







» 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,

It was great to see all of our Hibernian friends at the Irish Festival! It goes without saying that this is an important event for the Syracuse Irish community. I thank all of you who worked so hard to make it a success. Joe Schlitz, his team, and our Brothers from Fulton are to be congratulated for selling every last hot dog and hamburger! Join us at the October meeting to hear the final revenue report. The AOH and LAOH footprint was everywhere - from the backstage crew to the Gaelic Mass to the hospitality tent, and to the most fun tent of all - the LAOH children's playground. The highlight of the festival had to be when The Elders invited our very own Tom Dooley Choraliers on stage to perform "Men from Erin". This was a very emotional and personal song written by Ian about his own deceased father. He could have picked any band to back him up, but chose the Choraliers. A wise choice if you ask me.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Brother Brian Carey to our Division's Finance Committee. This critical committee oversees all of our budget-related issues. Brian is the designer of the current form required for all donation requests, and along with Steve Leyden and Rick Potter, will be a valuable addition to the team.

The deadline for nominations for 2012 AOH Syracuse Division Officers is approaching. I encourage anyone who is interested to get involved in the Division's leadership! Over the past year, I have heard so many great new ideas to help us move forward. If you want change, you need to start an action plan now!

Sean Rooney of the Syracuse Gaelic Football Club would like to thank our Division and its members for the help and support that we've given the club over the past year. The team recently returned from the National Finals in San Francisco, where they won the Shield competition good for third overall in their division. They lost their opening game to Phoenix, but went on to beat Dallas in a semi-final and Twin Cities in the final. It was a great year for the club, and in only their second year, they also won their division here in upstate New York and came third at the "7's" tournament in Herkimer. The club is looking forward to further success next year, and would like to thank the AOH Syracuse Division for their continued support.

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

Details are being worked-out for the AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2012 Officer Installation Dinner and the Children's Christmas Party. More information will be included in upcoming HH newsletters.

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!

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].

AOH DIVISION MEETING

☞ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND @ 7:00 pm

PJ's Pub & Grill (116 Walton Street in Syracuse) For info, contact Dave Lynch: dclynch@twcny.rr.com / (315) 477-1962

The Tom Dooley Choraliers will be presenting a "Dooley Hooley" Irish extravaganza on Friday, September 30th from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm at the NYS Fairgrounds' Empire Room. The \$10 admission cost will include entry into a \$500 grand prize drawing, music by the Flyin' Column, Irish step dancers, a silent auction, door prizes, snacks, soda, and more. A cash bar will be provided. For ticket and other information, please contact any Choralier or Joe M^cConnell [(315) 458-6488].

Nominations for 2012 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the October Division meeting, with the election of Officers at the November Division meeting. 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 Committee Chairman Ron Clare via phone [(315) 468-1892] or e-mail [draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

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 early December (exact dates TBD). Further details will be included in upcoming HH newsletters.

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.



Dates to remember...

- December ??: Syr. Newspapers "Old Newsboys" fund-raiser (various locations throughout CNY) - (details and dates coming soon)
- ☑ December ??: AOH Syr. Div. Christmas Party/2011 Officer Installation Dinner (details and date coming soon)
- 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.

2011 AOH Syracuse Division Officers...

- Chaplain: Father John Ahern
- President: Dave Lynch
- Vice-President: Dave Kennedy
- Recording Secretary: Jerry Cregan
- Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern
- Treasurer: Tim Lillis \square
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: Jim Egloff
- Marshal: John Lyons $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$

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

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- **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 by Cathy Murray. Tickets to be sold throughout the year, with the drawing scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd.
- **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Reminder that they're payable to: LAOH, Joyce Kirchbaum, and can be sent to: 5841 Reis Drive, Cicero, NY
- ☑ **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.