

» MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS; COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION #2 « Kdelay@syraoh.com



PRESIDENT'S

...by Steve Leyden, AOH Syracuse Division President

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### Brothers,

Thanks to everyone for helping at the Syracuse Irish Festival. We were very busy Friday night, but had enough help to get the job done. Saturday was filled with rain (as usual), but we still did well. The hospitality tent was crowded Friday night and we were able to get the Mass in on Saturday before the rain came. Thanks to Father Kevin Maloney, the Tom Dooley Choraliers, A Harmony of Harps, Brittany O'Reilly, Nick Whitmer, and the Irish Language Class for doing such a great job on the Mass.

The raffle for the September 19<sup>th</sup> Yankees vs. Mets Subway Series game tickets was very successful. Dick Sheeran and John Butler manned the ticket sales booth, while George Lowe and his crew worked the crowd. The winner was Jeff Feldman, who purchased his ticket Friday at the festival.

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a memorial mass for Willie Farroll at 11:30 am at St. Leo's Church in Tully. After the Mass, a piper and the Tom Dooley Choraliers will lead us to the cemetery for a short service at Willie's grave. A reception with food and beverages will follow.

Nominations for 2016 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the October Division meeting. Get more involved in the Division by considering a run for office. If you're interested in running or nominating another brother, please contact Ron Clare. Additional information is included in this newsletter.

Join me in welcoming back recently reinstated AOH Syracuse Division members Tom Tarry and Tim Mahar!

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>c</sup>Cool - who recently suffered a severe stroke, Past Division President Dave Lynch - as he fights a serious health issue, and Maurice Sheedy - who recently had open heart aortic valve replacement surgery.

We're planning for our second round of historical AOH markers. In 2015, we placed five markers around the county: one in Clinton Square, two in and around Kitty Hoynes, one in the Old Erie Canal Park in Dewitt, and one in Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub. If you know of any special events in local Irish history that we should commemorate, please contact me at [AOHSteve@gmail.com / (315) 727-7048].

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

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

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Nominations for 2016 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the election of Officers to occur at the November 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 [(315) 468-1892 / draperiesetcinc@yahoo.com] for more information.

The AOH Syracuse Division will be having a Happy Hour get-together at 5:00 pm on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub (100 South Lowell Ave. in Syracuse). Family and friends are invited. For additional information, please contact Bob Bunce [rbunce@jbkane.com / (315) 488-0020].

A memorial mass for Willie Farroll will be held at 11:30 am on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Leo's Church (10 Onondaga St. in Tully, N.Y.), with a reception to follow. For those who may not be aware, Willie was a 27-yearold 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 the AOH Syracuse Division. Out of respect for Willie's memory, Division members spent considerable time refurbishing his grave stone, and Geordy Austin and others continue to maintain the gravesite. For more information, please contact Geordy [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153].

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 11<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am - 7:00 pm) & Saturday, December 12<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.

Planning is underway for the AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2016 AOH and LAOH Officer Installation Dinner. Details will be included in upcoming HH newsletters.



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

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, 8 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 "L.A.O.H." and send to Liz Thomas, 416 Tilden Drive, East Syracuse, NY 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of month (4-7 pm): J. Ryan's Pub [253 East Water St. in Syracuse / (315) 399-5533] / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 information, 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 Ø activities in the greater Syracuse region. For more information, please contact Geordy Austin [geordya7@gmail.com / (315) 446-1153]. THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. For more information, 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/nonpolitical and promotes the appreciation and enjoyment of all aspects of Irish culture. For more information, please contact them [cnychapteriaci@gmail.com]. THE SYRACUSE GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING PLAYERS. For information, please contact Sean Rooney [seanyrooney@gmail.com]. Ancient Order of Hibernians



# DATES TO REMEMBER ....

- Friday & Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>: Syracuse Media Group's "Old Newsboys" fundraiser [various locations throughout CNY]
- ☑ December: AOH Syracuse Division Christmas Party/2016 Officer Installation Dinner (details/date coming soon)
- Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon: **34<sup>th</sup> 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)

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- Chaplain: Father John AhernPresident: Steve Leyden
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- ☑ 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
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