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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,

Thanks to the membership for showing their confidence and support by voting all of the current AOH Syracuse Division Officers back for another year. I can tell you from experience that this is the most proactive slate of Officers we could have, and they're already planning improvements for next year! I would also like to thank Doug McCurdy, our AOH District 3 Director, for attending the October meeting. I appreciate his kind words about the status and progress of our Division, and look forward to supporting his future initiatives and projects.

I encourage everyone to attend the November meeting. We'll be discussing our Holiday activities, including the Division Christmas Party/ Officer Installation Dinner, Christmas Appeal, and Children's Christmas Party. More information will be included in the next HH newsletter.

A volunteer sign-up sheet will be started for this year's "Old Newsboys" fund-raiser. This event has turned into our most successful annual charitable fund-raiser, so please come out to sell some newspapers and get a better understanding of what Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity is truly all about!

I would like to thank Brother John Kissane for reminding us that our Division was the first group of volunteers to start the construction of the original M^hMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Site. Who could have imagined that the Hibernians, spending a Saturday afternoon tearing down the bottom floor of an abandoned house on Syracuse's West Onondaga St., would be of such help to a great organization that has had such a positive impact on our community.

Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member — William Murphy. 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!

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

The friends of Matthew Ficarra will be holding a fund-raiser on Sunday, November 6th from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the NYS Fairgrounds' International Pavilion. The \$20 per-person admission cost will include a 50/50 raffle, other raffle prizes, food, and music. 27-year-old Matthew - of Syracuse - recently suffered a spinal cord injury, resulting in paralysis. He is currently participating in an intensive rehabilitation program at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Some AOH Syracuse Division members are working on this fund-raiser. Donations can be sent to: Friends of Matt Ficarra Fund PO Box 11 Syracuse, NY 13201. For more information, please visit the following website:
www.friendsofmattficarra.bbnw.org

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

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, NOVEMBER 6TH @ 7:00 pm

PJ's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse)

For info, contact Dave Lynch: dclynch@twcny.rr.com / (315) 477-1962

Congratulations to our newly elected AOH Syracuse Division Officers for 2012! Because there was only one candidate per Office, the slate of candidates was automatically elected. Your 2012 AOH Syracuse Division Officers are:

- ☞ **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**

The AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2012 AOH and LAOH Officer Installation Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at M^hNamara's Pub (5600 Newport Rd. in Camillus). Please arrive by 4:00 pm for the installation ceremony. Cocktail hour with appetizers will start at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by music. The per-person cost of tickets for both members and guests will be \$22, and a cash bar will be available. Please RSVP by contacting AOH Syracuse Division member Ron Clare via cell phone [(315) 436-6431] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] as soon as possible.

AOH Syracuse Division member Rich Walsh is once again organizing our Division's participation in the annual Syracuse Newspapers "Old Newsboys" fund-raiser, which is scheduled for **Friday, December 9th (7:00 am through the evening) and Saturday, December 10th (7:00 am until Noon)**. If you're interested in lending a hand at this fun and very important community fund-raising event, please contact Rich as soon as possible via e-mail [rpwalsh@syr.edu] or phone [(315) 488-9114]. **The need for volunteers is particularly great during the day on Friday. Any amount of hours you can give would be greatly appreciated!** Sign-up forms will also be available at the next Division meeting.

AOH Syracuse Division member John Kissane and others are organizing a Division golf league team for next year. If you're interested in playing, please contact John @ (315) 446-4359 for more information.

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

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., 12-3: **AOH Syr. Div. Christmas Party/2011 Officer Installation Dinner** (M⁴Namara's Pub in Camillus)
- ☑ Fri., 12-9 & Sat., 12-10: **Syr. Newspapers "Old Newsboys" fundraiser** (various locations throughout CNY)
- ☑ December ??: **Annual AOH Syr. Div. Children's Christmas Party** (details and date coming soon)
- ☑ July 2012 (exact dates TBD): **AOH National Convention** (Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY - www.aoh.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. If you're looking for a fun, new sport to try during the summer months, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com] for more information.

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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).
- ☑ **2011 LAOH CHARITY RAFFLE:** The LAOH is selling \$1 raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-sewn Irish quilt. Tickets to be sold throughout the year, with the drawing scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. Please see an LAOH Member for tickets!
- ☑ **FALL UPDATE:** We had a wonderful time at the Celtic and Irish Festivals. The jewelry, face painting, and scones were a big hit! Thank you for making both events fun and successful.
- ☑ **REMINDERS:** 2011 State Calendars: \$25 for calendars - bring check or money to the November meeting; November 10th: bring a dish since the November meeting is pot-luck!
- ☑ **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]
- ☑ **SEAN JOHNSTON'S RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9 pm - 10 pm (Syracuse 95.7 FM (a.k.a., 95X) / www.irishpowerhour.com)
- ☑ **"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.