







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

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#### ...By Pat Ahern, **Division President**

# Worthy Brothers,

- ☑ "Unbelievable" is the only word I could think of when told of the honor of being named Grand Marshal of this year's St. Patrick's Parade. I really feel honored and humbled by this, knowing how many others have received this award or desire this great honor. When I march down Salina St., arm-in-arm with Gerry Adams and family, you can bury me the next day — my life will be complete. This honor belongs to all in our Division who have helped make us the showcase of what being Irish-American is all about. Thank you Worthy Brothers.
- ☑ What a schedule we have before us !! Our Division's Parade Committee representative, Worthy Brother Kevin Ryan, has provided more specific information concerning the following (and other) upcoming events in the space to the right.
- ☑ Our Division is sponsoring a benefit for St. Patrick's School children that brings the famous Wolfe Tones to PJ Dorsey's on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Only 300 tickets can be sold due to Fire regulations. Pre-event tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door. This is the Wolfe Tones'  $40^{th}$  and last anniversary tour. You can get tickets at Dorsey's, the Blarney Stone, or send me a check (104 Wynthrop Rd. Solvay, NY 13209). Let's start off our holiday right with the Wolfe Tones!!
- $\square$  At 9:00 am on Friday, March  $12^{th}$ , there will be the painting of the Green Stripe down Salina at East Genesee St. and then a procession to City Hall for the flag raising. After this, there will be a ceremony at the Commons with dancers, singers, and plenty of joy. Our Worthy Brother Mayor Mathew Driscoll and other officials will be in attendance. That evening, at the OnCenter, will be the Parade Banquet starting at 6:00 pm.
- On Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, a Mass at the downtown Cathedral will start at 10:00 am. Arrive early, as we Hibernians will serve as escorts and Color Guard for the Bishop and other dignitaries. A section is to be reserved for us at the altar and our special guest Mr. Gerry Adams will be with us. Preferred attire would be an AOH jacket with beige pants (if you have them). Otherwise, dress appropriately. Mass will be beautiful with harpists and singers filling us with God's good grace. We will then line-up for the Noon Parade kick-off with our special guests, Worthy Brothers Mayor Driscoll and Congressman
- ☑ After we march, we will be hosting a reception for Mr. Adams at the AT&T Building at Clinton and West Fayette Streets from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Then, Mr. Adams will be off to the airport as we proceed to our Hospitality room at PJ Dorsey's.
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members who were sworn in at the February Division meeting: Henry Burns, Thomas Halleck, Matthew McLaughlin, William Nolan, Stephen Roesch, and Jeffrey Ryan. Welcome!!
- Welcome, as well, our newest Social Members: Syracuse Police Chief and former Syracuse University All-American Dennis DuVal, future SU All-American Gerry "G-Mac" M<sup>c</sup>Namara (from the birthplace of the "Molly McGuire's" of AOH fame and the beginnings of the Labor movement in the US, Scranton, PA), NASA head Sean O'Keefe, and Notre Dame head football coach "Up" Tyrone Willingham. These great gentlemen have all been sent letters congratulating them on their Hibernian entry. Good for them !!
- ☑ Don't forget the St. Patrick's Church canned/non-perishable food drive that our Division is sponsoring. If possible, please bring an item for donation to the next Division meeting. Brother Joe Schiltz has vowed to match our donations !!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Pat

### DIVISION MEETING **☞** SUNDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

PJ Dorsey's (116 Walton St., Syracuse)

For details, contact Pat Ahern: (315) 468-1588 or pahern@twcny.rr.com

#### 2004 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE UPDATE FROM KEVIN RYAN

By the time that each of you read this, the great news that our worthy President Pat Ahern has been selected as the Grand Marshal of this year's parade will have been made public. Please note that those were the changed circumstances I mentioned at the February meeting that resulted in our being moved from marching in the 1st Division of the Parade to our traditional location of directly behind the Grand Marshal.

Before updating you on the events of St. Patrick's Parade week, let me congratulate Pat on his selection as Grand Marshal. Pat has truly made a significant contribution to the Syracuse Irish community. As a member of both the AOH and the Parade Committee, I am confident that Pat will do a fine job as the leader of this year's parade. Pat's selection as Grand Marshal is all the more reason we should all be proud to be Hibernians!!

The events of the week are as follows:

- $\square$  On Sunday, March  $7^{th}$  at 12:00 pm there is a fundraiser for the Parade Committee at Kitty Hoynes. The suggested donation is \$5 at the door. Music will be provided by Hadrian's Wall. There will also be door prizes.
- Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is the Grand Marshal's Dinner, which will be held this year for the first time at the OnCenter. Perperson tickets are \$40. The event begins with a cocktail reception at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. There will be entertainment provided throughout the evening. For those interested in attending, call me at (315) 488-5886 for tickets. If there is enough interest, I will set aside tables for the Division.
- Saturday, March  $13^{th}$  at 10:00 am is the Parade Mass at the Cathedral. Seats have been reserved for the Division.
- At approximately 11:30 am we are to form-up for the parade between the old Syracuse Suds Factory and the Clinton Exchange. All are encouraged to meet at Kitty Hoynes before we form-up. As I indicated, we initially had been moved up to the 1st Division, but with Pat's selection as Grand Marshal we have been moved back to our traditional spot directly behind the Grand Marshal.
  - ◆ As Grand Marshal. Pat will lead off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division accompanied by fellow Hibernian. Congressman Jim Walsh and his very special quest. Gerry Adams, the President of Sinn Fein
  - Following Pat will be his family
  - The AOH will march behind Pat's family
  - We will be followed by the LAOH and the Tom Dooley
- Following the Parade, the Division is sponsoring a reception for Gerry Adams at the AT&T Building at 250 South Clinton Street. The per-person admission cost is \$5. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.
- The AOH hospitality suite this year will be at P.J. Dorsey's. Beer, wine, soda, and hors devours will be provided. The room will open at 2:00 pm and go until whenever.



Dates to remember ...

- Golf Tournament (Westvale GC in Camillus)
  July: St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival
  (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- August: CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival (Long Branch Park in Liverpool)
- Friday, 9-10 and Sat. 9-11: Syracuse Irish Festival (Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse)
- Saturday, 9-11: AOH NYS Jack Burns Memorial Golf Tournament (Tuscarora GC in Marcellus)

If you have any information, photos, or other memorabilia related to the AOH/LAOH, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Historian, Geordy Austin @ (315) 446-1153.

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact the Catholic Action Committee Chairman David Kennedy @ (315) 637-3307.

AOH winter jackets, light-weight pull-overs, shirts, etc. are available for purchase. Please contact Dan via phone [(315) 638-2285] or e-mail (fenian@twcny.rr.com) for more information.

To all Syracuse Division members who have yet to remit their 2003 dues: Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> is the final payment deadline. Thereafter, you will be suspended from Division activities and no further newsletters will be sent to you. Dues are \$35 for members age 60 and younger/\$25 for members age 60+.

For Syracuse Gaelic Football team info, contact Matt Smith @ (315) 451-2932, Mike O'Connor @ (315) 422-7393, Ryan Fitzpatrick @ (315) 488-1614, or Mike Byrne @ (315) 652-1062.

# 2004 AOH Syracuse Division Officers...

- Division (and NYS) Chaplain: Father John Ahern President: Pat Ahern
- Vice-President: Frank Corcoran
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern

- Treasurer: Dan Case Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Hartigan ☑
- Marshal: Terry Maddison Sentinel: Kevin Shanahan

## Web sites of interest...

- AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com
- National AOH: www.aoh.com
- IACI of CNY: community.syracuse.com/cc/iaci Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com  $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$
- Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
- Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com Irish scenic tours: www.belfastcabtours.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

LADIES AOH June: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual AOH Syracuse/Tony Rogers Memorial



- **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the LAOH will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton).
- JUNIOR LAOH: The Junior Division of the LAOH is open to all girls age 6 to 16. Please contact Vice-President Mary Lou Trait at (315) 476-7682 for information.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** The St. Patrick's Parade Committee has made their choice for 2004 Parade Grand Marshal and they couldn't have picked a "Grander" man. All of the LAOH Sisters congratulate Brother Patrick Ahern, Syracuse's Number One Irishman!
- SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN: Please contact Peg Reynolds at (315) 476-5246 concerning ill or recently deceased LAOH members.
- APPOINTMENTS: Maureen O'Hara has been appointed as the Freedom For All Ireland Chairperson and Teresa Davis has been appointed as the Right To Life Chairperson. Congratulations & thanks !!
- **CONTACT:** Please contact LAOH President Ginny Justian via e-mail (rayorginny@aol.com) or phone [(315) 622-1705] with questions/info.
- **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

"BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW:  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ Sundays, 9:00 pm - Midnight (WCNY-FM, 91.3 in Syracuse)

IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT...

Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant: 301 W. Fayette St., Syracuse (315) 424-1974 www.kittyhoynes.com (music is from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am)

Friday, 3-5: Donal O'Shaughnessy

- Saturday, 3-6: The Dustmen
- Sunday, 3-7: Hadrian's Wall (Johnston Irish School of Dance/St. Patrick's Day Parade fund-raiser)
- Friday, 3-12: Old Friends
- Saturday, 3-13: Pat Kane (2:00 pm 5:00 pm); Seanaché (5:00 pm -??) [open early for Irish Breakfast]
- Sunday, 3-14: TBD

- Wednesday, 3-17: Blackthorn
  Friday, 3-19 and Saturday, 3-20: Dave Anthony
  Friday, 3-26 and Saturday, 3-27: Neil and Richard (of Hadrian's Wall)
  March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>: special Lenten "Festival of Fishes" menu served

Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub: 100 S. Lowell Ave., 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, 3-7: Flyin' Column
- Sunday, 3-14: Pat Kane
- Sunday, 3-21: Donal O'Shaughnessy

- Sunday, 3-28: Flyin' Column

  Syracuse Irish Music Session:

  1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month: Half Penny Pub (4:00 pm 7:00 pm)
  - (315) 478-3091 321 W. Fayette St., Syracuse

    3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month: Johnston's BallyBay Bar (4:00 pm 7:00 pm)
    (315) 423-8021 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse