





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



... By Dan Case, **Division President**

Dear Brothers,

- ☑ First, let me thank your AOH Syracuse Division Vice-President Steve Leyden for writing the September "President's Corner" column for me during my recent surgery recuperation. Steve's help is always appreciated! Many thanks also go to everyone for the cards, phone calls, and inquiries about my surgery and recovery. I'm doing just fine and my weight has dropped from 305 to 260 pounds! I'm still not able to eat much with my new 4-ounce stomach, but that will change!
- ☑ Once again we showed the Central New York community just how active and involved the AOH Syracuse Division is! We had a great showing of volunteers who helped at the Syracuse Irish Festival. For this, I am very appreciative! We surely can be proud of the success of this year's event. My thanks go to Brother Frank Corcoran for his efforts in coordinating the volunteers for the various duties and to Brother Bob Bunce for his oversight of the wonderful Ireland trip raffle. The trip was donated by the Wilcox Travel Agency. The raffle proceeds will be split between the Festival Committee and the AOH Syracuse Division.
- Of course, Brother Joe Schiltz did a masterful job as always!
- Without question, I must mention the outstanding efforts that Brothers Steve Leyden and Tim Lillis put forth in presenting the very special and moving Irish-language Mass. Special thanks to Fathers John Ahern and Naos McCool for celebrating the Mass for all of us Irish. Special note: Father M^cCool has joined our Division and is very much welcomed into the Ancient Order of Hibernians!
- Here is a message from Frank Corcoran:
 - "Thanks to all my Brothers who volunteered and helped make the Irish Festival such a tremendous success. I know it was a sacrifice for you to spend a weekend working at the event. I hope all of you had as rewarding an experience as I did. It makes me proud to be a Hibernian when all of you responded in such a positive way to support Irish culture, and I want you to know that I am personally grateful. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please forward them to me. Your concerns are welcome. Go Raibh Maith Agat. - Frank"
- ☑ We had asked recently for your prayers for Brother Mike Lynch's son who passed away. Well, this Brother certainly has had his share of troubles — now with the passing of his father. I again ask all our Brothers to say a few prayers for Brother Lynch. He surely has a great weight to bear.
- ☑ I ask that any Brother who is thinking of running for a 2009 AOH Syracuse Division Office to please contact Nomination Committee Chairman Ron Clare via phone [(315) 468-1892] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] as soon as possible. Nominations will be accepted at the October meeting, with elections to be held at the November meeting.
- ☑ A reminder that we will be holding the Shamrock Degree ceremony at the October meeting. I ask that those Brothers who have been sworn in, but who have not yet taken the Shamrock Degree (the first Degree of our Order), please attend as required.
- Remember, we're always seeking new members!
- As your President, if you have ANY problems or questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail [fenian@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 638-2285]. I'm here to serve you!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity,



DIVISION MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH @ 7:00 pm

's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) For info, contact Dan Case: fenian@twcny.rr.com / (315) 638-2285

Nominations for 2009 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the Sunday, October 5th Division meeting. The election of Officers will be held at the Sunday, November 2nd Division meeting. Division Will be field at the Sunday, November 2— Division Theeting. Division Offices include President (Major Degree required), Vice-President (Major Degree required), Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Sentinel, and Marshal. If you're interested in running for an Office, please contact Nomination Committee Chairman Ron Clare via phone [(315) 468-1892] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

AOH Syracuse Division member Joe McConnell is organizing the 36th annual AOH Pitch Tournament, to be held on Sunday, October 12th from 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse). The cost will be \$15 per man (\$30 per team). Payment must be received in advance to secure a table. Thirty-two teams will be the maximum for this tournament. Please contact Joe @ (315) 458-6488 as soon as possible for more information.

The AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2009 AOH and LAOH Officer Installation Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 6th Meghan M^cMurphy's Restaurant & Pub, located at 7990 Oswego Rd. (Rt. 57) in Liverpool. A cocktail hour will start at 4:00 pm, the Officer installation ceremony will start at 5:30 pm, and the buffet dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Music will follow until 9:00 pm. Admission to this event is free for members in good standing, and guest tickets are \$20. Please send your RSVP to one of the following AOH Syracuse Division members by Friday, November 28th if you're interested in attending:

- » Brendan Sammon: (315) 673-4011 <u>or</u> marytsammon@hotmail.com » Frank Corcoran: (315) 472-8165 <u>or</u> corchart@cnymail.com » Mike Cregan: (315) 487-0931 <u>or</u> mcregan@twcny.rr.com » Dan Case: (315) 638-2285 <u>or</u> fenian@twcny.rr.com

AOH Syracuse Division member Rich Walsh is once again organizing our Division's participation in the annual Syracuse Newspapers "Old Newsboys" fund-raiser scheduled for Friday, December 12th (day and evening) and Saturday, December 13th (morning). If you're interested in lending a hand at this fun and very important community fund-raising event, please contact Rich @ (315) 488-9114 as soon as possible. Sign-up forms will also be available at the Division meetings.

Details are being worked-out for the annual AOH Syracuse Division Children's Christmas Party. More information coming soon!

AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are encouraged to provide their current street address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) to Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern via e-mail [kahern@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 468-6338].

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 Jim Hartigan [(315) 487-6298] for directions and Jim Henson [(315) 468-6131 for membership information.

<u>NOTE</u>: AN AOH <u>SHAMROCK DEGREE</u> CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH DIVISION MEETING!!

This ceremony is for those recently sworn-in members who have not yet taken the "long" version of the Hibernian initiation. All such members must participate in this ancient and rewarding ceremony, which represents the first degree of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and provides a better understanding of Hibernianism. It is only offered twice a year in our Division. Please contact AOH Syracuse Division President Dan Case via e-mail [fenian@twcny.rr.com] or phone [(315) 638-2285] for more information.

Ancient Order of Hibernians Commodore John Barry Division P.O. Box 11605 Syracuse, N.Y. 13218-1605



Dates to remember...

- Sat., 12-6: AOH Syr. Div. Christmas Party/2009 Officer Install. **Ceremony** (Meghan M^cMurphy's Pub in Liverpool)
- Early December: Annual AOH Syr. Div. Children's Christmas Party (details coming soon)
- Fri., 12-12 & Sat., 12-13: Annual Syr. Newspapers "Old Newsboys" fund-raiser (various locations throughout CNY)

If you have information concerning sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer David Kennedy via home phone [(315) 637-3307], cell phone [(315) 569-3302], or e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net].

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

AOH apparel is available. Please contact AOH Syracuse Division Treasurer David Kennedy via home phone [(315) 637-3307], cell phone [(315) 569-3302], or e-mail [dkenn15@verizon.net].

Please pay your AOH membership dues as soon as possible (\$35 for members age 60 and younger; \$25 for members age 60+; \$40 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).

2008 AOH Syracuse Division Officers...

- President: Dan Case
- Vice-President: Steve Leyden
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern
- Treasurer: David Kennedy $\overline{\mathsf{A}}$
- Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff
- ⋈ Marshal: Mike Cregan Sentinel: Scott Bowles ☑ Web sites of interest ...
- AOH Syracuse Division: www.syraoh.com
- NYS AOH: www.nyaoh.com M
- National AOH: www.aoh.com
- CNY IACI: www.syraoh.com/iaci/iaci.htm
- Syrac. St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- 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 Belfast cab tours: www.belfastcabtours.com
- Belfast bed & breakfast: www.tirnanogbelfastbandb.co.uk ⋈
- Irish literature: www.ucc.ie/celt
- Irish architecture: www.irish-architecture.com
- Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

Ladies Aoh (LAOH)



- NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the LAOH will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 9th at the Taunton Presbyterian Church (4326 Fay Road in Taunton) for the Rosary (October is the month of Our Lady) and 7:00 pm for the meeting. The Nomination Committee will provide their slate of Division Officers. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, and we'll vote for Officers rather than waiting until November. All Offices are open!

 OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Nomination Committee members: Anne Marie Ferguson [(315) 468-0036], Maureen Fogarty [(315) 478-1096], and Rosemary Davenport [(315) 564-5174]. If you are an officer and want to remain your current Office, change to another Office, not run for Office again or are not
- current Office, change to another Office, not run for Office again, or are not currently an Officer and would like to run for an Office, please call one of the
- currently an Officer and would like to run for an Office, please call one of the Nomination Committee members as soon as possible.

 FOLLOW-UP: Thank you to all for Super Jobs so well done at our recent events! Special thanks to the following Committee Chairpersons: Scottish Games & Celtic Festival: Rosemary Kopple, Rosemary Davenport, Kathleen Richardson, Joyce Krichbaum, and Maureen Fogarty; Syracuse Irish Festival: Anne Marie Ferguson and Eileen Tickner. Thank you to the AOH for selling \$40 of our scones. We voted to hold Division elections in October so our \$40 of our scones. We voted to hold Division elections in October so our November meeting won't be two hours long! Maureen O'Hara will be handling this year's "Basket of Cheer" raffle. Kathleen Richardson has taken a well-deserved break from this initiative. Please bring your item(s) for the Basket to the October meeting. Tickets will again be \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

 **NEWEST DIVISION MEMBERS:* Congratulations and welcome to our three newest Division members: Anne Flanagan (President of an Ohio Division who transferred to our Division), Roxanne (M^cAloon) Compoli, and Judy Marnell.

 **SYMPATHY & GET-WELL CARDS:* Please contact Joyce Krichbaum @

 (315) 699-5711 concerning any sick or recently deceased LAOH members.

 LAOH, FRIENDS & FAMILY COOKBOOK: A great gift for only \$10! Please contact Maureen O'Hara @ (315) 478-7937, Kathleen Richardson @ (315) 672-5116, or Eileen Tickner @ (315) 488-6203 for information.

 POTENTIAL NEW DIVISION MEMBERS?: Please contact Joyce Krichbaum @ (315) 699-5711.

- CONTACT: LAOH Division President Ginny Justian via phone [(315) 622-1705], e-mail [rayorginny@aol.com], or USPS [238 Blackberry Road Liverpool, NY 13090] with questions, comments, suggestions, etc.. ☑
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 DUES: LAOH membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. Please send a \$20 check (payable to LAOH Division #1) to: *Financial Secretary Joyce Krichbaum, 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY 13039 [If you're having trouble with payment, contact Joyce ASAP @ (315) 699-5711.]

 BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE" RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 9 pm Midnight (Syracuse: 91.3 FM / Utica: 89.5 FM / Watertown: 90.9 FM)

 SEAN HENNESSEY'S (OF THE WATERTOWN DIVISION) RADIO SHOW: Sundays, 11 am. Noop (Watertown: 1240 AM).
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 BOB WELSH'S IRISH RADIO SHOW (FROM AUBURN, NY): Sundays, 1 pm

 3 pm; listen on the Web (www.wdwn.fm); requests: (315) 253-0449

 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 (Syracus press; 10 pm 1:20 am)
 - (3115) 476-1933 www.colemansirishpub.com

 For the music schedule, please visit the website or call

 Syracuse Irish Music Session:

- 1st Sunday of each month (4 pm 7 pm): Nibsy's Pub
- 201 Ulster St. in Syracuse (315) 476-8423 3rd Sunday of each month (4 pm 7 pm): Johnston's Bally Bay Bar 550 Richmond Ave. in Syracuse (315) 423-8021