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NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
NOVEMBER 11, 2025

THE ICCHV
290 EAST STRAND,
KINGSTON

DUES FOR 2026 ARE DUE
PLEASE PAY ON TIME.



ELECTIONS

MARK GEARY OUR
IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT WILL BE
CONDUCTING OUR
ELECTION FOR OUR 2026
SLATE OF OFFICERS. HERE
ARE THE OFFICES WE WILL
BE VOTING FOR:
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
RECORDING SECRETARY
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
TREASURER
MARSHALL
SENTINEL
CHAIRMAN OF STANDING
COMMITTEES MARK GEARY
ANYONE CAN RUN FOR ANY
OFFICE. IF YOU ARE

INTERESTED, PLEASE
CONTACT MARK GEARY



THE ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE
MARCH 15, 2026

2026 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
MARCH 15, 2026

OUR PARADE CHAIRMAN
JOHN KELLY IS
SCHEDULING FUTURE
MEETINGS. PLEASE
CONSIDER JOINING THE
COMMITTEE AND HELP
PLAN THE BEST PARADE IN
THE VALLEY.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
JOURNAL
AS YOU KNOW EACH YEAR,
WE PUBLISH A PARADE
JOURNAL TO HELP PAY FOR
THE PARADE EXPENSES.
PLEASE TAKE AN AD AND
ALSO PLEASE SELL AN AD
THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
IS NOT FREE TO PRODUCE;
WE NEED ALL OF THE HELP
YOU CAN GIVE US.

SELL THOSE ADS!!
THIS IS THE WAY WE PAY
FOR THE PARADE

LET'S MAKE SURE THIS
CONTINUES TO BE THE
GRANDEST PARADE IN THE
VALLEY!!!

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND
IN THOSE SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE BEARER OF ST
PATRICK AND THE IRISH
PRINCESS.



THE HISTORIANS CORNER
NEIL MURRAY

THE IRISH CURRACH: A
TIMELESS CELTIC VESSEL

THE IRISH CURRACH REPRESENTS
ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST
CONTINUOUSLY USED BOAT
DESIGNS, WITH OVER 2,000 YEARS
OF CELTIC MARITIME TRADITION.
THESE LIGHTWEIGHT VESSELS
FEATURE TARRED CANVAS
STRETCHED OVER A WOODEN
FRAME AND HAVE NAVIGATED
IRELAND'S DANGEROUS COASTAL
WATERS SINCE THE BRONZE AGE.
THE NAME COMES FROM THE IRISH
WORD "CURACH," MEANING SMALL
BOAT, AND THEIR BASIC DESIGN HAS
REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED
THROUGH THE CENTURIES.

SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR, A 6TH-CENTURY IRISH MONK, BECAME THE CURRACH'S MOST FAMOUS USER THROUGH HIS LEGENDARY ATLANTIC VOYAGE. MEDIEVAL TEXTS DESCRIBE HOW SAINT BRENDAN AND HIS FELLOW MONKS BUILT A LARGE CURRACH USING OX HIDES OVER A WOODEN FRAME, WATERPROOFED WITH ANIMAL FAT. WHILE HISTORIANS DEBATE WHETHER HE ACTUALLY REACHED NORTH AMERICA, MODERN REPLICA EXPEDITIONS HAVE PROVEN SUCH JOURNEYS WERE POSSIBLE, SUGGESTING IRISH MONKS MAY HAVE CROSSED THE ATLANTIC CENTURIES BEFORE COLUMBUS.

CURRACH CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTS MASTERFUL PRACTICAL ENGINEERING REFINED OVER GENERATIONS. THE FRAME USES THIN WOODEN LATHS (TYPICALLY ASH OR OAK) BENT AND LASHED TOGETHER WITH ROPE, CREATING A FLEXIBLE SKELETON. THIS FRAMEWORK IS COVERED WITH WATERPROOF MATERIAL—HISTORICALLY COWHIDE, NOW USUALLY TARRED CANVAS. THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE USES NO NAILS OR METAL, RELYING ON TENSION AND FLEXIBILITY TO CREATE A BOAT THAT BENDS WITH WAVES RATHER THAN FIGHTING THEM.

DESPITE THEIR FRAGILE APPEARANCE, CURRACHS DEMONSTRATE REMARKABLE SEAWORTHINESS IN CHALLENGING CONDITIONS. THEIR LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION ALLOWS THEM TO RIDE HIGH ON WATER, WHILE THE FLEXIBLE FRAME BENDS WITH WAVE MOTION INSTEAD OF BREAKING. THE ROUNDED HULL PROVIDES EXCELLENT STABILITY, AND SHALLOW DRAFT ENABLES

NAVIGATION IN WATERS TOO SHALLOW FOR CONVENTIONAL BOATS. THESE CHARACTERISTICS MADE THEM PERFECT FOR IRELAND'S ROCKY COASTLINE AND SUDDEN STORMS.

THROUGHOUT IRISH HISTORY, CURRACHS SERVED AS BOTH LIFELINE AND SYMBOL FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES. DURING THE GREAT FAMINE, THEY PROVIDED CRUCIAL ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS WHEN OTHER FOOD SOURCES FAILED. THEY MAINTAINED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND THE MAINLAND, CARRYING SUPPLIES, MAIL, AND PEOPLE. THE BOATS APPEAR IN COUNTLESS IRISH SONGS, STORIES, AND POEMS, SYMBOLIZING THE DEEP CONNECTION BETWEEN THE IRISH PEOPLE AND THE SURROUNDING SEA.

TODAY'S CURRACHS BLEND TRADITIONAL METHODS WITH MODERN MATERIALS LIKE FIBERGLASS AND SYNTHETIC FABRICS, MAINTAINING THEIR ESSENTIAL CHARACTER WHILE IMPROVING DURABILITY. THEY SERVE RECREATIONAL SAILORS, RESEARCHERS, AND CULTURAL ENTHUSIASTS WHO APPRECIATE BOTH THEIR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND REMARKABLE SAILING QUALITIES. CURRACH RACING REMAINS POPULAR IN COASTAL IRELAND, CELEBRATING THIS ANCIENT MARITIME HERITAGE AND DEMONSTRATING HOW TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE STAYS RELEVANT IN THE MODERN WORLD.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers all our members who may be experiencing ill health. Please pray for our brother Larry Dunne.



AOH "LUCKY THREE" IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS

Bill Murphy

NOVEMBER

10/01 #822 \$35 Jim Henry
10/01 #822 \$35 John Laughlin
10/01 #822 \$35 Bill Miggins Jr.
10/01 #597 \$35 Robert Blum
10/03 #036 \$35 Nester Rodriguez
10/04 #726 \$35 Jennifer Singleton
10/04 #726 \$35 Tim Geary
10/05 #324 \$75 Toni Ambrosini
(Sunday)
10/07 #863 \$35 George Bobko
10/09 #072 \$35 Tom Dachenhausen
10/12 #142 \$75 Mary Mulligan
(Sunday)
10/13 #908 \$75 John Goorman
(Columbus Day)
10/14 #523 \$35 Sue Rutledge
10/14 #523 \$35 Valerie Dwyer
10/14 #523 \$35 Mike Dibattista
10/15 #241 \$35 Lou Lange
10/16 #333 \$35 Andrew Sheehan
10/16 #333 \$35 Evelyn Graziano
10/16 #333 \$35 James Hargrove
10/19 #152 \$75 Bill Kearney
(Sunday)
10/26 #404 \$75 Jessica Brewer
(Sunday)
10/26 #404 \$75 James Kelly
(Sunday)
10/26 #404 \$75 Diane Lannon
(Sunday)
10/27 #225 \$35 Cecelia Hopper
10/27 #225 \$35 Joey Molt c/o Mark Cafaldo
10/27 #225 \$35 Donald Kiernan



THE IRISH SHOW

Every Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM
WKNY with Ken and Anna
Brett. www.radiokingston.org 1490 AM
107.9 FM



DUES-DUES--DUES **DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025 & 2026**

The bills for 2025 are out and the 2026 dues are due now also; please make sure you pay your dues. You can pay at the meeting or mail your dues to **UCAOH, PO Box 2026, Kingston NY 12402.**

Please pay as soon as you can, we need your help this year more than ever. Our dues are very reasonable at \$25.00 per year. If you want your membership card, you need to pay your dues. Keep up your support for our efforts to educate our kids and the public about our great culture.

Remember we need to pay for all those on our membership list for National and State Dues.



MEMBERSHIP **WELCOME**

Remember-

There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.

W.B. Yeats.

Sponsor someone for membership. Applications are on the website and dues are only \$25.00 per year.

Keep searching out those Irish sons that qualify for membership



AOH JUNIOR DIVISION

As always, we need your help to spread the word. Nephews, Cousins, Grandsons, Family Friends... we need them all to join! Please help keep the AOH alive by instructing our youngsters of the cultural richness of Ireland! Any input and assistance is welcomed!!



PIPE, DRUM AND HONOR **GUARD NEWS**

Feel free to join us. All are welcome to come and learn on Saturday mornings with Jim Carey or with the band on Monday night.

Band Schedule:

Thank you for a great season. Our last parade for 2025 was the MyKingston Kids Halloween Parade on October 25th. Great event

The band had great fun this year and getting all the kids and families involved.

If you ever wanted to have some laughs, please consider carrying a flag or play the pipes or drums.



ULSTER COUNTY AOH **DIVISION 1** **FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/UlsterAOH>

We also have pages setup for the Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley. They can be found at:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCHudsonValley>

Web: <http://www.icchv.org>

Instagram @icchudsonvalley

Finally, if you have any pictures, events, or announcements you would like to have posted on the AOH or ICC Facebook pages, please send a message to either Facebook Account.



IRISH CULTURAL CENTER **(ICC) - HUDSON VALLEY**

www.icchv.org

Thank you to Dan Carey and Jimmy Carey along with Dave Doyle, Pat Clausi, Brian Devine for a great Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque. It was a great day and the food and decorations were fabulous. The ICCHV site looks great.

We welcome 2 new members of the BOD of the ICCHV- Melissa Winfield as Secretary and Ken Juras as Treasurer.

Thank you to Pat Clausi for her many years of dedicated service on the BOD

In the next few months, we will continue to work to get the proper permits in place and make it fully our own.

Thank you for your constant support, patience and persistence. We are moving forward. Hope to see you there soon.



To learn more about the ICCHV and to donate, please visit:
<https://www.icchv.org/>.



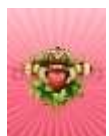
GAELIC CLASSES

Gaelic Classes conducted by our own Bob McDonald. Classes are each Friday during the school session– Gaelic in the Glen, online language classes 5:30 pm Beginner 6:30 pm Intermediate.



TRAD SESSIONS

Trad Sessions have been suspended until coordination can be made with a site. Check out the ICCHV website ICCHV.ORG. Support our loyal sponsors. Thank you. Keep Moving Forward!!



LAOH DIVISION 5 NEWS

Mandy Bruck

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – 5:30 PM, at St. Catherine Laboure RC Church, 200 Tuyten Bridge Rd, Lake

Katrine, NY 12449. If you need a ride or help with directions, please reach out to Pam Boyle 845-901-1465 or Chrissie Wrixon 845-901-1191.

20 Week Club tickets – Any 20 Week Club tickets that have been sold should be returned. If you need additional tickets, please contact Andrea Beaver 845-417-4302 or Chrissie Wrixon 845-901-1191.

Congratulations to our first 8-week winners: Week #1 (09/02/25): Pam Boyle \$50, B&C Wrixon \$25, Week #2 (09/09/25): Jen Liese \$50, Meghan Sullivan \$25, Week #3 (09/16/25): Mary Ann Kelly \$50, Jan Miller \$25, Week #4 (09/23/25): Marge LaRose \$50, Pam Wrixon & Chrissie Boyle \$25, Week #5 (09/30/25): Joe Boyle \$50, Gwen McCann \$25, Week #6 (10/07/25): Linda Polocco \$50, Ina Noble \$25, Week #7 (10/14/25): Maria Hoben \$50, Benjamin Nichols \$25, Week #8 (10/21/25): Pam Gaffney \$50, Sue Bruck \$25, Week #9 (10/28/25): James Bruck \$50, Pam Boyle \$25.

Upcoming Events:

Designer Pocketbook BINGO will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Doors open at 12 noon, calling at 1:00 PM at White Eagle, 487 Delaware Ave, Kingston NY. The cost per person will be \$45.00. This will include a book of 10 bingo cards (3 cards per game) and daubers (additional games can be purchased for \$5.00 each), door prizes, and light refreshments, snacks and desserts. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar.

All Souls Day Mass to remember our deceased members is tentatively planned for 5:15 PM immediately prior to the regularly

scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. A notification will be sent to all members once the Mass has been confirmed with the parish, to acknowledge and verify that it will take place as planned.

LAOH Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The event will be catered and will be held at St. Catherine Laboure (parish hall). Additional details will be discussed at the November 2025 meeting.

Please keep Rose Ann Noble's family, Terry Glennon, Paula Horvers, Karen Anderer, Jean Steuding & Judy Mathews in your prayers.

If you know of a member or a friend of the LAOH whom you would like a sympathy or get-well card sent to, or if you know of someone who could use a note from us, please reach out to Andrea Beaver at dree68@yahoo.com or 845-417-4302.

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Hibernian Motto

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
(Cairdis, Aontacht agus, Chríostaí Carthanais)

Keep the Faith
(Coinnigh an Faith)

Is Cuimhin Linn
(We Remember)

