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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Steve Leyden, AOH Syracuse Division President

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Join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member — Patrick Burke — who joined at the last meeting! Patrick is the son of longtime member Tom Burke.

It's almost time for the Old Newsboys newspaper sales fundraiser. Since 1932, this 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 for local families. Last year, more than 7,000 children received toys and books from the Christmas Bureau. For the last 13 years, our Division has raised more money than any other volunteer group. Brother Rich Walsh is looking for volunteers, so please help us in this very important community fundraising event. It's a fun and rewarding way to help those less fortunate. Additional information is contained in this newsletter. Also, by unanimous vote of the Volunteer Committee, Dave Lynch was named 2016 Honorary Chairman for the 2016 AOH Old Newsboys Team. Since his first year as a member of the AOH, and every year since, Dave has served as an AOH volunteer. Dave's leadership, dedication, and commitment has had a positive impact on the volunteer team and our community. As our Honorary Chairman, we look to Dave as an example of an Irish Gentleman, whose unselfish actions truly make a difference within the Syracuse community and embody Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity.

The date of our annual memorial mass for Willie Farroll at St. Leo's Church in Tully is being finalized. Once again, a piper and the Tom Dooley Choraliers will lead us to the cemetery for a short service at Willie's grave. Food and beverages will be served at a reception, which will follow the mass. As many of you are aware, Willie was a 27-year-old Catholic Irishman who was murdered in Tully in 1820. Willie died without having received his last rites and was buried in unconsecrated ground in the nearby Town Cemetery. During the fall of 2003, Willie was posthumously made a member of our Division. Out of respect for Willie's memory, Division members spent considerable time refurbishing his grave stone. Geordy Austin and others continue to maintain the gravesite. For more information or to help with this event, contact Geordy at [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

Our Ritual and Degree Committee is still looking for AOH property to store centrally. Check your garages and basements to see if you have any AOH gear (banners, flags, plaques, etc.). If so, please give the items to Dan Case so he can safely store them. We don't want to lose any valuable, historic, memorabilia.

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Brendan Sammon [(315) 673-4011]. Also, please remember in your prayers Father Naos M<sup>E</sup>Cool, who recently suffered a severe stroke, and Past President Dave Lynch, as he continues to fight a serious health issue. Pray also for members and their families who are privately fighting health issues, but 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 C. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH @ 7:00 pm Asil's Pub (220 Chapel Drive in Fairmount) For info, contact Steve Leyden via e-mail (AOHSteve@gmail.com)

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Nominations for 2017 AOH Syracuse Division Officers were accepted at the October meeting. Only the office of Vice-President was contested, with Dan Holleran and John Butler being the two candidates. All other Officers were automatically elected. The slate of candidates presented is:

- ☑ Sentinel: Scott Phillips (unopposed)
- Marshal: John Lyons (unopposed)
- ☑ Recording Secretary: Steve Leyden (unopposed)
- ☑ Treasurer: *Tim Lillis (unopposed)*
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: Dan Case (unopposed)
- ☑ Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern (unopposed)
- ☑ Vice-President: Dan Holleran and John Butler
- ☑ President: Jim Egloff (unopposed)
- ☑ Chaplain: —to be determined by the 2017 President—

At the Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, members must show their 2016 membership card to be eligible to vote for the Vice-President.

The AOH Syracuse Division will be having a Happy Hour get-together at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lobby Bar in the Marriott Downtown (former Hotel Syracuse). Members' first drink and hors d'oeuvres are on the Division, with a cash bar available after that. Family members and friends are welcome. For additional information, please contact Bob Bunce [rbunce@jbkane.com / (315) 488-0020].

#### 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am -7:00 pm) & Saturday**, **December 10<sup>th</sup> (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.



<u>2016</u> AOH dues payments must be received by Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to avoid suspension of membership. Please see dues-related details in this newsletter for more information.

The **AOH Syracuse Division Winter Party** will be held on **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** at the **Marriott Downtown** (former Hotel Syracuse). The \$30 per-person tickets include a three-course meal and entertainment, including the Blarney Rebel Band. A cash bar will be available. The event is open to AOH/LAOH members, spouses, and other family members and friends. Please RSVP by contacting Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153] or Ron Clare [(315) 436-6431 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.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].

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



# ☑ Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: **AOH Syracuse Division Winter Party** [Marriott Downtown (former Hotel Syracuse)] Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon: 35<sup>th</sup> annual Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade [Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org]

☑ Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> → Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: 2017 AOH/LAOH NYS Convention [Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY - www.nyaoh.com]

☑ Friday/Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>: Syracuse Media Group's 'Old Newsboys' fundraiser [various locations throughout CNY]

## Please pay your 2016 AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$30 for

- members age 60+; \$40 for members age 59 and younger; \$45 for new mem-bers -- due at swearing-in ceremony, along with completed application). As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, dues will be:

DATES TO REMEMBER ...

- \$40 for existing members age 60+ \$50 for existing members age 59 and younger ☑
- \$45 initial fee for new members age 60+
- \$55 initial fee for new members age 59 and younger 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 Ø
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- Recording Secretary: Dan Holleran Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern
- Treasurer: Tim Lillis ☑
- $\checkmark$ 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.goh.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 Ø
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- Ø Irish Power Hour: www.irishpowerhour.com
- IrishCentral site: www.irishcentral.com Ø
- Ø Irish Family History Foundation (I.F.H.F.): www.rootsireland.ie
- ☑ Irish Republican Media site: www.irishrepublicanmedia.com
- Ø Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com
- Irish-American Information Service: www.iais.org M
- Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irishamericanheritagemuseum.org M
- ☑ Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

