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NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
OCTOBER 13, 2026
6:00 PM
THE ICCHV
290 EAST STRAND,
KINGSTON, NY

GREAT SEPTEMBER MEETING

THANK YOU TO THE AOH FOR THE PIZZA AND CHRIS MALONEY FOR PICKING THEM UP
THE CRAIC WAS 90

COME ON DOWN TO THE NEXT MEETING
DAVE IS COOKING!!!

HOOLEY ON THE HUDSON XXV 2026

THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS FIRST RATE. THANK YOU, BILL SUTTON.

THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT. THANK YOU TO GOD FOR THE WEATHER AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR VOLUNTEERING AND HELPING. THANK YOU TO THE DEDICATED COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOOLEY ON THE HUDSON™

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WE PROBABLY MISSED SOMEONE. WE RECEIVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF COOPERATION FROM EVERYONE WE CONTACT BUT IF WE FORGOT TO MENTION YOU HERE, WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THEIR NAMES LATER.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

SEEMS AS IF THE MONTHS JUST GO BY SO QUICKLY.
EANÁIR — JANUARY
FEABHRA — FEBRUARY
MÁRTA — MARCH
AIBREÁN — APRIL
BEALTAINE — MAY
MEITHEAMH — JUNE
IÚIL — JULY
LÚNASA — AUGUST
MEÁN FÓMHAIR — SEPTEMBER
DEIREADH FÓMHAIR — OCTOBER
SAMHAIN — NOVEMBER
NOLLAIG — DECEMBER

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

NEIL MURRAY

F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Irish American Voice of the Jazz Age

F. Scott Fitzgerald stands as one of America's greatest novelists, capturing the glamour, excess, and disillusionment of the 1920s. Yet beneath the glittering surface of his stories about wealthy Americans lies a deeper current shaped by his Irish Catholic heritage. Understanding Fitzgerald's Irish American background reveals how immigrant identity, social ambition, and cultural outsider status profoundly influenced his most celebrated works and helped him create literature that continues to define American identity.

Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald was born in 1896 in St. Paul, Minnesota, to a family deeply rooted in Irish Catholic tradition. His father, Edward Fitzgerald, descended from Irish immigrants who arrived in Maryland during the colonial period. His mother, Mary "Mollie" McQuillan, was the daughter of an Irish immigrant who built a successful wholesale grocery business in St. Paul.

This dual heritage created tension in young Fitzgerald's identity. His father's family represented "lace curtain" Irish—those who had assimilated into American society and adopted refined manners. His mother's family embodied the newer, wealthier Irish immigrants who achieved success through business but still faced social prejudice from established Protestant elites. Fitzgerald grew up acutely aware of being both insider and outsider in American society, a perspective that would define his literary vision.

Fitzgerald's Irish Catholic background placed him at the margins of the Protestant-dominated American upper class he desperately wanted to join. In early 20th-century America, Irish Catholics faced significant discrimination. They were often excluded from elite social clubs, prestigious universities' inner circles, and old-money society—no matter how much wealth they accumulated.

This experience of exclusion became Fitzgerald's greatest literary asset. Like his Irish ancestors who observed American society from the outside, Fitzgerald developed the critical distance necessary to examine the American Dream with both longing and skepticism. He could celebrate the beauty and possibility of American life while simultaneously exposing its corruption and emptiness.

Fitzgerald's masterpiece, *The Great Gatsby* (1925), reflects his Irish American perspective in profound ways. Jay Gatsby himself embodies the immigrant experience of reinvention. Born James Gatz to poor farmers, Gatsby creates a new identity, just as Irish immigrants often anglicized their names and adopted new personas to succeed in America.

The novel's narrator, Nick Carraway, serves as Fitzgerald's stand-in—a Midwesterner observing the wealthy East Coast elite with fascination and moral judgment. This mirrors Fitzgerald's own position as an Irish Catholic watching the Protestant establishment. Nick's famous conclusion that Tom and Daisy Buchanan are "careless

people" who "smashed up things and creatures and then retreated back into their money" reflects an outsider's critique of old-money privilege.

The green light at the end of Daisy's dock symbolizes not just Gatsby's dream but the immigrant's dream—the promise of America always visible but forever out of reach. Fitzgerald understood this yearning intimately through his Irish heritage. His ancestors crossed an ocean chasing that same green light, seeking acceptance and prosperity in a new land.

The novel's exploration of class barriers resonates with Irish American history. Despite his wealth, Gatsby cannot truly enter Tom Buchanan's world, just as wealthy Irish Catholics could not fully penetrate WASP society. Gatsby's tragic end suggests that the American Dream's promise of social mobility has limits—a reality Irish Americans knew well.

Fitzgerald's first novel, *This Side of Paradise* (1920), directly addresses his Irish Catholic identity through protagonist Amory Blaine. The novel explores the tension between Catholic values and the secular, materialistic culture of elite universities like Princeton (which Fitzgerald attended).

Amory's struggle to reconcile his Catholic upbringing with his social ambitions mirrors Fitzgerald's own experience. The novel examines how Irish Catholic identity could feel like a burden when trying to assimilate into Protestant high society.

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.

AOH
"LUCKY THREE" IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS

Bill Murphy

SEPTEMBER

9/02 #468 $35 Gergory Rogers
9/03 #116 $35 John & Jane Scott
9/04 #630 $35 Brad Jordan
9/04 #630 $35 Evelyn Graziano
9/07 #682 $125 Cindy Murphy (Labor Day)
9/08 #104 $35 Brad Jordan
9/08 #104 $35 Vincent DeCicco
9/10 #037 $35 Ella DeKoskie
9/14 #524 $35 Scarlett Shaw (c/o K. Cahill)
9/16 #730 $35 Dina Gage
9/20 #607 $75 Coleen Sass
9/21 #046 $35 Eric Langdon
9/24 #630 $35 Brad Jordan
9/24 #630 $35 Evelyn Graziano
9/25 #358 $35 Kyle Carey
9/25 #358 $35 Tamarah Street
9/25 #358 $35 William Sinsabugh
9/29 #219 $35 Andrew Gilday
9/29 #219 $35 James McGowan
9/29 #219 $35 Rob Wilson
9/29 #219 $35 Nicole & Megan Murphy
9/30 #225 $35 Mark Cafaldo
9/30 #225 $35 Cecelia Hopper
9/30 #225 $35 Tim & Elaine Sheehen

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. Last month we welcomed into membership Dr. James Feeney of Clinton Corners and Brendan O'Reilly of Marlboro, NY. When you see them at the meeting say hi and welcome them to the UCAOH

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 are getting ready for the Hooley on the Hudson™ September 6, 2026
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

As you may be aware our grant money for the ICCHV is pending. All the paperwork is complete with the state and we are expecting that we will be closing on the grant in the next 2 weeks. These funds will satisfy our bridge loans we have with the previous owner of the property and also Ulster Savings Bank. We now need to raise funds for our normal operating expenses and some renovations we need to fully use the hall.

All donations are appreciated.

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 October 4, 2026
Check out the ICCHV website ICCHV.ORG. Support our loyal sponsors. Thank you.
Keep Moving Forward!!

LAOH DIVISION 5 NEWS

Amanda L. (Mandy) Bruck,

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 5:30 PM, at Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters, 129 Legion Court, Port Ewen, NY 12466. For assistance with directions, please reach out to Pam Boyle 845-901-1465 or Chrissie Wrixon 845-901-1191. A reminder, 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.

The Hooley-on-the-Hudson enjoyed another successful year! We were blessed with beautiful weather, a wonderful crowd, and a great turnout of Hooley participants and volunteers who helped make the day such a success.
The LAOH was especially fortunate to have a terrific group of volunteers who generously gave their time and energy throughout the day. A heartfelt thank you to each of you—your willingness to lend a hand and support the LAOH is truly appreciated and never taken for granted.
We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the local businesses and community supporters whose generous donations helped make our LAOH raffles possible. Their continued generosity and support of our organization mean so much to us. We encourage our members, families, and friends to remember these businesses and support those who so generously support the LAOH.
20 Week Club tickets – The 20 week club began on July 28, 2026 and will end on December 8, 2026.

Congratulations to our first 10-week winners: *Week #1 (7/28/26)*: Bill Murphy $50, Mary Anne Kelly $25, *Week #2 (8/4/26)*: Mary Kate Mathews $50, Audrey Benicase $25, *Week #3 (8/11/26)*: Audrey Benicase $50, Jeff Mackey $25, *Week # 4 (8/18/26)*: Marge LaRose $50, Rose Ferraro-Bruck $25, *Week #5 (8/25/26)*:June Miller $50, Rose Ferraro-Bruck $25, *Week #6 (9/1/26)*: Patty & Jerry Jacob $50, Jacob Nichols $25, *Week #7 (9/8/26)*: Joanne Sommer $50, Kenny Solaas $25, *Week #8 (9/15/26)*: Jeanne Steuding $50, Pam Boyle $25, *Week #9 (9/22/26):* Chrissie Wrixon $50, Jeff Mackey $25, *Week #10 (9/29/26)*: Kenny Solaas $50, Sue Feeney $25.

Upcoming Events:

- The Fall Joint New York State-wide AOH & LAOH Board Meetings will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. Board meetings will begin at 10:00am. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm at West Point. Evening festivities will begin at 6:00pm in Eisenhower Tower with a cocktail hour, followed by one hour of open bar service and dinner. Tickets are $160 per person. If you plan on attending please let your President and Board know so they can get you added to the list of attendees.

- Pocket Book Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at White Eagle Benevolent Hall, 487 Delaware Ave., Kingston, NY. Doors to open at 12 noon and games will begin being called at 1:00 p.m. Cost is $45 per person.

- *LAOH Christmas Dinner Gathering* will be on Tuesday, December 8, 2026. Locations and pricing are being evaluated and will be presented at the October 13, 2026 meeting. An email will be sent to LAOH members in advance of the meeting with pertinent information regarding the dinner. RSVPs will need to be made to Pam Boyle or Chrissie Wrixon no later than the deadline that will be provided via said email.

Please keep Terry Glennon, Paula Horvers, Karen Anderer, Jean Steuding and Patti Gilpatric 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 summer gives way to fall, we look forward to the beautiful season ahead—a time for crisp days, colorful leaves, gatherings with family and friends, and giving thanks for the wonderful community that surrounds us. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and beautiful fall!

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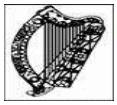
Hibernian Motto

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

Keep the Faith
(Coinnigh an Faith)

Is Cuimhin Linn
(We Remember)



Oktoberfest
DINNER
AT
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIAN
MEETING
MENU
Bratwurst
Knockwurst
Pierogis
Sauerkraut
Braised red cabbage
German Potato Salad