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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Dave Lynch, Division President

Dear Brothers,

I appreciate everyone who attended the February Division meeting. We are definitely on the right track financially and have the right people in place to ensure we stay on that track. Thanks go to Brother Jim Salanger for his comprehensive year-end report on our investment account, to the Finance Committee — comprised of Steve Leyden, Rick Potter, and Jim Egloff — for their yearly audit, and to Treasurer Tim Lillis for his budget report. These brothers put in hundreds of hours preparing these reports, and it was refreshing to see the membership ask intelligent questions and provide thoughtful feedback concerning our financial situation.

On a more solemn note, thanks to all those members who attended the calling hours for Bridie Kissane. She was truly one-of-a-kind, and always displayed grace and class. Although the AOH prayers are a small gesture on our part, they have a tremendous impact on a grieving family. Don't under-estimate their value. If you receive a Division e-mail message concerning funeral services and AOH prayers, please try to join us.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our new Pro-Life Committee Chairman Dick Lowery. Recently, Dick crafted well-written, calm, and thoughtful letters and sent them to the AOH NYS and National chairs. Those correspondences will be posted on our website and I encourage everyone to read them. Right-to-life is a central precept of our religion and our organization, so please support Dick in his future endeavors.

Congratulations to Charlie Major and Ed Ryan for becoming two more in a long list of proud Hibernians asked to serve as Grand Marshals of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade! Let's show our support and come to the Grand Marshal's Dinner on the evening of Friday, March 16th. This event always provides a great opportunity for the Irish community to gather and celebrate our distinguished Grand Marshals — who truly represent our motto of "Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity".

Thanks go to our friends at the Drumcliffe School of Irish Dance for donating two tickets to their March 15th concert at the Palace Theatre. The concert will feature Lúnasa, that is widely considered to be the hottest Irish acoustic group in the world. We'll raffle off the tickets at our Sunday, March 4th meeting, and you must be present to win!

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members — Michael Brannigan, Timothy Hourigan, and Matthew Sheehan, and welcoming back recently reinstated Brother Christopher M^cCarthy who is currently on active military duty in Afghanistan. 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 information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon @ (315) 673-4011.

As a reminder, we're still seeking guest speakers for future AOH Syracuse Division meetings.

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



NOTICE:

2011 AOH dues must be paid by Saturday, March 17th to avoid suspension of membership. Please see the dues-related details to the right for more information.

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].

A O H D I V I S I O N M E E T I N G

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 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 annual Tipp Hill Shamrock Run will be held on Saturday, March 10th.

Please visit the event website [www.tipphillrun.com] for more information.

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Committee invites the public to the following upcoming events:

- ☑ **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade fundraiser:** Sunday, March 11th at Noon at Kitty Hoynes (301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse)
- ☑ **City of Syracuse St. Patrick's Day stripe painting ceremony:** Friday, March 16th at 9:30 am at the City Hall Commons (201 East Washington Street in Syracuse)
- ☑ **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal's Dinner:** Friday, March 16th at 6:00 pm at the OnCenter (800 South State St. in Syracuse)
- ☑ **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade:** Saturday, March 17th at Noon in Downtown Syracuse

Please visit the committee's website (www.syracusestpatrickspatrickspatrick.org) for additional event information.

The Onondaga County Parks Department is sponsoring the third annual **Irish Road Bowling Tournament**, scheduled for 11:00 am on **Sunday, March 18th** at **Onondaga Lake Park**. For more information, please contact AOH Syracuse Division member George Lowe [slowglow61@hotmail.com] or visit the event website (where you can obtain a registration form): <http://irishroadbowling.org>

The Syracuse **St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser** will be held on **Sunday, March 25th** at 10:00 am at **Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant** (301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse). Please visit the St. Baldrick's Foundation website (www.stbaldricks.org) for more information.

John Kissane and other AOH Syracuse Division members are organizing a Division golf league team. While John is away (should be back soon), please contact Mike Donovan [e-mail: michaelldonovan@yahoo.com / phone: (315) 491-4703] or Bob Bunce [(315) 488-0020] for more information.

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 28th. 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 meet before and after the parade at M^cNamara's Pub, located on Newport Rd., just outside of the village. Ample parking will be available in M^cNamara's lot. Please contact Ron Clare via phone [(315) 436-6431] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

Ron Clare and Kevin Mahoney are organizing the annual **AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament**, scheduled for **Sunday, June 24th** at the **Westvale Golf Club** in Camillus. A 1:00 pm shotgun start is planned. The cost is \$70/person or \$280/foursome, and includes greens fees, cart, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda on the course, and dinner following the tournament at the club restaurant. For more information, please contact Ron [phone: (315) 436-6431 / e-mail: draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] or Kevin [phone: (315) 396-3885 / e-mail: kmahoney@mvnhealth.com].

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



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Dates to remember...

- ☑ Sat., 3-17: **Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade** (Noon in Downtown Syracuse - www.syracusestpatricksparade.org)
- ☑ Fri., 7-20 & Sat., 7-21: **St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival** (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse - www.stpatricksirishfest.com)
- ☑ Fri., 7-27 → Sun., 7-29: **Great American Irish Festival** (Herkimer County Fairgrounds - www.gaif.us)
- ☑ August (exact dates TBD): **Cortland Celtic Festival** (Court House Park in Cortland - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)
- ☑ September (exact dates TBD): **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].

The Syracuse Gaelic Football Club is seeking players. The team's 2012 scheduled games are: Sat., 5-12 (Rochester @ Syracuse); Sat., 5-19 ("7's" tournament @ Cleveland); Sat., 6-2 (Syracuse @ Rochester); Sat., 6-9 (Syracuse @ Albany); Sat., 6-23 (Syracuse @ Buffalo); Sat., 6-30 (Syracuse vs. Pittsburgh @ Rochester); Sat., 7-14 (Albany @ Syracuse); Sat., 7-28 (Herkimer "7's" tournament); Sat., 8-4 (Buffalo @ Syracuse). Please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] for more information.

2012 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
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ Syracuse Irish (music) Session: <http://web.me.com/neofiddle/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html>
- ☑ 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 news: www.nuzhound.com
- ☑ Irish-American Information Service: iais.org
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

LADIES AOH (LAOH) NEWS



- ☑ **MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm at St. Ann's school (4471 Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse).
- ☑ **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]
- ☑ **"BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW:** 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>
 - ⇒ 1st Sunday of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub 253 East Water Street in Syracuse (315) 399-5533
 - ⇒ 2nd 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
 - ⇒ 3rd Sunday of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): Johnston's Bally Bay Pub & Rest. 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse (315) 423-8021
 - ⇒ 4th Saturday of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Rest.