





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



...by Steve Leyden, **AOH Syracuse Division President**

Please remember AOH Syracuse Division Immediate Past President Dave Lynch in your prayers as he fights a serious health issue.

Another busy St. Patrick's season has come and gone. We started the month of March with the Tipp Hill Shamrock Run to raise money for the local St. Patrick Hunger Project. As usual, our team of AOH runners was led by Jerry "the Greyhound" Cregan. Next year, we hope to increase AOH participation and visibility by adding a walking group.

We again had the honor of leading the procession into the Cathedral for the St. Patrick's Mass. Bishop Cunningham expressed his appreciation for our great turnout and said he loves our green jackets! We also looked sharp in the parade. We should always be very proud to march down Salina Street as the oldest Irish organization in Onondaga County.

Syracuse University basketball player Trevor Cooney has accepted our Division's "Irish-American Athlete of the Year" award. We're in the process of scheduling a convenient time for the presentation of a plaque. Look for a communication as to the time and place of the ceremony. Brother Wayne Callahan is also working on awards for high school athletes and coaches to be presented at the end of the high school sports seasons.

We've finally received permission from the City of Syracuse to place Irish Historical plaques at a few spots around the city. Our first plaque will be mounted at the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets (the site of the old Syracuse train station) to commemorate the 1919 visit of Eamon DeValera to the city and the speech that he gave on that corner. Stay tuned for information on the plaque dedication ceremony. Thanks to Brothers Tom Parker, Michael Lehman, and Dan Halloran for their work to make this great project a reality.

Our bus trip to Grosse Île, Quebec has been scheduled for Friday September 12th through Sunday September 14th. The three-day/twonight stay in the Province of Quebec will include visits to the Shrine of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré (the Patron Saint of Canada), a cruise on the St. Lawrence River, including a four-hour stop at Grosse-Île and the Irish Famine Memorial, Old Montréal restaurants and nightlife, and Sunday morning Mass at Montreal's Basilica of St. Patrick (built by Irish immigrants fleeing an Gorta Mór in 1847). The trip is open to spouses, family, and friends. The cost is only \$260 per-person and includes the bus, breakfast, and Grosse Île tour. Final payment is due by Wednesday, September 10th and a monthly payment plan is available. Note that everyone must present a valid passport or NYS Enhanced Driver's License to enter Canada and return to the U.S. Please RSVP as soon as possible to: AOHSteve@gmail.com or (315) 727-7048

Please join Brother Tom Parker and friends on Friday, April 25th at the Cazenovia Library for a night of Irish music and fun.

Through Brother Dick Sheeran, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner apologizes for not attending last month's meeting as planned. Apparently, her scheduler sent her to the wrong location. She hopes to be able to attend our October or November monthly meeting.

Let's continue to make progress toward achieving our 2014 membership goal of 300! Remember that many men would join if only you ask! AOH membership requirements and our Division's application are available on our website [www.syraoh.com].

It's not too early to be thinking about our spring and summer schedule. As information becomes available, events and activities are listed on the "Calendar of Events" page on our Division's website.

As always, we're still seeking guest speakers for future meetings. AOH car rental discounts are available to Hibernian members with Avis and Budget. When inquiring about these discounts, please reference code numbers "AWD=X265800" (Avis) or "BCD=A766200" (Budget).

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

☞② SUNDAY, MAY 4<u>TH</u> @ 7:00 pm

Small Plates Restaurant (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail (aohsteve@gmail.com

AOH Syracuse Division member Judge Joseph Fahey will be holding a launch/signing session for his new book, "James K. McGuire: Boy Mayor and Irish Nationalist". This event will be held on Wednesday, May 21st from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Onondaga Historical Association (321 Montgomery Street in downtown Syracuse). Books will be available for purchase, and Judge Fahey will also give a talk about the book.

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 26th. 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 meet before and/or after the parade at Stein's Restaurant & Pub, located at 5600 Newport Rd. (just outside of the village). Parking will be available in Stein'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 once again organizing the annual AOH Syracuse Division Family Golf Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd 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. 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 [phone: (315) 436-6431 / email: draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] or Kevin [phone: (315) 396-3885 / e-mail: kpmahoney24@gmail.com].

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

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 information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon @ (315) 673-4011.

AOH apparel is available. Please contact Dan Case via e-mail [dannys.pc@hotmail.com] or phone [(315) 303-7041] to purchase jackets, shirts, hats, etc.

If you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, comments, or suggestions for our Division, please contact fundraising committee members George Lowe [gjlowe@live.com / (315) 458-7019] or Ron Clare [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com / (315) 436-6431].

LAOH, MUSIC, & OTHER INFO

- ✓ MEETINGS: ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7:00 PM AT NIBSY'S PUB (201 ULSTER ST. IN SYRACUSE)
 ✓ DIVISION OFFICERS: Anne Flanagan (President), Maureen Fogarty (Vice-President), Rosemary Koppel (Recording Secretary), Eileen Tickner (Treasurer), Roxanne Compoli (Historian), Yvette Guilfoil (Missions & Charities), Margaret LoPiccolo (Catholic Action), Ede Sakran (Mistress-at-Arms), Mary Lou Trait (Sentinel).
 ✓ MEMBERSHIP DUES: Are payable to "LAOH", and can be sent to: Anne Flanagan, 8403 Pewter Lane, Manlius, New York 13104
 ✓ SYMPATHY & GET WELL: If you know of anyone who is sick or bereaved, please contact Rosemary Koppel [(315) 487-5408 / 545 Tompkins St., Syracuse, NY 13204].

- COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Contact LAOH Division President Anne Flanagan via phone [(315) 510-6508] or e-mail [anne726@mac.com].
- MSEAN JOHNSTON'S "IRISH POWER HOUR" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm 10 pm ET [Syr. TK99 FM / Utica WOUR 96.9 FM / www.irishpowerhour.com]

 BILL KNOWLTON'S "BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm 12 am ET [Syr. 91.3 FM / Utica 89.5 FM/Watertown 90.9 FM]

☑ 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 pm - 7 pm [100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse / www.colemansirishpub.com / (315) 476-1933]

Syracuse Irish (music) Session:

⊃ 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (4 pm - 7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub [253 East Water St. in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533]

⊃ 2rd and 4th Saturdays of the month (2 pm - 5 pm): Kitty Hoynes [301 West Fayette St. in Syracuse / (315) 424-1974]

- ☑ 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 50+ years. For more information, please contact Bill Delaney [(315) 430-0818].
 ☑ 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 SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. For more information, please contact Steve Roesch via e-mail [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com], cell phone
- [(315) 558-9774], or home phone [(315) 487-1109].

 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 information, please contact them via e-mail [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com].

 THE SYRACUSE GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING PLAYERS. For information, contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] or visit http://syracuse.gaa.ie/.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Late July (exact dates TBD): St. Patrick's Church Irish Festival [location TBD]

- Fri., July 25th → Sun., July 27th: *Great American Irish Festival* [Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY www.gaif.us]

 ✓ Wed., July 30th → Sat., Aug. 2nd: *AOH/LAOH 2014 National Convention* [St. Louis, MO http://aoh2014stl.com]

 ✓ Sat./Sun., August 23rd/24th: *Cortland Celtic Festival* [Dwyer Mem. Park in Little York, NY (just north of Homer) www.cortlandcelticfestival.com]

 ✓ Fri./Sat., September 5th/6th: *Syracuse Irish Festival* [Clinton Square in Downtown Syracuse www.syracuseirishfestival.com]

Please pay your AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$40 WEB SITES OF INTEREST... 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 our P.O. Box (listed on this newsletter).

2014 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS...

- Chaplain: Father John Ahern
- President: Steve Leyden
- Vice-President: Rick Potter \square
- Recording Secretary: Dan Holleran
- Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern ☑
- Treasurer: Tim Lillis ☑
- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff abla
- Marshal: John Lyons
- Sentinel: Ryan Casler

- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- ☑ AOH NYS: www.nvaoh.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 ☑
- Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org M
- Syracuse Gaelic Football Club: http://syracuse.gaa.ie
- M Irish Power Hour: www.irishpowerhour.com
- IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com ☑
- Irish Family History Foundation (I.F.H.F.): www.rootsireland.ie \square
- 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