



# Saratoga Ancient Order of Hibernians

## Commodore John Barry Division 1

June 2005

### June 2 Meeting

The meeting for this month will be on Thursday, June 2nd and barring any last minute decisions to be made it will be primarily a cultural event.

The band is O'hAnleigh (just like that, with the A capitalized). They will be playing a variety of traditional Irish music for us.

Please feel free to invite family, friends and any significant others.

The band is scheduled to start at 7:30PM which will leave us a little time for business and then plenty of time for pleasure so come prepared with any requests.

This is an excellent opportunity to get to know new members and meet prospective new members.



### May 25th Events



May 25th will be a busy evening for the division. We will kickoff with a strong presence in the annual Saratoga Springs Memorial Day Parade. PLEASE, please, please CALL Pres. Dave if you will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade and you were not at the May meeting.....Report in front of Burke's Funeral Home on North Broadway by 6:05 p.m.,

Wednesday 5/25. " Kilts and uniforms optional....."

Also, following the parade will be a meeting of the Exec Board in the rear room at The Parting Glass. Everyone is encouraged to attend as these meetings allow more time for the entertainment and history lessons we get during the monthly scheduled meeting.

Items to be discussed include

the golf outing, 5K run in August, State AOH convention issues and the planning of a Communion Breakfast this year. Please plan to attend so that everyone's opinion can be aired.

We really would like to present a unified organization for the people of Saratoga so that others may look to join or at least attend our many events.

### June Highlights

- *May 25 Memorial Day Parade and Exec Board meeting*
- *May 30 Memorial Day Holiday*
- *June 11 Belmont Stakes*
- *June 14 Flag Day*
- *June 16 Bloomsday (Ire) See Joyce's Ulysses*
- *June 19 Father's Day*

### Newsletter Changes

We are looking at new ways to generate interest and add freshness to the way the Saratoga division of the AOH does business. These include some changes to the newsletter. It will not get any smaller despite this abbreviated edition but will be available electronically through e-mails and the web page. Chris Kelly and Chris Bergman are looking at ways to best get information to everyone.

We are also looking at ways to

save some money. The current newsletter was given a \$50 /month budget but looking closely we have been sending out about 100 issues with a printing cost and postage cost of about \$0.57 per newsletter. With this issue we will try to hit as many people as possible by using the electronic media available to us.

So, PLEASE, if you can get this document through an e-mail or download a PDF file

from the website, let me know. Chris Kelly will be putting together a more accurate and up to date e-mail list based on responses. Please e-mail

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to let Chris know your current e-mail address or let him know if you can download from the website. We will be making adjustments in mailing based on this.

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a fraternal order of men of the Catholic faith and born in Ireland or of Irish heritage who are residents of the US. The Saratoga Division meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Pine Ave in Saratoga Springs, NY. Information about the Order and our division can be found at our website at [www.saratogaoh.com](http://www.saratogaoh.com). Please feel free to contact us regarding membership.

### Odds and Ends

## NYSAOH Convention

Suffolk County will be the host for the NYSAOH biennial convention during the second week of July, 2005. All Hibernians in good standing are welcome to attend the gathering which features the elections for the new State Board as well as a host of traditional Irish entertainment. It's a great way to meet Hibernians from throughout the state as each county with a division will be represented. If you have any interest please contact Dave Cummings for further information.

## Committees

This summer we have committed to two of our projects which generate a lot of income for the division. We still need help organizing the 5K run in August and the golf outing with a date still to be set. These events have been very successful in the past and a major source of revenue. Please see Dave Cummings to help out in organizing these events. They don't just fall into

place by themselves.

## Golf Outing

The annual golf outing is scheduled for September 25th at 10 AM. It will once again be held at Airway Meadows and all are invited to play in this scramble format. We currently have 8 tee times reserved which means room for 32 players. Please plan early so that we can have a full field. The final cost is being worked on which depends on our choice of food and drink at the course. If you have interest in helping out (and there is always extra work to be done), please contact Paul Maguire. Paul has been generous enough to organize each of these events and truly appreciates the extra help.

## Irish 2000

The dates and bands have been set for Irish2000. This festival of Irish culture and music has been the premier outdoor festival in the immediate Capital District. This year's event will be on

September 17th at the Altamont Fairgrounds. We look forward to setting up a recruiting tent of our own and getting all of our members out for this day of song, food and dance. See for details:

[www.irish2000fest.com](http://www.irish2000fest.com)

## May Shamrock

Congratulations to John Pamper, Ted Griffin, Peter Farley, Tom Eno, and Dave Boehm who all received the Order of the Shamrock at the May division meeting.

## Dues

The names of 30 members will be trimmed from our roll this month because dues weren't paid for 2004/2005. Are you or a friend one of them? We want to welcome back anyone on payment of dues.