



Hibernian Herald

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Michael Lehmann,
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

Please join me in welcoming our newest AOH Syracuse Division member, Dean Hardin!

Congratulations to the winners of the 300 Raffle! Our division had another successful year, selling all 300 tickets and raising a lot of money (several volunteers at Irish Fest already approached me with ideas for how to use it to benefit our communities). This program has always been successful, and folks ask about it as soon as it starts each year and continue asking after it's concluded!

The winners from 2025 are (in no particular order):

- ☑ Jeff Fortino
- ☑ Richard Bunce
- ☑ Mark and Gerry Bognaski
- ☑ Steve Yarnell
- ☑ Jim Ennis
- ☑ Steve Benedict
- ☑ Tony Catania / Paul Valentino
- ☑ Taryn Earl

Thank you very much to Brother Tom Ryan and his team for running the program and encouraging all of us to sell tickets! It is a lot of work, but it's good work.

Thank you very much also to all of the brothers (and family) for another successful Irish Fest! We were there for the lousy weather and took advantage of the pleasant weather.

I'm happy to share again this year that it's been a great one! We had four very successful fundraisers this summer. Now, let's turn our attention to the holiday season. I look forward to discussing some wonderful ideas for how to give back to our communities. Please message me with any thoughts or suggestions that you'd like us to talk about, and we'll discuss them at an upcoming meeting. I look forward to our sharing and helping those in need. It's always the season for Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

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.

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, OCTOBER 7TH @ 7:00 PM

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

Nominations for 2026 AOH Syracuse Division Officers will be held at the October Division meeting, with the election of Officers to occur at the November Division meeting. Division offices include President (Major Degree required), Vice-President (Major Degree required), Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Sentinel, and Marshal. If you're interested in running for an office, please contact committee chairman Ron Clare:

- ☑ email: rclare@draperiesetc.com
- ☑ phone: (315) 436-6431

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: ktoohey@twcny.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

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

- ☑ **2025 AOH Syracuse Division meeting dates (please note that all meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted):** **October 7th**, November 11th, December 2nd
- ☑ **Friday, October 10th:** *CNY Irish Cultural Society monthly social gathering* / Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub / 4:00 pm

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: —vacant—
- ☑ 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).