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# Hibernian Herald

» MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SYRACUSE, N.Y. ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS: COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DIVISION #2 «

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

Brothers,

Congratulations to Brothers Brian Courtney and Dan Donovan for achieving the Major Degree of the Order. The Major Degree ceremony was held at Trinity School in Oswego on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and was hosted by the Dean Michael Barry Division of Oswego. The Major Degree team from Schenectady officiated the ceremony. Thirty-two Brothers from divisions in Auburn, Rochester, Utica, Oswego, and Syracuse took their Major Degree. Observers included NYS Vice President Kevin O'Rielly, Past NYS State President & National President Ed Wallace, Utica Division President Pat Roche, and Oswego Division officer Pat Chalone. I was proud to join the total of 12 Brothers observing. Everyone was hosted at the Oswego Hall, complete with a complimentary beverage, meal, and mighty craic. Friendship & Unity were on full display, and the Tom Dooley Choraliers provided entertainment.

The Division golf outing on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Tanner Valley is sold out to the limit of 30 foursomes!! If you'd like to play, please join the waiting list in case someone drops out. This year, multiple reminders were placed in recent newsletters and sent via email, and the same will be done for next year's tournament. Door prize donations will be accepted at the June meeting and up to the day of the event. The date of the 2027 tournament will be announced soon.

Ticket sales for the \$15,000 '300 Raffle' have been brisk. Don't be left out! As the old NYS Lottery jingle stated, "You gotta be in it to win it"! This fundraiser has allowed our division to expand our Catholic school scholarship program to include elementary schools in central NY. These schools are Blessed Sacrament in Syracuse, Holy Cross in Dewitt, Holy Family in Fairmount, Immaculate Conception in Fayetteville, Most Holy Rosary in Syracuse, St. Mary's Academy in Baldwinsville, St. Rose of Lima in North Syracuse, and All Saints in Syracuse (Tipp Hill).

A reminder that the date of the Scottish Games & Celtic Festival is August 8<sup>th</sup> at Long Branch Park in Liverpool, from 9 am – 8 pm. Twenty volunteers are needed to work our division's food concession stand. If you can volunteer all day or even two or three hours, that would be greatly appreciated.

I hope we have a record number of marchers in the Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Camillus Memorial Day parade. Gather in the parking lot of the former TK Tavern (5600 Newport Rd.) at 8:30 am. This is the best parking arrangement for the parade.

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](mailto:theoneilgroup@gmail.com)

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

## AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 7:00 PM

**Marriott Syracuse Downtown**  
For info, contact Phil O'Neil: [theoneilgroup@gmail.com](mailto:theoneilgroup@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sconway8675309@gmail.com)
- ☑ phone: 315-243-0962

**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](mailto: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.

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

- ☑ email: [robertbunce2807@gmail.com](mailto:robertbunce2807@gmail.com)
- ☑ phone: 315-546-6045

You can access the **AOH apparel website** (from Papa's Sports) via this URL/link:

[https://www.papas-sports.com/ancient\\_order\\_of\\_hibernians](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](mailto:ktooley@twcny.rr.com)
- ☑ phone: 315-398-9217



## LAOH

- ☑ **MEETINGS:** held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 7 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 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](http://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](http://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 pm, unless otherwise noted):** June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ☑ **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm:** *CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering* | Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub
- ☑ **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:** *AOH Syracuse Div. Family & Friends Golf Tournament* | Tanner Valley Golf Club (in South Onondaga) | 9 am registration, 10 am shotgun start | captain-&-crew format
- ☑ **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> → Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:** *2026 AOH National Convention* | Omaha, NE | <https://omahairish2026.com>
- ☑ **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:** *CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival* | Long Branch Park in Liverpool, NY | [www.cnyscottishgames.org](http://www.cnyscottishgames.org)
- ☑ **Friday & Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>:** *Syracuse Irish Festival* | Clinton Square in Syracuse | [www.syracuseirishfestival.com](http://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](http://www.syraoh.com)
- ☑ AOH apparel website: [www.papas-sports.com/ancient\\_order\\_of\\_hibernians/](http://www.papas-sports.com/ancient_order_of_hibernians/)
- ☑ AOH Syracuse Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/aoh.syracuse](http://www.facebook.com/aoh.syracuse)
- ☑ AOH NYS: [www.nyaoh.com](http://www.nyaoh.com)
- ☑ AOH National: [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)
- ☑ National Hibernian Digest: [www.hiberniandigest.com](http://www.hiberniandigest.com)
- ☑ CNY Irish Cultural Society (CNY ICS): [www.cnyicssyracuse.wixsite.com/cnyics](http://www.cnyicssyracuse.wixsite.com/cnyics)
- ☑ Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade: [www.syracusestpatricksparade.org](http://www.syracusestpatricksparade.org)
- ☑ IrishCentral news site: [www.irishcentral.com](http://www.irishcentral.com)
- ☑ Irish Family History Foundation: [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie)
- ☑ Irish Republican Book Shop: [www.republicanbookshop.com](http://www.republicanbookshop.com)
- ☑ Irish Echo online: [www.irishecho.com](http://www.irishecho.com)
- ☑ Irish-American Heritage Museum: [www.irish-us.org](http://www.irish-us.org)
- ☑ Irish foods/recipes: [www.foodireland.com](http://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](http://www.syraoh.com)).