



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Michael Lehmann,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

Please welcome new division member Sean DeZalia! I'm pleased to share that our division has had the privilege of welcoming several new brothers this year, with membership currently standing at 172! Recruitment can be challenging, but as long as we continue to share and live our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, we will continue to grow. New members are always welcome!

I look forward to seeing and marching with many of you at the Camillus Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th (beginning at 9:30 am). We usually gather around 8:00 am. Please wear AOH apparel and khaki pants. Further details will be provided at our May 6th meeting.

Our brothers and sisters in Rochester are hosting this year's state convention July 17th - 20th, and I encourage you to attend and support. They are still working out some of the details and schedule, but up-to-date information on the event website (<https://nyhibes2025.com>). If you are interested in awakening "a pride in the ancient race of our forefathers and developing an interest in the history and destiny of that race", they plan to have a Degree Team who will administer the exemplification program. Major degrees are required for service as President or Vice President of the division.

There is a proposed motion to increase the AOH Syracuse Division 2 Catholic School Scholarship Award from \$500/student to \$750/student. The vote on the award increase will take place at the May meeting. Jim Sheridan provided the following information concerning the current scholarship and award process:

- ☑ Award \$500 scholarships to help defray the cost of tuition at Bishop Ludden/Bishop Grimes and Christian Brothers Academy schools in Central New York.
 - Applicants will apply for a scholarship through the school in the spring of grades 8, 9, 10, or 11.
- ☑ Scholarship winners are to be chosen by existing scholarship committees at the schools, based on the following criteria:
 - Attending (or will be) Bishop Ludden/Bishop Grimes or Christian Brothers Academy school.
 - Be a practicing Catholic.
 - Be of Irish descent from either parent.
 - The applying student shall write a brief essay describing how attending a Catholic school helps them foster the AOH motto of 'Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity' in their life.
 - This essay should be submitted to the school's scholarship committee.
 - This essay would not be 'graded'. Completion and submission of an essay meets this requirement.
 - Once an awardee is chosen, and the school provides the AOH with the name of the student, along with a copy of their essay, money will be paid directly to the school to be applied to the awardee's tuition bill for the following fall.
- ☑ All things being equal between candidates, financial need (as known by the school only) should be the tie breaker.

Just a reminder that raffle chairman Tom Ryan is looking for a few more good men to join his team to support the raffle this year. The "300 Raffle" was a huge success last year – inspired and overseen by Tom, and we can raise a lot of money and share with lucky winners again this year! Please call or email Tom (315-952-0646 / tomryan1130@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me (lehmann.michael.a@gmail.com).

Yours in Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity, Mícheál

AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH @ 7:00PM

Marriott Syracuse Downtown
For info, contact Michael Lehmann: lehmann.michael.a@gmail.com

The AOH Syracuse Division will be marching in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, May 26th. Members and their spouses, significant others, and children are encouraged to march in this great event. Pre-parade lineup will be at 8:45 am on the corner of Maple Dr. and West Genesee St., and the parade will start promptly at 9:30 am. 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

Mike Roche and Dick Gosson are again organizing the annual AOH Syracuse Division Family & Friends Golf Tournament, which is one of our division's largest fundraisers. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th at the Tanner Valley Golf Course (4040 Tanner Road in Syracuse/South Onondaga). Mike and Dick are looking for golfers, hole sponsors, door prizes and volunteers. Additional detail will be provided in April. If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Dick as soon as possible:

- ☑ Mike: sienamike@aol.com / 315-439-1193
- ☑ Dick: dickieg322@gmail.com / 315-800-7866

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

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

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

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.

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.

The AOH apparel website (from Papa's Sports) can be accessed via the following 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@twcnny.rr.com
- ☑ phone: 315-398-9217

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

- ☑ email: rbunce@techmd.com
- ☑ phone: 315-546-6045



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

- ☑ **2025 AOH Syracuse Division meeting dates (please note that all meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted):** May 6th, June 3rd, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 11th, December 2nd
- ☑ **Friday, May 9th:** CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering / Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub / 4:00 pm
- ☑ **Sunday, June 8th:** 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
- ☑ **Thursday, July 17th → Sunday, July 20th:** 2025 AOH NYS Convention / Rochester, NY / www.nyhibes2025.com
- ☑ **Saturday, August 9th:** CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival / Long Branch Park in Liverpool, NY / www.cnyscottishgames.org

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

2025 AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION OFFICERS

- ☑ Chaplain: Father Tom Ward
- ☑ President: Michael Lehmann / lehmann.michael.a@gmail.com
- ☑ Vice-President: Phil O'Neil / poneil5@twcny.rr.com
- ☑ 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: Jim Conway / j19c42@gmail.com
- ☑ Marshal: John Lyons / jlyons@lan-co.com
- ☑ Sentinel: Mike Roche / sienamike@aol.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).