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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

At the June 5th meeting, we'll be voting on a potential dues increase of \$10, which would result in the following dues costs:

- \$40 for existing members age 60+
- \$50 for existing members age 59 and younger
- \$45 initial fee for new members age 60+
- \$55 initial fee for new members age 59 and younger

Any member who has a financial hardship is encouraged to contact the Division President to arrange assistance. Please come and vote! We'll also discuss changes in the format and date of the Christmas party.

Our commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising on April 24th was well attended and received in the community. The McGuire and Fahey families want the AOH to know how grateful they are for our ceremony honoring former Mayor James K. McGuire. This was our most high-profile event in years, and was covered by WSYR, Time Warner Cable News, WCNY, and the Syracuse Post-Standard. WCNY followed-up with an episode of its program 'Insight', which featured a discussion with Judge Joe Fahey, Mary House of 'Friends of Irish Freedom', and Geordy Austin of the AOH Syracuse Division. A link to the program can be found on the home page our website (www.syraoh.com). Congressman Katko and former Congressman Walsh said they were very honored to participate. Other guests included AOH members from the Utica and Broome County Divisions.

On April 30th, the Utica Area Irish Coalition held an Easter Rising 100th anniversary commemoration dinner. The keynote speaker was our own Geordy Austin. Congratulations and thanks go to Geordy for sharing Irish History and keeping alive the dream of a united Ireland throughout Central New York.

The next big event on our calendar is the Monday, May 30th Camillus Memorial Day Parade. Event details are included in this newsletter.

The AOH National Convention will take place from July 11th to 14th at Harrah's in Atlantic City, NJ. AOH Major Degrees will be offered at the convention. If you're interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible.

We'll be looking for volunteers for the 75th Central New York Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, which will be held on Saturday, August 13th. It's a big fundraiser for us and an honor to be invited back as a food vendor. In addition to our food tent, we'll have a booth in the 'Clan Row', and we'll be leading the Parade of Clans as we did last year. We sold lots of baseball game raffle tickets and AOH apparel in the Clan Row last year. This one-day event has the potential to raise as much money for our Division as the Irish Festival, so we'll need volunteers to man both spots. Please note the date on your calendar.

On Saturday, August 27th, we'll have a memorial mass for the Easter Proclamation signatories who were executed, a public reading of the proclamation, and a summer picnic for members, families, and guests at Ryder Park, which is adjacent to the DeWitt Town Hall. The picnic will include food, drinks, and music. To help with this event, please contact Geordy Austin [Geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

Division Treasurer Tim Lillis has raffle tickets for the Yankees vs. Red Sox game, which will be held at Boston's Fenway Park on Saturday, September 17th. Please sell and purchase as many tickets as possible for this fundraiser. We've done well in past years and I'd like to see us break our record, which was set last year.

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon [(315) 673-4011]. Remember in your prayers Father Naos McCool, who suffered a severe stroke and Immediate Past President Dave Lynch, who continues to fight a serious health issue. Also pray for members who are privately fighting health issues, but who wish to remain anonymous.

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, JUNE 5TH @ 7:00 pm

Asil's Pub (220 Chapel Drive in Fairmount)
For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail (AOHSteve@gmail.com)

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 30th. Members and their spouses, significant others, and children are encouraged to march in this great event. Pre-parade line-up will be at 8:45 am on the corner of Maple Dr. and West Genesee St., and the parade will start promptly at 9:30 am. Dress attire should include khaki (tan) pants and an AOH golf shirt if you have one. Marchers are invited to a tailgate/reception immediately after the parade in the former McNamara's Pub parking lot (just outside of the village). Please contact Ron Clare [(315) 436-6431 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

THE AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CNY SCOTTISH GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL (SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH). The festival will be held from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm at Long Branch Park in Liverpool, NY. Volunteers will be needed before, during, and after the event for various duties, including the food tent and the Clan Row booth. If you can lend a much-needed hand, please contact Steve Leyden [AOHSteve@gmail.com / (315) 727-7048] for more information. You can visit the festival website [www.cnyscottishgames.org] for other event information.

Ron Clare and Kevin Mahoney are once again organizing the annual AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, August 20th at the Westvale Golf Club in Camillus. A 1:00 pm shotgun start is planned. The cost is \$75/person or \$300/foursome, and includes greens fees, cart, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda on the course, and dinner following the tournament at the club restaurant. **The foursome sign-up form is available on the 'Calendar of Events' page of our Division's website [www.syraoh.com].** For more information, please contact Ron [(315) 436-6431 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] or Kevin [(315) 396-3885 / kpmahoney24@gmail.com].

AOH/LAOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE THEIR CURRENT STREET ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARY KEVIN AHERN [kevina78@hotmail.com / (315) 468-6338].

AOH apparel is available. To purchase jackets, shirts, hats, etc., please contact Dan Case [dannys.pc@hotmail.com / (315) 303-7041].

If you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, comments, or suggestions for our Division, please contact Steve Leyden [aohsteve@gmail.com].

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



LAOH...

- ☑ **MEETINGS:** held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse)
- ☑ **DIVISION OFFICERS:** President: Maureen Fogarty, Vice-President: Rosemary Koppel, Recording Secretary: Liz Thomas, Treasurer: Kathy Kelly, Irish Historian: Roxanne Compoli, Missions & Charities: Margie Miller, Catholic Action: Margaret LoPiccolo, Mistress-at-Arms: Ede Sakran, Sentinel: Yvette Guilfoil
- ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** 2016 dues are now payable; Make checks payable to 'LAOH' and send to Kathy Kelly, 5185 Boca Raton Way, Syracuse NY 13215
- ☑ **SYMPATHY & GET WELL:** If you have news of anyone who is sick or bereaved, please get in touch with Rosemary Koppel [(315) 487-5408]
- ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** Other comments or questions? Get in touch with Maureen Fogarty [(315) 478-1096 / fogarty.maureen@yahoo.com]

MUSIC/OTHER INFO...

- ☑ **BILL KNOWLTON'S 'BLUEGRASS RAMBLE' RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9-12 am ET [Syracuse 91.3 FM / Utica 89.5 FM / Watertown 90.9 FM]
- ☑ **SEAN JOHNSTON'S 'IRISH POWER HOUR' RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9-10 pm ET [Syracuse TK99 FM / Utica WOUR 96.9 FM / www.irishpowerhour.com]
- ☑ **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 4-7 pm [100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / www.colemansirishpub.com / (315) 476-1933]
 - **Irish music session:** 1st & 3rd Sundays of month (4-7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub [253 East Water St. in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533] / 2nd & 4th Saturdays of month (2-5 pm): Kitty Hoynes
- ☑ **THE TOM DOOLEY CHORALIERS GROUP IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FROM ALL VOICE RANGES.** The Choraliers are a group of men who've been singing to promote Irish culture since 1962. For more info, please contact them [ellis_drew@hotmail.com].
- ☑ **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 info, please contact Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].
- ☑ **THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** For more info, please contact Steve Roesch [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com / (315) 558-9774].
- ☑ **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 info, please contact them [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com].
- ☑ **THE SYRACUSE GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING PLAYERS.** For more info, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com].

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

- ☑ Mon., July 11th → Thurs., July 14th: **2016 AOH/LAOH National Convention** [Atlantic City, NJ / www.aoh.com/ac2016]
- ☑ late July (exact dates TBD): **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** [216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / www.stpatricksirishfest.com]
- ☑ Fri., July 29th → Sun., July 31st: **Great American Irish Festival** [Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY / www.gaif.us]
- ☑ late August (exact dates TBD): **Cortland Celtic Festival** [Dwyer Mem. Park in Little York, NY / www.cortlandcelticfestival.com]
- ☑ early September (exact dates TBD): **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 59 and younger; \$30 for members age 60+; \$45 for new members -- due at swearing-in ceremony, along with completed application). See Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern or send a check to our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2016 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS...

- ☑ **Chaplain:** Father John Ahern
- ☑ **President:** Steve Leyden
- ☑ **Vice-President:** Dick Sheeran
- ☑ **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
- ☑ CNY Irish Cultural Soc. (CNYICS): www.syraoh.com/ics_of_cny/ics_of_cny
- ☑ CNY Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute: www.cnyirish.org
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ 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