



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

Brothers,

Please join me in welcoming new AOH Syracuse division member Steve 'Coach' Yarnell!

The January meeting will be the third meeting to discuss a Division by-law change. The proposed change is to the 'Donations' section of the by-laws and is to include 'feeding the poor', in addition to Irish & Roman Catholic causes, organizations or person(s).

The Syracuse Right-to-Life March will be held on Saturday, January 17th @ 11:30 am. The march begins at the MOST and participants will march to Columbus Circle and assemble at the Court House steps. Total time commitment is about an hour and a half. It would represent our division well if we have a minimum of 10 members at the march. We are a prime group with a presence at the beginning of the march with our banner and our flags. Our division flanks the main dais.

Catholic Action activities coming up:

- ☑ Assisting with the take-down of the Gingerbread Gallery at the Erie Canal Museum. Anticipated dates are a couple days in the week of January 11th.
- ☑ Francis House – We will be taking-down the outdoor Christmas decorations in early January. Participation in this project is less than a two-hour commitment.
- ☑ Old News Boys – Thanks to Dan Walsh and his volunteer team for leading the AOH for this very worthy and well-known event, which benefits the Christmas Bureau. Our Division had a great turn-out of Brothers hawking the special edition of the Post-Standard newspaper at various locations. A special shout out to the Armory Square and Tipp Hill teams for their efforts. We anticipate being the largest money raising group for this cause.

The **AOH Syracuse Division's Holiday Party** will be held in the Persian Terrace room of the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. Here are details:

- ☑ Date: **Friday, January 9th, 2026**
 - ☑ Time:
 - Cocktail reception: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 - Dinner: 6:00 pm
 - ☑ Entertainment will include a band (Flyin' Column) and Irish dancers
 - ☑ Total cost for dinner and entertainment: \$65/adult or \$15/child (please make checks payable to 'AOH Syracuse Division')
 - ☑ **RSVP by Friday, January 2nd. Tickets will NOT be sold after the RSVP date and will NOT be sold at the door**
 - ☑ Hotel room cost: \$149/night (make room reservations directly with the hotel); Cut-off date is Monday, December 29th
 - ☑ Adult dinner menu:
 - Rolls
 - Baby green salad - with grape tomato, radish and red wine vinaigrette
 - Duet plate of beef sirloin and roasted chicken breast
 - Roasted vegetables
 - Mashed potatoes
 - Apple pie ala mode
 - Coffee service: regular, decaf and assorted teas
 - ☑ The following options will be available:
 - Kid's meal (chicken fingers and french fries)
 - Vegetarian (eggplant parmesan, served with pasta)
 - Gluten-free
- When making reservations, please specify adult or child and whether vegetarian or gluten-free options are needed*
- ☑ **To make reservations or for additional event information, please contact Tim Lillis: 315-751-4181 / Timothy.Lillis@yahoo.com**
- ☑ Also, don't forget that we're seeking donations for the 'Basket of Cheer' raffle!
 - Anyone can donate a bottle of wine, liquor, lottery tickets, etc. – from their family, friends, favorite bar or liquor store
 - Donations can also be brought to the next division meeting

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, JANUARY 6TH @ 7:00 PM

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

AOH members who pay their 2026 dues by Saturday, February 28th, 2026 will have their names entered into the 'Early Bird' drawing. The drawing winner will have his 2027 dues paid by the Division.

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

- ☑ email: kevin78@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.

Chris Kane will be organizing the 2026 AOH Syracuse Division Family & Friends Golf Tournament, with assistance from Jim Egloff. The date of the tournament will be Sunday, June 14th at the Tanner Valley Golf Club. Cost and details are being finalized and will be available soon. Chris is looking for one or two more members to join him on the Golf Committee, so if you lend a hand, please contact Chris as soon as possible:

- ☑ email: christopher.j.kane@gmail.com
- ☑ phone: 315-382-7841

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

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

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.



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: —, Vice-President: Maureen Fogarty, Recording Secretary: Maureen M. Ferguson, Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Kathy Kelly, Irish Historian: Hope Cuddahee; Missions & Charities Chair: Margie Miller, Catholic Action Chair: Liz Thomas, Mistress-at-Arms: —, Sentinel: Yvette Guilfoil
- ✓ **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 pm to 12 am (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 are seeking men who love to sing the popular songs of Ireland, and have been singing to promote Irish culture since 1962. 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):** **January 6th**
- ✓ **Friday, January 9th at 4:00 pm:** *CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering* / Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub
- ✓ **Saturday, March 14th at Noon:** *2026 Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade / Salina St. in Downtown Syracuse* / www.syracusestpatricksparade.org
- ✓ **Sunday, June 14th:** *AOH Syracuse Div. Family & Friends Golf Tournament* / Tanner Valley Golf Club (in South Onondaga) / additional details will be available soon

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: Father Tom Ward
- ✓ 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).