



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...by Michael Lehmann,  
AOH Syracuse Division President

Brothers,

Thank you very much for your help and support at this year's Scottish Games and Celtic Festival! We had a very good day — the weather was great, many attended, and we raised a lot of money. I hope everyone had a lot of fun, too. We truly were celebrating our bonds of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

I look forward to seeing many of you and others at our next big summer fundraiser — the Syracuse Irish Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (<https://www.syracuseirishfestival.com>), where we will also be drawing the winners of our 300 Raffle! To efficiently staff our food concession, we have a target of 25 volunteers. Jobs at the stand are cooking and order-taking. Please let me know when you can help out during the following times:

- ☑ Thursday: 10am - 3pm (*set up*)
- ☑ Friday: 8am - 10pm (*set up and service*)
- ☑ Saturday: 8am - Midnight (*big day! - service and breakdown*)
- ☑ Sunday: 10am - 11am (*we need some hands to help return our equipment to the storage unit*)

Please give at least 2 to 4 hours and on multiple days, if you can.

Concerning the 300 Raffle, all sold and unsold tickets, as well as payment, must be turned in at the Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. If you have any questions or need to make another arrangement, please contact Tom Ryan (315-952-0646 / [tomryan1130@gmail.com](mailto:tomryan1130@gmail.com)).

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](mailto: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](mailto:lehmann.michael.a@gmail.com)).

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

## AOH SYRACUSE DIVISION MEETING

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

**Marriott Syracuse Downtown**

For info, contact Michael Lehmann: [lehmann.michael.a@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rclare@draperiesetc.com)
- ☑ phone: (315) 436-6431

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

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](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

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

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

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](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

- ☑ **2025 AOH Syracuse Division meeting dates (please note that all meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted):** **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ☑ **Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>:** *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@twcnny.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](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)).