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

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PRESIDENT'S ORNE

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

Brothers,

Since 1932, the Old Newsboys campaign has raised money for the Christmas Bureau, which is sponsored by the United Way and the Salvation Army. The Christmas Bureau provides gifts for Christmas and food and other items to local families, and last year more than 7,000 children received toys and books from this great organization! For many years, our Division has raised more money locally than any other volunteer group, and we've been fortunate enough to have received recognition in the media for our efforts. Brother Rich Walsh and his team are again looking for volunteers, so please try to spare some time and join in if you're able! Additional information is included in this newsletter.

April $24^{\frac{th}{t}}$, 2016 marks the $100^{\frac{th}{t}}$ anniversary of the Easter Rising. The Rising was mounted by Irish Republicans to end British rule in Ireland and to establish an independent Irish Republic. Our Division plans to commemorate this historic event in several ways, including a public reading of the Easter Proclamation, a memorial mass for the signatories who were executed, and a summer picnic for members, families, and guests. Geordy Austin has agreed to chair the events, but we'll need lots of help to arrange the venues, food and drink, and entertainment. To volunteer, please contact Geordy [Geordya7@gmail.com or (315) 446-1153].

Thanks go to Geordy for organizing the October 18th memorial mass in Tully for Willie Farroll. We plan to make this an annual event and hope to increase participation each year. Thanks also go to Bob Bunce for organizing the October 9th happy hour at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub. Member feedback has been positive, so we'll do a happy hour each quarter.

Congratulations to Geordy for being invited to be part of the panel discussion called 'Project Children: A Catholic's View of the Northern Ireland Conflict', with Denis Mulcahy — the founder of Project Children. This presentation is part of Mohawk Valley Community College's Cultural Series and will take place at 6:00 pm on Monday, November $16^{\frac{th}{}}$ in the Schafer Theater, which is located in the Information Technology building on the college's Utica campus. Admission is free and open to the public. Several members of the AOH Utica Division will be attending, so let's make sure we have a presence there as well.

We still have AOH property scattered in different locations, and our Ritual and Degree Committee is looking to safely store that property in a central location. Please check your garage and basement to see if you have any AOH gear (banners, flags, plaques, etc.). If you do have such items, please give them to Dan Case.

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon [(315) 673-4011]. Please remember in your prayers Father Naos M^cCool — who recently suffered a severe stroke and Immediate Past President Dave Lynch — as he continues to fight a serious health issue. Please also pray for members who are privately fighting health issues, but who wish to remain anonymous.

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 e-mail [AOHSteve@gmail.com].

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Steve



AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

☞② SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 1ST @ 7:00 pm

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

Nominations for 2016 AOH Syracuse Division Officers were accepted at the October meeting and only the office of Vice-President was contested. All other Officers were automatically re-elected. At the Sunday, November $1^{\underline{st}}$ meeting, paid-up members will be able to vote for either incumbent Dick Sheeran or Michael Lehmann.

The AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2016 AOH and LAOH Officer Installation Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 5th at the Camillus Elks Club (6117 Newport Rd. in Camillus). The officer installation ceremony will be held at 4:30 pm and dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Members must have paid their 2015 dues in order to attend. There will be no cost for paid-up members and guest tickets will be \$20. Three drink chips will be provided to each AOH member, a cash bar will be available, and entertainment will be provided. This event is open to AOH/LAOH members and their spouses/significant others, as well as other family members and friends. Please RSVP as soon as possible by contacting Ron Clare [(315) 468-1892 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com].

AOH Syracuse Division member Rich Walsh is once again organizing our Division's participation in the Syracuse Media Group's annual 'Old Newsboys' newspaper sales fundraiser, scheduled for Friday, December 11th (8:00 am - 7:00 pm) & Saturday, December 12th (8:00 am - Noon). If you're interested in lending a hand at this fun and very important community fundraising event, please contact Rich as soon as possible [rpwalsh@syr.edu / (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 Division meetings.



2015 AOH dues payments must be received by Thursday, December 31st, 2015 to avoid suspension of membership. Please see dues-related details in this newsletter for more information.

AOH members who pay their 2016 dues by Sunday, February 28th will have their names entered into the 'Early Bird' drawing. The drawing winner will have his 2017 dues paid by the Division.

If you have any AOH/LAOH information, photos, or memorabilia, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Historian Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (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 [kevina78@hotmail.com / (315) 468-6338].

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].

As information becomes available, events and activities are listed on the 'Calendar of Events' page on our Division's website [www.syraoh.com].

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: <vacant>, Recording Secretary: Rosemary Koppel, Financial Secretary: Liz Thomas, Treasurer: Kathryn Kelly, Historian: Roxanne Compoli, Missions & Charities: Yvette Guilfoil, Catholic Action: Margaret LoPiccolo, Mistress-at-Arms: Ede Sakran, Sentinel: Mary Lawless
- MEMBERSHIP DUES: 2015 dues are now payable; Make checks payable to "LAOH" and send to Liz Thomas, 416 Tilden Drive, East Syracuse, N.Y. 13057
- ☑ 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) 471-1637 / 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] / 2rd & 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 particular and promotes on the contact Georgy Austin [georgya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

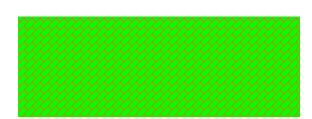
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- ☑ THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. For more info, please contact Steve Roesch [mhrad07@twcny.rr.com / (315) 558-9774].
- ☑ THE CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE (CNY-IACI) INVITES NEW MEMBERS. 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...

- ☑ Saturday, December 5th: AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2016 AOH/LAOH Officer Installation Dinner (Elks Club in Camillus)
- ☑ Friday & Saturday, December 11^{th} & 12^{th} : Syracuse Media Group's "Old Newsboys" fundraiser [various locations throughout CNY]
- Saturday, March 12th at Noon: 34th annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade [Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org]
- ☑ July: 2016 AOH/LAOH National Convention [Atlantic City, N.J. / www.aoh.com] (dates coming soon)

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).

2015 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
- ☑ 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

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