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... By Dave Lynch, **Division President**

Dear Brothers,

- One last event from the busy month of March to comment on — some brave AOH Syracuse Division members had their heads shaved on St. Baldrick's Day: Sean Johnston, Mike Foley, John Gooley, Mike Barrett, Dave Hoyne, and Bob Bunce's children's "Dirty Bald Kids" team. All of these fine individuals deserve our admiration and congratulations for helping to raise over \$300,000 locally for cancer research! Although Dave Hoyne refused my \$20 offer to shave his eyebrows, a very special thanks goes to him and his Kitty Hoynes staff for hosting this great event on their day off!
- ☑ I would like to thank Dan Case and Tim Lillis for stepping in and assisting with the Shamrock Degree ceremony which was held at the April Division meeting.
- Moving forward to the May meeting, we will have a report from the Finance Committee, as well as an open discussion about how we'll start shaping a budget and planning for the future. I'll report on the 2008 wrapup/2009 kick-off meeting of the Syracuse Irish Festival Committee. The committee members have some great new ideas, and I am really excited about this year's event. I hope all our members will volunteer and get involved with the AOH's highlight of the summer! I will also be looking for fresh ideas about how we can better utilize the space we are given at the Festival. So, I expect to see everyone at the meeting and please don't hesitate to speak up, join in, and have fun!
- ☑ We're very glad to hear that LAOH member Mary Sammon is doing well after her recent knee replacement surgery!
- ☑ Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division members — George Dapson, John Hogan, William O'Malley, James Purcell, and James Ryan — who joined at the April meeting. As always, we're seeking new members!
- ☑ Our deepest condolences go to AOH Syracuse Division member Mike Cregan on the recent passing of his brother Stephen of New York City, and to the family of former AOH Syracuse Division member Mike Spain on his recent passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.
- Many thanks go to Patrick's Dry Cleaning of Westvale for cleaning our Division's AOH parade banner free-ofcharge!
- ☑ AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are encouraged to provide their current street address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) to Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern via e-mail [kahern@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 468-6338].
- ☑ If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me via e-mail [klynch2@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 477-1962].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Dave

AOH DIVISION MEETING **C** SUNDAY, MAY 3RD @ 7:00 pm

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PJ's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) For info, contact Dave Lynch: klynch2@twcny.rr.com / (315) 477-1962

AOH Syracuse Division members Brendan Sammon and Mike Cregan are organizing a group trip to Gavin's Golden Hill Resort in East Durham (Catskills region) scheduled for Friday, May 15th through Sunday, May 17th. Per-person rates are \$219 for Plan A and \$179 for Plan B. Plans include meals, a free round of golf, and Andy Cooney Show Band performances on Friday and Saturday nights. 8% NYS sales tax and gratuities for dining room and housekeeping are additional. If you're interested, please contact the resort as soon as possible [www.gavins.com / (518) 634-2582] for more specific plan information and/or to make reservations. Please contact Brendan [(315) 673-4011] or Mike [(315) 487-0931] for any other questions you have.

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 25th, starting promptly at 9:30 am. Pre-Parade line-up will be at 8:45 am on the corner of Maple Drive and West Genesee Street. Dress attire should include khaki (tan) slacks, white dress shirt with an Irish tie, an AOH scarf (if you have one), and, depending on the weather, an AOH jacket (again, if you have one). Marchers are invited to meet before and after the Parade at M^eNamara's Pub, located on Newport Road, just outside the village. Ample parking will be available in M^eNamara's lot. Please contact Ron Clare via phone [(315) 468-1892] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

The 15th annual Syracuse AOH/Tony Rogers Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday. June 14th at the Westvale Golf Club in Camillus. The format is the same as in vears 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 \$14,000 in scholarships for area students. 100% of the money raised through flag sponsorships goes to the scholarship and the Division general fund. The golf, dinner, and prize portion of the tournament is funded solely by the golfers' entry fees and donations. We are also seeking flag sponsors for this event. The cost is \$50 per flag for this great tournament. The flags will be displayed at the tournament and then collected and distributed to the sponsoring individual, family, or business following the tournament. To golf, sponsor a flag, or both, please contact:

- » Bob Rogers: (315) 488-0307 or rrogers506@aol.com
- » Bill Kelly: (315) 488-1974 or wmkelly@twcny.rr.com
- » John Rogers: (315) 455-0117 or jajrogers@verizon.net

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 Jim Hartigan [(315) 487-6298] for directions and Jim Henson [(315) 468-6131] for membership information.

Dates to remember...

- Fri., 7-24 & Sat., 7-25: 2009 St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival (216 N. Lowell Ave. in Syracuse)
- M Fri., 7-24 → Sun., 7-26: 2009 Great American Irish Festival (Herkimer County Fairgrounds - www.gaif.us/)
- N Sat., 8-??: 2009 CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival (Long Branch Park in Liverpool - exact date TBD)
- Sat., 8-??: 2009 Cortland Celtic Festival (Court House Park in \checkmark Cortland - exact date TBD - www.cortlandcelticfestival.com)

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer David Kennedy via home phone [(315) 637-3307], cell phone [(315) 569-3302], or e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net].

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@gmail.com].

AOH apparel is available. Please contact AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer David Kennedy via home phone [(315) 637-3307], cell phone [(315) 569-3302], or e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net].

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 Kevin Ahern at the next meeting or send a check to our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2009 AOH Syracuse Division Officers... Chaplain: Fr. John Ahern

- President: Dave Lynch \square
- ☑ Vice-President: Ron Clare
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- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern Treasurer: David Kennedy M
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- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff \checkmark
- Marshal: Mike Cregan ☑
- Sentinel: Tim Lillis

Web sites of interest ...

- AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com ☑
- NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com \square
- National AOH: www.aoh.com ☑
- CNY IACI: www.syraoh.com/iaci/iaci.htm \checkmark
- Syr. St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org ☑
- Syracuse Irish (music) Session: ☑ http://web.mac.com/houseofchai/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html
- IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com M
- Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com \square
- Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com ☑
- ☑ Irish news: www.nuzhound.com
- Irish-American Information Service: iais.org M
- Irish-American Heritage Museum:
- www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org Belfast cab tours: www.belfastcabtours.com M
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com \square
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com \checkmark

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 CONGRATULATIONS: To Anne & Fred Ferguson! Their grandson is finally nome from the hospital. Congratulations to the proud parents too.
 NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to our four new members: Kathy Brennan, Kathy Potter, Maureen Nurray Gontarek, and Meghan Grady.
 OFFICERS FOR THE 2009-2010 TERM: President: Rosemary Koppel, Vice President: Eileen Tickner, Recording Secretary: Maureen O'Hara, Treasurer: Maureen Fogarty, Financial Secretary: Joyce Krichbaum, Irish Historian: Rosemary Davenport, Missions and Charities: Yvette Guilfoil, Catholic Action: Kathleen Richardson, Mistress-at-Arms: Edie Sakran, Sentinel: Leslie Walker.
 SYMPATHY & GET-WELL CARDS: Please contact Joyce Krichbaum @ (315) 699-5711 concerning any sick or recently deceased LAOH members.
 LAOH, FRIENDS & FAMILY COOKBOK: A great gift for only \$10! Please contact Maureen Tickner @ (315) 478-7937, Kathleen Richardson @ (315) 672-5116, or Eileen Tickner @ (315) 478-7937, Kathleen Richardson @ (315) 672-5116, or Eileen Tickner @ (315) 478-7937, Representation.
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- (315) 699-5711. CONTACT: LAOH Division President Rosemary Koppel via phone [(315) 487-5408], e-mail [RPotter3@twcny.rr.com], or USPS [545 Tompkins Street, Syracuse, NY 13204] with questions, comments, suggestions, etc. DUES: LAOH membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. Please send a \$20 check (payable to LAOH Division #1) to: Financial Secretary Joyce Krichbaum, 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY 13039 [If you're having trouble with payment, contact Joyce ASAP @ (315) 699-5711.] "EILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm -12 am (Syr. 91.3 FM/Utica 89.5 FM/Watertown: 90.9 FM) SEAN JOHNSTON'S RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 6 pm 7 pm (Syracuse 105.9 FM / www.myspace.com/inshpowerhour) Ø
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 SEAN HENNESSEY'S (OF THE WATERTOWN DIV.) RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 11 am 12 pm (Watertown: 1240 AM)
 BOB WELSH'S IRISH RADIO SHOW (FROM AUBURN): Sundays, 1 pm 3 pm; web: www.wdwn.fm; requests: (315) 253-0449
 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.colemansinshpub.com
 For the music schedule, please visit the website or call Syracuse Irish (music) Session: http://web.mac.com/houseofchal/SyracuseIrishSession/Home.html
 14 Sunday of each month (4 pm 7 pm): Wayside Irish Pub 101 West Main Street in Elbridge (315) 689-5240 www.waysidepub.com
 22 Sunday of each month (2 pm 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Rest. 301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse (315) 423-8021
 34^m Sunday of each month (2 pm 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Rest. Ø