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NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
APRIL 14, 2026
6:00 PM

THE ICCHV
290 EAST STRAND,
KINGSTON, NY



THE ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE
MARCH 15, 2026

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
JOURNAL

GO TO YOUR FAVORITE
SPOT AND PICK UP YOUR
FREE COPY OF OUR PARADE
JOURNAL. THEN AS YOU
READ ALL OF THE GREAT
PAGES, PLEASE PATRONIZE
THE LOCAL BUSINESSES
THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IN
SUPPORTING EACH AND
EVERY EVENT WE PUT ON
EACH YEAR.

THANK YOU ESPECIALLY TO
THE PARADE COMMITTEE.
THE 2026 PARADE WAS ONE
OF THE MOST ATTENDED
PARADES OF RECENT

MEMORY AND THE
SHAMROCK RUN WAS ONCE
AGAIN A GREAT SUCCESS.

THANK YOU

THE CITY OF KINGSTON-
MAYOR NOBLE AND HIS
STAFF
CITY CLERKS OFFICE
KINGSTON PARKS & REC,
KPD, KFD, DPW
KINGSTON
PLAZA/HERZOG'S SUPPLY
ULSTER COUNTY
UCAT
ARACE ELECTRIC
THE BRUDERHOFF
COMMUNITIES
WE HAVE MOST CERTAINLY
MISSED SOME BUT WE
APPECIATE ALL THE HELP
AND SUPPORT WE RECEIVE
IN ORDER TO ORGANIZE
AND PRESENT THIS EVENT
EACH YEAR.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR TROPHY WINNERS
BEST BAND – BRASS O
MANIA
BEST SCHOOL FLOAT –
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 60412
BEST DECORATED FIRE
DEPARTMENT – PORT
EWEN
BEST DECORATED FLOAT –
WITCHES ON THE HUDSON
BEST ORIGINAL IRISH
SPIRIT – ANCHORAGE/AFCO

ONCE AGAIN
CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR 2026 ST. PATRICK'S
DIGNITARIES



GRAND MARSHAL
PATTY BOYLE JACOB



IRISH PRINCESS
ANNA LASECKI



BEARER OF ST. PATRICK
JOHNNY ZIEGENFUSS



MAYOR OF THE DAY
SUSAN FEENEY



THE CONWAY CABAL: AN IRISH CONNECTION TO AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

Thomas Conway was born in Ireland around 1735, though the exact details of his early life remain somewhat unclear to historians. What we do know is that he eventually made his way to France, where he served in the French army before becoming involved in the American Revolutionary War. His Irish heritage would later become a point of interest when examining one of the most controversial episodes of the American Revolution: the so-called Conway Cabal.

The Conway Cabal refers to an alleged plot during the winter of 1777-1778 to remove George Washington from his position as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. The conspiracy, if it can truly be called that, involved several high-ranking military and political figures who believed that Washington was not an effective military leader. These critics pointed to Washington's recent defeats and questioned whether he was the right person to lead the American forces to victory.

Thomas Conway, as an Irish-born officer in the Continental Army, became the central figure in this controversy. Conway had earned a reputation as a capable military officer, and some believed he would be a better choice to lead the army than Washington.

Conway's involvement in the plot was primarily through his correspondence with other officers and politicians, particularly General Horatio Gates, who had recently achieved a significant victory at the Battle of Saratoga. This victory made Gates popular among some members of Congress and military circles.

The exact nature of Irish involvement in the cabal beyond Conway himself is difficult to determine, as most of the key players were American-born or from other nations. However, Conway's Irish background adds an interesting dimension to the story, as it shows that the Revolutionary cause attracted supporters from many different backgrounds and nations. Irish immigrants and their descendants played various roles throughout the American Revolution, and Conway represents one of the more controversial figures among them.

The Conway Cabal ultimately failed to achieve its goals. Washington's supporters, including influential figures like Alexander Hamilton and Henry Knox, defended the commander-in-chief vigorously. When details of the conspiracy became public, it created a scandal that damaged the reputations of those involved. Thomas Conway eventually left America and returned to France, where he continued his military career. The incident demonstrated the political tensions that existed during the Revolutionary War and highlighted the challenges of maintaining unity among military

and political leaders during wartime.



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

3/02 #917 \$35 Tammy

Van Wagenen

3/04 #270 \$35 Morgan Cole

3/08 #147 \$75 Harry Woltman
(Sunday)

3/11 #147 \$35 Harry Woltman

3/14 #723 \$35 Vincent Giordano

3/14 #723 \$35 Donna Zelinsky &
Karin Shortland

3/17 #744 \$225 Paula Horvers (St.
Patrick's Day)

3/19 #047 \$35 Jessie Sasso

3/22 #618 \$75 Cecelia Savona
(Sunday)

3/22 #618 \$75 Lauren Hernandez
(Sunday)

3/22 #618 \$75 Frank Flynn

(Sunday)

3/23 #409 \$35 Richard Dominick

3/29 #508 \$75 Frank Budik

(Sunday)

3/30 #246 \$35 John Gorman

3/30 #246 \$35 Gregory Rogers



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 Brother Jim McCauley who joined us at the February meeting.

Jim Lives in Rhinebeck and is an Army veteran and a retired Port Authority Police Officer.



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 successful events these past few weeks at the center.

The Grand Marshal's Night. The Shamrock Run Shirt pick up, and the St. Patrick's Parade Party. If you did not get one of Dave Doyle's Corned Beef Sandwiches you really missed a delicious meal.

Thank you all- you know who you are—for continuing to work on the site to bring it to a point where we can have scheduled events.

We continue to work with our architect and the city building department to make sure we comply with all requirements. Please take a look at all of our sponsors and support them as best you can.

Steve Schallencamp wrote a great article in the Daily Freeman this past week if you have not seen it you can see it on their website.

Thank you, Steve.

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/>.



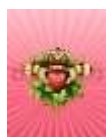
GAELIC CLASSES

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 second Sunday of each month. NEXT Session is April 5, 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, April 14, 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.

The AOH parade was once again a wonderful success, bringing our community together for a truly memorable day. It was a special honor to celebrate our Grand Marshal, Patty Jacob Boyle, and our Mayor of the Day, Sue Feeney, both of whom represented the spirit and pride of our organization so beautifully. The day was filled with great energy, strong participation, and a shared sense of tradition that continues to make this event so meaningful year after year.

Upcoming Events:

April 14, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. LAOH Meeting
April 19, 2026 - 1:00p.m. LAOH Pocketbook Bingo (doors open at noon)
May 12, 2026 - 5:30 p.m. LAOH Meeting
June 9, 2026 - 5:30 p.m. LAOH Meeting

Join us for a delightful afternoon of **Designer Pocketbook BINGO** on **Sunday, April 19, 2026!**

Enjoy 10 exciting games featuring beautiful designer pocketbooks, along with 10 door prize giveaways and a 50/50 raffle. Light snacks will be provided, and a cash bar will be available for your enjoyment. Tickets are \$45 and include three BINGO cards plus entry into all 10 door prize drawings. Additional cards will be available for purchase at the door. Gather your friends and

don't miss this fun-filled event— great prizes, great company, and plenty of chances to win!

MEMBERSHIP DUES: 2026 membership dues were due in March. If you have not yet paid your dues we kindly ask that you either bring your dues to the next meeting or mail them to: L.A.O.H. – **PO Box 2432 – Kingston, NY 12402**. Thank you for your **continued membership and support!**

Please keep Terry Glennon, Paula Horvers, Karen Anderer, Jean Steuding, Judy Mathews, Patti Gilpatric and Jenn Ryan 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 move into a new season, it's a welcome reminder that spring is here—a time of renewal, growth, and fresh beginnings. Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Easter and hoping you enjoy all that this season brings.

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)

