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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

Brothers,

The Easter Rising Commemoration will occur on April 26th at 11 am at Syracuse City Hall. Members should have received an email encouraging your attendance. The date will not allow a report on the attendees and specifics, but those will be in next month's newsletter.

The next big event will be the Camillus Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. We will gather at 8:30 am at the parking lot in the parking lot of the former TK Tavern (5600 Newport Rd.). Uniform will be as always – tan pants and AOH golf shirt or windbreaker or jacket, depending on the weather. There will be post-parade refreshments.

The golf outing is June 14th at Tanner Valley. Please get your foursome signed-up sooner than later, as this event sells out by mid-May every year. There were reports of AOH members wanting to play in last year's event after it had reached the foursome limit of 30. See details in this newsletter. Also, please acquire your door prize contribution and bring it to the May or June meeting.

Please be on the lookout for the \$15,000 '300 Raffle' ticket mailing. Members should receive this by the end of April. It would be very beneficial to have 30%-40% of these tickets sold by the end of June. As many of you know, we award scholarship money to students at CBA and Bishop Ludden-Grimes. This raffle has also allowed our Division – starting this year – to award scholarship dollars to several local elementary schools. If you would like more information on the scholarship program, please feel free to contact the chairman of this committee, Brother Jim Sheridan (315-468-0464).

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the AOH Major Degree is being offered at the AOH Oswego Division Hall (22 Munn St. in Oswego) on May 16th at 11 am. Food and beverages will follow. The cost to take the Major Degree of the Order is \$35. Observers are a very important part of this ceremony. If you are a Syracuse Division member in good standing and have your Major Degree (which is required to be an observer), please consider attending. If you have never visited the Oswego Division, this is an excellent opportunity. Time commitment is about two hours. For questions, please call me at 315-727-0573.

If you have not attended a monthly meeting in a couple of months or a few years, please consider attending soon. All members' questions, comments, and new ideas to share from other organizations (e.g., your church group or business associates) are very welcome. An example of this is the \$15,000 '300 Raffle', which came about in this exact way.

Please consider volunteering at our two upcoming fundraisers – the CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival and the Syracuse Irish Festival. These two opportunities are a lot of fun and a great chance to practice our motto of Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity.

UPCOMING DIVISION EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- ☑ Easter Rising Commemoration: April 26th @ 11 am outside of Syracuse City Hall
- ☑ Camillus Memorial Day Parade: May 25th @ 9 am (gather at 8:30 am)
- ☑ AOH Syracuse Division Family & Friends Golf Tournament: June 14th @ 9 am at Tanner Valley Golf Course
- ☑ CNY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival: August 8th from 9 am - 8 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, MAY 5TH @ 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 am registration, 10 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](#).

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

You can access the AOH apparel website (from Papa's Sports) 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: 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.



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 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 pm, unless otherwise noted):** **May 5th**
- ☑ **Friday, May 8th at 4 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 am registration, 10 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).