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NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
NOVEMBER 10, 2026
6:00 PM
THE ICCHV
290 EAST STRAND, KINGSTON, NY

GREAT OCTOBER MEETING

THANK YOU TO THE AOH AND DAVE, TAMZIN AND LIAM DOYLE FOR THE GREAT MEAL.
THE FOOD WAS SO GREAT WE WERE ALL SPEAKING GERMAN WHEN WE LEFT!!!
THE CRAIC WAS 90

COME ON DOWN TO THE NEXT MEETING

HAPPY SAMHAIN

SAMHAIN (PRONOUNCED *SOW-IN* OR *SAH-VIN*) IS AN ANCIENT GAELIC FESTIVAL THAT MARKS THE END OF THE HARVEST SEASON AND THE BEGINNING OF WINTER. TRADITIONALLY CELEBRATED FROM SUNSET ON OCTOBER 31 TO SUNSET ON NOVEMBER 1 IN IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AND THE ISLE OF MAN, IT IS CONSIDERED THE CELTIC NEW YEAR. FOLLOWING THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE BRITISH ISLES, SAMHAIN MERGED WITH ALL HALLOWS' EVE, ALL SAINTS' DAY, AND ALL SOULS' DAY. WHEN 19TH-CENTURY IRISH AND SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS BROUGHT THESE CUSTOMS TO NORTH AMERICA, THE TURNIP LANTERN EVOLVED INTO THE MODERN PUMPKIN JACK-O'-LANTERN. THANK YOU TO THE WWW FOR THIS INFORMATION.

DUES-DUES--DUES
DUES ARE DUE FOR 2027

The bills for 2027 are being prepared If you owe for any other years, you can also pay up now. The dues are due now -$25.00 per year. 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.

ELECTIONS

MARK GEARY OUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT WILL BE CONDUCTING OUR ELECTION FOR OUR 2027 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 14, 2027

20276 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
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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 - *FORM ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER*

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

NEIL MURRAY

Jeremiah O'Brien: Irish American Naval Hero of the Revolution

Jeremiah O'Brien was born in 1744 in Kittery, Maine, to Irish immigrant parents who had fled economic hardship in County Cork, Ireland. Under British penal laws, Catholics in Ireland faced severe restrictions on property ownership, so his father brought the family to the American colonies seeking opportunity. The family eventually settled in Machias, a remote lumber town on the coast of what is now Maine.

Growing up in Machias, Jeremiah learned seamanship, timber work, and navigation along the northeastern coast. Having experienced British rule in Ireland, the O'Brien family became natural supporters of colonial resistance when tensions escalated in the 1770s.

In June 1775, just two months after Lexington and Concord, Jeremiah O'Brien led what many historians consider the first naval engagement of the American Revolution. When the British armed schooner HMS Margaretta arrived in Machias to collect lumber for British barracks in Boston, the townspeople refused to cooperate.

On June 11, 1775, Jeremiah and his brothers, with about forty other men armed with pitchforks, axes, and a few muskets, seized the lumber sloop Unity and pursued the Margaretta. They caught the British ship near Machias Bay, boarded it in close combat, and forced its surrender.

This victory was significant because it occurred before the Continental Congress had authorized a navy, it showed that colonists could defeat British naval forces, and it secured a warship and supplies for the patriot cause.

After Machias, O'Brien continued his service primarily as a privateer, a privately owned ship authorized by Congress to attack and capture enemy vessels. He commanded the Unity and later the Machias Liberty, then the larger Hannibal, raiding British shipping along the coast and in the Atlantic lanes.

O'Brien was captured by the British in 1780 and held as a prisoner in England, where he was treated as a traitor with Irish roots rather than a legitimate enemy combatant. He was eventually exchanged and returned to service.

Jeremiah O'Brien's story shows how Irish immigrants contributed to the Revolution. His success at Machias predated the Continental Navy and helped build confidence in American naval operations, while his privateering reflected the broader role of decentralized naval efforts in disrupting British commerce.

After the war, O'Brien returned to Machias, where he lived until his death in 1818. In the 20th century, the first Liberty ship launched during World War II was named the SS Jeremiah O'Brien in his honor. The ship still exists as a museum ship in San Francisco.

Jeremiah O'Brien's naval service illustrates how individual courage and community action could challenge the world's most powerful navy. His Irish heritage shaped his commitment to the

patriot cause, linking American independence to broader struggles against British imperial power.

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

OCTOBER

10/10 #923 $35 Anthony Tampone
10/10 #923 $35 Devon Zanin
10/10 #923 $35 Gary Aidala
10/10 #923 $35 Kim Klomm
10/11 #321 $75 Gail Diamond (Sunday)
10/11 #321 $75 Val Dwyer (Sunday)
10/11 #321 $75 Rose Boyle (Sunday)
10/11 #321 $75 Emma Hudson Yosh (Sunday)
10/13 #359 $35 Corryn Carey
10/14 #520 $35 Ed Herwig
10/14 #520 $35 Kelly Donnoe
10/15 #923 $35 Anthony Tampone
10/15 #923 $35 Devon Zanin
10/15 #923 $35 Gary Aidala
10/15 #923 $35 Kim Klomm
10/16 #718 $35 Kristen Fitzgerald
10/17 #602 $35 Elaine Hamilton
10/17 #602 $35 Jim Steuding
10/19 #802 $35 Sue Barnes
10/19 #802 $35 Cecelia Hopper
10/19 #802 $35 John Gibbons
10/23 #596 $35 Sue Mattice
10/24 #114 $35 Alyssa Ward
10/27 #621 $35 Shannon Kelly
10/27 #621 $35 James Noble
10/27 #621 $35 Kathleen Mihm
10/29 #596 $35 Sue Mattice

THE IRISH SHOW

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

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

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 are 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 great year and just finished the Salute 2 Vets, The Alzheimer's Walk and the My Kingston Kids Halloween Parade.

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, the banner or playing 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 HUDSON VALLEY - (ICCHV)

www.icchv.org

Thank you all for your support over these many years. On October 16, 2026 we closed on our building at 290 East Strand. We are now the owners in full. We also donated the property at 32 Abeel Street to the City.
We will be designing our building to meet our needs and be making some renovations so we can fully use the pub area and event space. We also need to raise funds for these renovations and our normal operating expenses.
We are working to install a new sewar line and an electric service. We will also be installing solar panels on the roof to offset some of these costs.
We will be raising funds from you and the public. 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.

To register for Gaelic in the Glen classes, click the link below for online payment and registration:

Beginner Class: https://buy.stripe.com/7sIdTj3TDcKRdmE9AC
Intermediate Class: https://buy.stripe.com/3cs6qR9dX129aas7st

Fill in the following coupon codes that apply to you for the appropriate discount:

IMPORTANT DISCOUNT CODE UPDATE!

TRAD SESSIONS

Trad Sessions have begun at Keegan Ales- the first Sunday of each month. NEXT Session is November 1, 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, November 10, 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.

All Souls Day Mass to remember our deceased members is planned for Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Further information will be provided via an email to the LAOH members.
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, Week #11 (10/6/26): Rose Ferraro-Bruck $50, Cathy Ellis $25, Week #12 (10/13/26): Mickey Hein $50, Kenny Solaas $25, Week #13 (10/20/23): Shane Staccio $50, Marge LaRose $25, Week #14 (10/27/26): Mary Hass $50, Judy Lukazewski $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 at 5:30 p.m. at Castaways – 160 1st Street, Connelly, NY 12417. The cost will be $ 30 per LAOH member. Menu is still being finalized with the restaurant, details will be emailed to all LAOH members. RSVP's and payment will need to be made to Pam Boyle or Chrissie Wrixon no later than NOVEMBER 25, 2026.

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 November arrives and the holiday season draws near, we are reminded of the many blessings in our lives, especially the friendships and sense of community we share. May this season of gratitude bring warmth to your hearts, happiness to your homes, and opportunities to enjoy the company of family and friends. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories!

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

St. Patrick's Parade, Inc.

IRISH PRINCESS

IRISH PRINCESS INFORMATION FORM

PARADE DATE MARCH 14, 2027
KINGSTON PLAZA, KINGSTON, NY

NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
PHONE:	EMAIL:	
NOMINATED BY:	EMAIL:	PHONE:
RELATIONSHIP TO AOH OR LAOH MEMBER		
SIGNATURE OF PARENT:	DATE:	PHONE:

Please Note:

Qualifications are that the Princess be 11-15 years old Applicant must be 11 years old by March 17 of the year of the parade and related to a member of the Ulster County AOH Div 1 or Ulster County LAOH Div 5, (Daughter, Granddaughter, Niece or Grand Niece).

The Irish Princess Duties:

- **Participation at Grand Marshal's Night**
- **Participation at Promotional Events (i.e. Radio Programs)**
- **Participation and Support of the St. Patrick's Parade**
- **Participation at Mass March 17th**
- **Participation at the Mayor of the Day Ceremonies**
- **Participation in the Hooley on the Hudson™**

2027 INFORMATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 19, 2026

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Arace Electric or email: events@ulsteraoh.com

THE PARADE, P.O BOX 2788, KINGSTON, NY 12402

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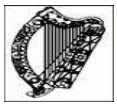
Kingston, NY 12402

Hibernian Motto

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

Keep the Faith
(Coinnigh an Faith)

Is Cuimhin Linn
(We Remember)