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» MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: COMMODORE

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

At the May 1st meeting, we'll be voting on our potential dues increase. Please come and make your opinion known. We'll also be discussing a change in the format and date of our annual Christmas party.

On Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916, a group of Irish nationalists proclaimed the establishment of the Irish Republic and staged a rebellion against the British government in Ireland. The rebels seized prominent buildings in Dublin and clashed with British troops. Within a week, the insurrection had been suppressed and the leaders of the rebellion were executed. The executed leaders were hailed as martyrs, and in 1921 a treaty was signed that established the Irish Free State, which eventually became the modern-day Republic of Ireland.

On Sunday, April 24th, 2016, we are commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising by honoring James K. McGuire, the "boy Mayor" of Syracuse. McGuire was an active supporter of the Rising through his involvement in Clan-na-Gael, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and the Irish Republican Army. He was also instrumental in bringing Eamon De Valera to Syracuse in 1919 to raise money for the new Irish Republic. Our historical marker outside of Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant shows De Valera and McGuire in Syracuse. Mayor McGuire was so popular that the Syracuse Common Council paid for his headstone upon his death in 1923. Our commemoration starts at St. Agnes Cemetery, with a procession to the gravesite of Mayor McGuire and a reading of the Easter Proclamation (i.e., the Irish Declaration of Independence) by Judge Joe Fahey — the Mayor's great-nephew. We'll assemble at the South Avenue entrance to St. Agnes Cemetery at 11:45 am and walk to the grave. Dress is casual. Please wear your green AOH jackets or other green apparel. After the gravesite commemoration, we'll have a brunch at Kitty Hoynes from 1:00 pm until 5:00 PM, during which former Congressman Jim Walsh will read the Proclamation. This event is open to members, family, and friends, and includes food, drink, Irish dancers, and music for just \$10 per person. We expect a large turnout and several local media outlets will be covering the event. In addition to Jim Walsh, Congressman John Katko, Mayor Miner, and County Executive Mahoney are also expected to attend.

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

We've been selected as a food vendor for the 75th Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th. In past years, this event was a big fundraiser for us and it's an honor to be invited back. Joe Schiltz has planned a great Irish menu that the organizers love. We've also been invited to set up our booth in the 'Clan Row' and to lead the Parade of Clans, as we did last year. We sold lots of baseball raffle tickets and AOH apparel last year in the Clan Row. This one-day event has the potential to raise as much money as the Syracuse 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 proclamation signatories who were executed, a public reading of the Easter 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].

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 Division Past President Dave Lynch as he 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 e-mail [AOHSteve@gmail.com].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Steve

AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST @ 7:00 pm

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

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 meet before and/or after the parade. 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 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, MUSIC, & OTHER INFO

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