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NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
MAY 12, 2026
6:00 PM
THE ICCHV
290 EAST STRAND,
KINGSTON, NY



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers all our members who may be experiencing ill health. Please pray for our brother, Bill Harvey.



I was recently thinking about Saint Patrick's Day, Kingston parades, and the many fun years I spent in New York City to celebrate the day. Located close to Grand Central was Annie Moore's Pub. Whether it be Saint Patrick's Day or a visit to the city, for patrons and businessmen alike, a stop in for a pint was a must as you waited for your train. But who was Annie Moore? Well, she was the first immigrant to be processed through Ellis Island! Please follow the link to a wonderful article written by National Board member Neil Cosgrove to learn more about the life of Annie Moore.

<https://aoh.com/2024/03/22/irish-american-heritage-month-annie-moore-first-trough-the-golden-door-2-2/>



IN MEMORIUM



Our brother Rich Mathews passed away this past month. If you ever had talked to Rich, you know you received a lot of good advice and a joke or two.

Please remember our Brother Rich his wife Judy (LAOH member) and their family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Richard Brian Mathews
May 21, 1941 - April 1, 2026

U.S. Veteran

Richard Brian Mathews, aged 84, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2026. Rich was born in Queens, NY to parents Mary Ellen Dempsey and Peter Mathews. Rich was a long-time resident of Ulster County. He graduated from Kingston High School, attended Iona College, and was a member of the United States Army Reserves.

Rich was a respected business leader and a compassionate community advocate who demonstrated a lifelong dedication to serving the needs of Ulster County residents. After school, he joined Colonial City Carpet Company - the family owned and operated business started by his father Peter in 1965. He remained there for 32 years. Rich had been involved in local government for years serving as Chairman of the Ulster County Development Corporation, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature from 1986-1991, and Ulster County Commissioner of Jurors.

His commitment to caring for the community was demonstrated by his service as Chairman of the board of The Benedictine Hospital, and as president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Kingston. He was a proud member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and was active in the St. Joseph's Parish for many years, serving as a lector and on the Parish Council.

Rich's greatest joy in life was his family. Rich and his lovely wife Judy, whom he met at Williams Lake, were married for over 60 years and are blessed with a beautiful family. Son Sean and wife Lucille (Pearl River, NY), daughter Meg Dunneback and her husband Jason (Chicago), daughter MaryKate (Kingston), and son Jamie and wife Patty (Port Chester, NY). His seven grandchildren were his pride and joy – Kiera (Dan Richardson), Peter, Clare, Jack, Thomas, Charlie and Emma.

The oldest of five brothers, Rich was blessed to have a deep and loving relationship with his siblings. Rich is survived by Robert (Mary), Peter (Catherine), Kevin (Mary), Brian (Sigrun) and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Lois Virginia Leahy, whom he loved like a sister. Rich always said the most important things in life were Faith, Family and Friends and that is evident in the many friendships he and Judy had. An avid sports fan, Rich loved cheering on the Knicks, Giants and Yankees. Rich was a proud Irishman, honored as the Grand Marshall of the Kingston Irish Parade in 1992. Every year, Rich looked forward to the annual Peter B. Mathews Irishman of the Year breakfast, named for his father. Known as the "human jukebox", Rich will be remembered as the life of the party with his signature rendition of "Sweet Caroline," memorable storytelling, classic one-liners, and his stint as a local morning radio host with his signature "Feel Good Fridays". At the cornerstone of his life was his Catholic faith which set an example for his family. Rich always said "Work Hard, and Be Kind" - a philosophy his children and grandchildren aim to follow every day.



AOH
"LUCKY THREE" IRISH
CALENDAR WINNERS

Bill Murphy

- 4/03 #119 \$75 Linda Hastings (Good Friday)
- 4/03 #119 \$75 Kim Klomm (Good Friday)
- 4/03 #119 \$75 Sister Mary Ellen Brett (Good Friday)
- 4/06 #519 \$35 Steve Hamilton
- 4/06 #519 \$35 Louise Gallagher
- 4/08 #736 \$35 Larry Begnal
- 4/09 #132 \$35 Pete Clausi
- 4/10 #789 \$35 Matt Crosswell
- 4/12 #216 \$75 Cathy Wilson (Sunday)
- 4/15 #333 \$35 Jimmy Hargrove
- 4/15 #333 \$35 Evelyn Graviano
- 4/17 #270 \$35 Morgan Cole
- 4/21 #464 \$35 Sheila Wilson
- 4/22 #156 \$35 Gwen McCann
- 4/22 #156 \$35 Jessica Ginty
- 4/22 #156 \$35 Bob Hebert
- 4/22 #156 \$35 George Schryver
- 4/23 #470 \$35 Mike Cappillino



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 2026 are out and are due now 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.



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.

Welcome to Jack Heitzman who joined us at the March meeting lives in Kingston is a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church and is retired. As part of the former first family of Kingston (Jack's father John Heitzman served as Mayor in 1990) Jack is very knowledgeable about Kingston and the surrounding area. Welcome Brother Jack.



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
Joe McKeon

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

We had a tremendous St. Patrick's Season. All the parades were great and the Band represented the AOH well. Thank you to all who could participate in all of our activities.

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



The ICCHV continues to move forward. We had 3 very This past month member Bob Ryan donated a solar system he had on the roof of his insurance building. We are proceeding to determine best fit etc. to mount the solar system on the ICCHV building to help defray costs for electricity. Thank you to Bob Ryan and to Jim Carey and his crew for facilitating the removal of the panels and storage at the ICCHV for later installation.

We continue to work with our architect and the city building department to make sure we comply with all requirements. We have determined that we need a total of 6 toilets in order to hold events with approximately 200 people and need a third exit Our architect is designing and processing drawing so we can determine costs.

Thank you all 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 begun at Keegan Ales- the first Sunday of each month. NEXT Session is May 2, 2026 Check out the ICCHV website ICCHV.ORG. Support our loyal sponsors. Thank you. Keep Moving Forward!!



LAOCH DIVISION 5
NEWS

Amanda L. (Mandy) Bruck,

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – at St. Catherine Laboure RC Church, 200 Tuyten Bridge Rd, Lake Katrine, NY 12449. For assistance with directions, please reach out to Pam Boyle 845-901-1465 or Chrissie Wrixon 845-901-1191. If a ride would make attending easier, please take a moment to check the membership roster – you may find a member close by who you could contact to ask about getting a ride.

Our Designer Pocketbook BINGO was held on April 19, 2026. It was an enjoyable afternoon and a great opportunity for people to gather and have fun. We extend our sincere thanks to all who attended, participated and contributed to making it a fabulous event. We look forward to hosting another one in the fall.

Upcoming Events:

May 12, 2026 - 5:30 p.m. LAOH Meeting (*BirthRite Shower*)

June 9, 2026 - 5:30 p.m. LAOH Annual Picnic (location TBD)

July 14, 2026 (meeting hiatus)

August 11, 2026 (meeting hiatus)

September 6, 2026 – Hooley-On-The-Hudson

20 WEEK CLUB— Tickets for our 20 Week Club are now available. Distribution is taking place earlier this year to allow ample time for selling. We kindly ask that all ticket stubs and payments be returned prior to the first drawing on July 28, 2026. Please contact Andrea Beaver at dree1968@yahoo.com or 845-417-4302 to make arrangements to get your tickets.

The 20 Week Club is our largest fundraiser and plays a vital role in supporting our efforts to give back to the community. We encourage everyone to take part in this important fundraiser. We appreciate the continued support of our members and friends in helping us carry out our charitable mission.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: 2026 membership dues were due in

March. A gentle reminder that membership dues are now payable. We kindly ask that those who have not yet submitted their dues make arrangements to do so by mail (L.A.O.H. – PO Box 2432 – Kingston, NY 12402) or at the next meeting. For each “active” member on our membership roster, our organization is responsible for submitting dues to the State Division. Timely payment of dues helps us meet these obligations and allows members to remain in good standing

ANNUAL PICNIC: The menu will be similar to past LAOH picnics with a cost of \$20 per person and location will be determined by the May meeting.

Please keep Terry Glennon, Paula Horvers, Karen Anderer, Jean Steuding, Judy Mathews, Patti Gilpatric, Jenn Ryan and Susan Newell 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 dree1968@yahoo.com or 845-417-4302.

As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded of the beauty of growth, renewal, and the strength of our community. May this season bring continued joy, kindness, and opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity



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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)

