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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Phil O'Neil,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

The AOH Syracuse Division was well represented by the 30+ Brothers who attended the parade Mass and marched in the St. Patrick's parade. Deacon Bernie Feldman was on the alter to assist the Bishop. It was a little cold and very windy, which prevented us from carrying the large, historical Irish flag that we're noted for. Post-parade festivities at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown were great. We were joined by LAOH and CNY ICS members at our private party in the mezzanine room above the lobby. Kudos to the hotel staff members who worked the party. They were exceptional, as always.

The Parade Gala attendance was 385 Gaels and friends. Parade Grand Marshals were Chow Downey, Dave & Cindy Hoyne, Sophia Meskos and Brother Tom Burke. The common thread among this year's Grand Marshals is their participation in St. Baldrick's fundraising events, hosted by Kitty Hoynes. Those great fundraisers raised over \$7 MILLION for childhood cancer research during its 20-year run. Brother Dan Walsh was the Gala bagpiper. Brother Vince Christian is the St. Patrick's Parade President.

The Easter Rising Commemoration is scheduled for April 26th at 11:00 am. There will be a proclamation and Irish flag-raising at the Syracuse City Hall. Brunch will follow at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown's Eleven Waters restaurant (cost = \$16 adults / \$8 kids).

Tickets for the \$15,000 '300 Raffle' are now available. Contact any of the members whose emails or phone numbers are listed in the newsletter to purchase your tickets. A general USPS mailing to the entire membership will be sent out in early April. This will provide an opportunity for every member to buy or promote ticket sales to family and friends. The proceeds from this fundraiser have allowed us to expand our Catholic School scholarship program to six elementary schools in the Central New York area.

AOH Major Degrees will be offered on May 16th at the Oswego Division's club rooms. This will be the only opportunity to take the Major Degree in this part of NYS during 2026. A Major Degree is required to serve your Division as President or Vice President and it's also required for some state and national offices.

It is not too early to remind businesses that you frequent or your corporate connections that they'll again have an opportunity to support the annual AOH Syracuse Division Family & Friends Golf Tournament. Donated door prizes have been a key to having players return every year. Last year, the event filled-up early, so sign-up your foursome soon.

UPCOMING DIVISION EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- ☑ Easter Rising Commemoration: April 26th @ 11:00 am outside Syracuse City Hall
- ☑ Camillus Memorial Day Parade: May 25th @ 9:00 am (gathering area to be determined)
- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division Family & Friends Golf Tournament: June 14th @ 9:00 am at Tanner Valley Golf Course
- ☑ CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival: August 8th from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm (20 volunteers needed)
- ☑ Syracuse Irish Festival: September 11th & 12th in Downtown Syracuse's Clinton Square (20 volunteers needed each day)

The CNY Irish Cultural Society has monthly social gatherings planned for members and friends for the craic and conversation. The gatherings are held on the second Friday of each month at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub, starting around 4:00 pm.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me: theoneilgroup@gmail.com

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, **Phil**

AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH @ 7:00 PM

Marriott Syracuse Downtown
For info, contact Phil O'Neil: theoneilgroup@gmail.com

The AOH Syracuse Division will march in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 25th. Members and their spouses, significant others, and children are encouraged to march in this great event. Dress attire should include khaki (tan) pants and an AOH golf shirt, if you have one. For more information, please contact Ron Clare:

- ☑ email: rclare@draperiesetc.com
- ☑ phone: 315-436-6431

Chris Kane is organizing the 2026 AOH Syracuse Division Family & Friends Golf Tournament, with assistance from Jim Egloff. The tournament will be held on Sunday, June 14th at the Tanner Valley Golf Club (4040 Tanner Road in Syracuse/South Onondaga), with 9:00 am registration, 10:00 am shotgun start, and a captain-&-crew format. The cost of \$100 per person (or \$400 per foursome) includes greens fees, cart, hamburger/hot dog/chips/beverage/beer on the course, dinner at the course following the tournament, prizes for men's, women's, and mixed teams, and raffles. Chris and Jim are looking for golfers, hole sponsors, door prizes and volunteers, as well as one or two more members to join them on the Golf Committee. If you're interested or have questions, please contact them as soon as possible.

- ☑ Chris: christopher.j.kane@gmail.com / 315-382-7841
- ☑ Jim: jim.egloff26@gmail.com / 315-663-7330

The foursome sign-up form is accessible on our division website's 'Upcoming Events' page and can be accessed [here](#).

If you have information about sick or recently deceased AOH members, please contact Bob Bunce via:

- ☑ email: robertbunce2807@gmail.com
- ☑ phone: 315-546-6045

The AOH apparel website (from Papa's Sports) can be accessed via this URL/link:

https://www.papas-sports.com/ancient_order_of_hibernians

Please note that...

- ☑ Any orders in the queue at the end of each month will be produced and delivered in approximately 2-3 weeks.
- ☑ A shipping fee of \$10 will be charged to any members choosing to have their order shipped to their home address.
- ☑ Those choosing 'pick up my order' will be able to pick up their items at the next monthly meeting or can contact OH Syracuse Division member Kevin Tooley and pick up at his home.

For questions or more information, please contact Kevin via:

- ☑ email: ktooley@twcny.rr.com
- ☑ phone: 315-398-9217

AOH/LAOH Syracuse Division members are asked to provide any changes to their email address, phone number, or USPS address to Financial Secretary Kevin Ahern via:

- ☑ email: kevina78@hotmail.com
- ☑ phone: 315-468-6338

Also, if you've served in the US Military, but your membership card does not display 'VETERAN' on it, please contact Kevin to have your card updated.

Just a reminder that our division accepts payments via PayPal or Venmo.

You can register for a free account on either platform and use it on your laptop/desktop or phone (with the free app). Once you've established an account, you can send your payment to our Division account:

- ☑ PayPal: AOH-Syracuse@gmail.com
- ☑ Venmo: @AOH-Syracuse-1

In your transaction details, please list the purpose of your payment (including the year that you're paying for, if dues-related). AOH Syracuse Division member Sean Conway has volunteered to help members set-up their PayPal accounts. Sean is available during the week (after 5:00 pm) or on the weekends, and his contact information is:

- ☑ email: sconway8675309@gmail.com
- ☑ phone: 315-243-0962



LAOH

- ☑ **MEETINGS:** held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Nibsy's Pub (201 Ulster St. in Syracuse)
- ☑ **DIVISION OFFICERS:** Maureen Fogarty, President; Maureen Mullally Ferguson, Vice President; Kathryn Kelly, Treasurer; Jennifer Barclay, Financial Secretary; Eileen Tickner, Recording Secretary; Margie Miller, Missions and Charities Officer; Hope Cuddahee, Irish Historian; Liz Thomas, Catholic Action Officer; Kathleen Kenny, Mistress at Arms; Leslie Walker, Sentinel
- ☑ **MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Don't forget to pay your yearly dues; Make checks payable to 'LAOH' and send to Kathy Kelly, 5185 Boca Raton Way, Syracuse NY 13215
- ☑ **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:** If you have comments or questions, contact Maureen Fogarty: 315-478-1096 | fogarty.maureen@yahoo.com

MUSIC & OTHER INFO

- ☑ **BILL KNOWLTON'S 'BLUEGRASS RAMBLE' RADIO SHOW:** Sundays, 9:00 pm to midnight (Syracuse 91.3 FM | Utica 89.5 FM | Watertown 90.9 FM)
- ☑ **THE SYRACUSE KILTIE PIPE BAND IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** For more information, contact Dan Walsh (dwalsh0817@hotmail.com).
- ☑ **THE TOM DOOLEY CHORALIERS GROUP IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS.** The Choraliers have been singing to promote Irish culture since 1962, and are seeking men who love to sing the popular songs of Ireland. Read music? Awesome! Don't read music? No problem! All their music is both printed and available with sing-along parts (learn by rote). Please visit www.choraliers.com for more information.
- ☑ **LIVE IRISH MUSIC CAN BE HEARD AT Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant:** 301 W. Fayette St. in Syracuse | www.kittyhoynes.com | 315-424-1974

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☑ **2026 AOH Syracuse Division meeting dates (please note that all meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted):** April 7th
- ☑ **Friday, April 10th at 4:00 pm:** CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering | Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub
- ☑ **Sunday, June 14th:** AOH Syracuse Div. Family & Friends Golf Tournament | Tanner Valley Golf Club (in South Onondaga) | 9:00 am registration, 10:00 am shotgun start | captain-&-crew format
- ☑ **Wednesday, July 15th → Sunday, July 19th:** 2026 AOH National Convention | Omaha, NE | <https://omahairish2026.com>
- ☑ **Saturday, August 8th:** CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival | Long Branch Park in Liverpool, NY | www.cnyscottishgames.org
- ☑ **Friday & Saturday, September 11th & 12th:** Syracuse Irish Festival / Clinton Square in Syracuse / www.syracuseirishfestival.com

Please pay your AOH Syracuse Division membership dues as soon as possible. Dues are as follows:

- ☑ \$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 in person, pay via PayPal or Venmo online payment services, or send a check to:
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
Commodore John Barry Division
P.O. Box 11605
Syracuse, N.Y. 13218-1605

2026 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS

- ☑ Chaplain: Deacon Bernie Feldman
- ☑ President: Phil O'Neil / theoneilgroup@gmail.com
- ☑ Vice-President: —vacant—
- ☑ Recording Secretary: Bill Ryan / bill13039@yahoo.com
- ☑ Financial Secretary: Kevin Ahern / kevina78@hotmail.com
- ☑ Treasurer: Tim Lillis / timothy.lillis@yahoo.com
- ☑ Chairman of the Standing Committee: Troy Murray / trizzle315@gmail.com
- ☑ Marshal: John Lyons / jlyons@lan-co.com
- ☑ Sentinel: Kevin Tooley / ktooley@twcny.rr.com

SITES OF INTEREST

- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division website: www.syraoh.com
- ☑ AOH apparel website: www.papas-sports.com/ancient_order_of_hibernians/
- ☑ AOH Syracuse Facebook page: www.facebook.com/aoh.syracuse
- ☑ AOH NYS: www.nyaoh.com
- ☑ AOH National: www.aoh.com
- ☑ National Hibernian Digest: www.hiberniandigest.com
- ☑ CNY Irish Cultural Society (CNY ICS): www.cnyicssyracuse.wixsite.com/cnyics
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ☑ IrishCentral news site: www.irishcentral.com
- ☑ Irish Family History Foundation: www.rootsireland.ie
- ☑ Irish Republican Book Shop: www.republicanbookshop.com
- ☑ Irish Echo online: www.irishecho.com
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: www.irish-us.org
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: www.foodireland.com

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