information.

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Dates to remember

- Friday, 7-29 and Saturday, 7-30: St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse) \mathbf{N}
- Friday, 7-29 and Saturday, 7-30: Great American Irish Festival (Herkimer County Fairgrounds) - www.greatamericanirishfestival.com Saturday, 8-13: CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival (Long M
- Branch Park in Liverpool) Saturday, 8-20: AOH NYS Jack Burns Memorial Golf Tournament M
- (The Links at Erie Village in East Syracuse)
- ☑ Saturday, 8-27: Cortland Celtic Festival (Cortland County Junior Fairgrounds) - www.cortland.org/news/celticfest.htm Friday, 9-10 and Sat. 9-11: Syracuse Irish Festival (Clinton Square
- M in Downtown Syracuse) - www.syracuseirishfestival.com

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@aol.com].

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Catholic Action Committee Chairman David Kennedy via phone [(315) 637-3307] or email [dkenn@twcny.rr.com].

AOH winter jackets, light-weight pull-overs, shirts, etc. are available. Please contact David Kennedy via phone [(315) 637-3307] or e-mail [dkenn@twcny.rr.com] for more info.

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 Tim Collins at the next meeting or send a check to our PO Box (listed on this newsletter).

For **Syracuse Gaelic Football team** information, please contact Mike O'Connor @ (315) 422-7393. Practices are held at noon on Sundays and at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at King's Park (Town of Onondaga).

2005 AOH Syracuse Division Officers ...

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- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan Financial Secretary: Tim Collins Treasurer: Kevin Shanahan Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Hartigan M
- Marshal: Terry Maddison Sentinel: Craig Quinn ☑
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- Web sites of interest ... AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
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- NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com National AOH: www.aoh.com Ø
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- Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com \checkmark
- Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
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- Irish-American Information Service: *iais.org* Irish-American Heritage Museum: *www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org* ☑
- Cavan County, Ireland Museum: www.cavanmuseum.ie ☑
- Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt ☑
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

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- **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the LAOH will be held on Thursday, June 9th at the Spaghetti Warehouse (689 North Clinton Street in Syracuse). Cocktail hour will be from 5:30 pm 6:30 pm. Dinner & Mystery Theatre will begin promptly at 6:45 pm, with seating at 6:30 pm. The \$30 cost includes a menu choice (Eggplant, Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, Fettuccini Alfredo, or a Spaghetti Dish), soda or coffee, dessert, tax & gratuity, and the Mystery Theatre show ("Triple Jeopardy"). Please contact Leslie Walker at (315) 469-8134 if you plan to attend. LAOH NYS CONVENTION (JULY) - plans for attendance, travel and accommodations must be made ASAP. We will be selling raffle tickets to defray costs of our delegates. Tickets will be mailed to Division Members, other County members, and to the State and National Boards. There are 3 prizes: 1st (Basket of Cheer), 2nd (Basket of Cheer), and 3^{cd} (Irish Doll). SCOTTISH GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL - we plan on moving our booth next to the AOH Syracuse Division to increase exposure/awareness. An open discussion is planned concerning potential exposure/awareness. An open discussion is planned concerning potential improvements, time slots, and items to be sold. SYRACUSE IRISH FESTIVAL (SEPTEMBER) - we'll discuss the Irish Fest and use of a part of the tent. We'll let people view Hibernians working together - it's good for all !! **MAY MEETING FOLLOW-UP:** Discussion of Anne's beautiful Testimonial Dinner and a thank you note for the gift of a Belleek serving tray was made. <u>CELTIC COOKBOOK</u>: All AOH wives and LAOH members are encouraged to send in their Irish recipes. Please contact Chairperson Maryanne Manley **@** (315) 695-1217. We would like to publish our Irish Cookbook for Christmas. Let's all work together on this for the good of the Hibernians !! Committee members include Kathleen Richardson, Eileen Tickner, and Maureen O'Hara Maureen O'Hara. **CONTACT:** Please contact LAOH Syracuse Division President Peggy Reynolds via phone [(315) 476-5246], e-mail [rayorginny@aol.com], or USPS [1700 W. Onondaga Street Syracuse, NY 13204] with questions/ information/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 Florence Nieciecki 1173 Bellevue Ave. Syracuse, NY 13204 If you're having trouble with payment, PLEASE contact Florence as soon as possible @ (315) 478-6799. "BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9:00 pm - Midnight (Syracuse WCNY 91.3/Utica WUNY 89.5/Watertown WJNY 90.9) 9:00 pm - Midnight (Syracuse WCNY 91.3/Utica WUNY 89.5/Watertown WJNY 90.9)
 SEAN HENNESSEY'S (OF THE WATERTOWN DIVISION) RADIO SHOW:
 Sundays, 11:00 am - Noon (Watertown WATN 1240) - Irish music/interviews
 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)
 Friday, 6-4: Pat Kane
 Saturday, 6-4: Pat Kane
 Friday, 6-17 and Saturday, 6-18: Neil Emberg Trio
 Friday, 6-17 and Saturday, 6-18: Neil Emberg Trio
 Friday, 6-24: Old Friends
 Saturday, 6-24: Old Friends
 Saturday, 6-25: The MCCabes
 Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub. 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)
 Sunday, 6-21: TBD
 Sunday, 6-26: TBD
 Sunday, 6-27: TBD
 Sunday, 6-28: Old
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 J* Sunday of each month: Half Penny Pub (4:00 pm - 7:00 pm) (315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse