



Hibernian Herald



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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

Brothers,

Please join me in welcoming our new AOH Syracuse Division Chaplain Deacon Bernie Feldman!

Samaritan Center Initiative: Our Division will be supplying the fish for the fish dinners that will be served every Friday during Lent. The total financial commitment for this project (\$2,100) was voted on and approved. They are asking for one AOH member to volunteer for each Friday during Lent. The dates are 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27, and the time will be from 12:30 - 3:00 pm. George Lowe will cover 2/20 and I will cover 2/27. Four Brothers are needed to step up for this very worthy effort. This opportunity allows us to live up to our motto of Christian Charity. It also gives us a very prominent presence at a well-known and respected local charity.

10th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner to Support Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society: The dinner will be held on March 8th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the Polish Home (915 Park Ave. in Syracuse). The Division is a major sponsor of this event. Dinner tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on the Guardian Angel Society's website (www.guardianangelsoc.org). There are also multiple ways to donate or sponsor this event via the website, if you cannot attend.

St. Patrick's Season Events: This is our time of year to celebrate our Irish heritage. Significant events for season:

- ☑ Shamrock Run: March 8th at Burnet Park. The AOH is a longtime supporting sponsor of this run.
- ☑ Parade Week Kick-Off: March 8th from Noon - 3:00 pm at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant – Great event that supports the St. Patrick's Parade.
- ☑ Parade Grand Marshal's Gala: March 13th at 6:00 pm at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown (former Hotel Syracuse). Tickets are \$100. The reservation deadline is March 1st.
- ☑ Parade Day (March 14th):
 - Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Downtown Syracuse): 10:00 - 11:00 am. Bishop Douglas Lucia will be the presider and homilist.
 - Parade: Noon - 3:00 pm. The AOH Syracuse Division is a major presence and longtime sponsor of the Parade. Suggested attire is, as always, green AOH apparel and khaki pants. The post-Parade festivities will again be held at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. As in previous years, hotel owner Brother Ed Riley has reserved the Mezzanine Room overlooking the lobby area for us. We will have a large green banner hanging from the mezzanine railing. Admission tickets to the hotel will be sold at the entry doors (\$10-\$15, with no pre-sale).

There will soon be a new feature coming to the AOH Syracuse Division website – 'The Historians Corner'. Brother Jack Fegely has recently accepted the position of Division Historian. The new section of the website will feature the presentations on Irish history and customs (with a little mythology thrown in) that Brother Fegely shares at monthly Division meetings. This feature will allow the membership to access to those presentations.

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, MARCH 3RD @ 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.

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. It's not too early to start rounding-up hole sponsors so that our division can hopefully get some commitments from returning and potential new sponsors. 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 or Jim as soon as possible:

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

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: 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

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

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:** 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 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):** **March 3rd**
- ☑ **Friday, March 13th 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: 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).