

Commodore John Barry Division # 1

Ancient Order of Hibernians of Saratoga

A Word From Our President

"ENERGY !!! I did not expect to get so energized from attending our NYS AOH/LAOH Convention in Melville. These folks are serious and work extraordinarily hard for our parent organization and I was proud to be able to represent our Division. Our Division's reputation preceded me, VP Steve Curran, newly elected District One Director Chris Kelly and Brother Dick Nelson. And I think we only embellished that reputation. I mean, what would you think when I found Dick engaged in a conversation with the National Chaplain, Father Sullivan, and that

Dick was courageous to introduce me to the Padre? I had to follow that up with volunteering for the State Scholarship Committee. We picked up a set of the various Committee reports which will be available for your reading. We met many National AOH and LAOH Officers who were most gracious and promised their guidance to get a Junior Division and possibly an LAOH started.

" We will participate in the Sunday, August 7 Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville. Convene at the Rte 29 High School by noon. After the

parade, retire to your Chietain's farm by 2:00 p.m. for a relaxing afternoon, BYO Everything. We will do the calling roster to verify your participation. PLEASE respond to your Commodore Team Leaders. "

The Division will have an opportunity to showcase itself to National and State Officers at the October 9th Murphy Monument Rededication." As a probable host candidate to the State's AOH's 2009 Convention, it will be very worthy to have as many participants as possible to demonstrate one of our better, consistent activities. Mark your

calendar, now !

In setting this up, we need to ensure that the September 25 Golf outing/fundraiser is successful and bountiful for our treasury. Your fullest involvement in both events will be much appreciated. "

" Future state events include Irish 2000 on September 17th; Schenectady's 125th Anniversary Party on October 29th; and Auburn's Mixed Doubles Bowling Tournament on November 5th. "



September Golf Outing

The Saratoga Hibernians have announced the dates for their 2005 Halfway to St Patrick's Day golf Outing. The outing will be held on Sunday, September 25 at Airway Meadow's Golf Club in Gansevoort.

The cost will be \$80 per golfer. That will include the cost of golf, a cart, prizes and food. The format will be a four person scramble. This is a family event and we encourage all family members to

attend and play. In addition to prizes for the winning foursome, we will be awarding prizes for both men's and woman's longest drive and closest to the pin and also similar prizes for younger golfers.

The cost of the outing will include both food on the turn for golfers and a meal after at the course. Registration for the outing will open on August 1st. Slots are limited. We encourage you to begin lining up

your team now and to make sure that you register early.

The Hibernians are offering several opportunities for sponsors who want to support this tournament; including hole sponsorships and other opportunities. If you are interested in helping to support this outing and our organization, please contact Paul Maguire at 518 461-7205 or Dave Cummings.

Summer Happenings Recap

Summers continue to be a time to get together with your fellow Hibernians

brothers joined current Commodore of the year, Paul O'Donnell on his

Cruise for the Cure on Lake George. The Cruise was a fundraiser sponsored by Paul to raise money for Cancer

research. Paul also rides his bike in the Ride for a Cure through Mass. And all are encouraged to sponsor Paul in these events.

ings, Steve Curran, Chris Kelly and Dick Nelson enjoyed the typical Hibernian hospitality for the 4 days. We enjoyed trips to the Halls in Islip and Babylon

At the meeting Chris Kelly was elected the new Director of District #1, Matt Nelligan of Albany was elected the new State VP and Brian Nelligan of Albany was appointed to



Chair the Freedom For All Ireland committee. Later in July many of the brothers

even in the absence of formal meetings. We kicked off the summer parade season with a stroll down Broadway for the Memorial Day Parade. As you can see from the picture we had a good turnout in showing off the Hibernians to the Saratoga Community.

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In the beginning of July four of our brothers attended the NYS Biennial Convention in Suffolk County. Dave Cum-

where each division has over 600 members and there Halls definitely show that they aren't afraid to put their money back into having an immaculate meeting place for the Irish.

gathered at the Prezdwiecki estate for the annual summer picnic. Although attendance was on the low side, everyone there had a good time. Please join us for more than just the meetings.

Later in June about a dozen

Steve Curran Continues His Search

The summer would not be complete without a recap of our Vice President's efforts to find himself daily companionship. Below, Steve uses the Memorial Day

Parade, The Cruise for a Cure and the State Convention as backdrops for finding the young lady of his dreams. Keep trying Steve, one of them will come around real soon.



A Brief Look at Ireland's Jonathan Swift

Famous Irish poet, pamphleteer, satirist and wit of Augustan Age. He was educated (more or less) at Trinity College, Dublin. In the aftermath of the 1689 Jacobite rebellion in Ireland, Swift found shelter in England, under the auspices of Sir William Temple, a prominent diplomat and statesman. Swift served as secretary to Temple for the next ten years. In the process, he earned his M.A. at Oxford, was ordained into the Episcopalian Church of Ireland and was charged with the tutorship of Temple's young ward, Esther Johnson, a.k.a. "Stella".

After Temple died in 1699, Swift moved back to Ireland, working at various posts in the Church. In 1704, two satirical pieces -- *Tale of the Tub* and *Battle of the Books* -- earned him some renown (and some enemies). Returning to England intermittently, he became intimate with the Augustan wits and literary men of the day -- Addison, Steele, Pope and Congreve.

Although a lifelong supporter of the Whigs, the growing chasm between

Whigs and the Church led Swift, in 1708, to launch a series of pamphlet attacks on the Whigs. By 1710, Swift had switched over the Tories completely and put his skills at their disposal. Swift took over *The Examiner*, a Tory rag, and, with a couple of 1711 pamphlets, helped turn to the tide of English public opinion against the "Whig" War of Spanish Succession.

With the death of Queen Anne in 1714, the Tories fell from favor and Swift returned to Ireland. He would serve as Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin for the rest of his life. He remained bitter but quiet for several years.

In 1720, he roused himself from his perch and got busy again. His 1720 *Irish Manufacture* essay attacked English economic policy towards Ireland and suggested a boycott of English goods. The pamphlet was later declared seditious by the British government. His *Swearer's Bank* (1720) was his proposition for the setting up a bank to help small tradesmen in Ireland. His visceral series of 1724-5

pamphlets, known as *Drapier's Letters* led to the downfall of Wood's halfpence, the Whig government's plan to make up for the shortfall of coinage in Ireland by minting copper coins. His 1727 and 1728 pieces on the state of Ireland explains how British economic policies are keeping Ireland in a state of underdevelopment and poverty. This series of works on the state of the Irish economy culminated in the wickedly delicious *A Modest Proposal* (1729). His bitterness against British policy came out most fully in his *Injured Lady* (1746). Oh, incidentally, he also found time to write that masterpiece of satire, *Gulliver's Travels* (1726).

After the death of his beloved Stella, Swift began to drop off and gradually grew mentally unstable in the years before his death in 1745.

Upcoming Events

2005 AOH NYS JACK BURNS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hosted by the AOH Syracuse Division !!!
Time: 1:00 pm "shotgun start" on Saturday, August 20th

[The Links at Erie Village

\$90 per player includes lunch at noon, beer and soda on the course, dinner. Prizes to 1st and 2nd teams, closest to pin, long drive, skins, door prizes, etc.

August 4th sign up deadline for golf.
Contact Chris Kelly for Signups

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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.saratogaaoh.com. Please feel free to contact us regarding membership.

Odds and Ends

National Convention

The Biennial National AOH Convention will be held in 2006 in Boston. Keep the dates of July 5th through the 8th open on your calendars if you are interested in meeting with Hibernians from throughout the land. Information can be found at www.boston06.com

2005 Dues

Dues for 2005 are due at this time. The dues are \$25 per year and covers your newsletters and Hibernian Digest. Portions of our dues go to the National body, the NY State Board and then our own division. Please pay Chris Bergman ASAP and he will give you your membership card for the year. This card will make you welcome at all Hibernian events and Halls throughout

the country. Reinstatement can still occur with the payment of the 2005 dues.

Turning Point Parade

The Turning Point Parade will be held on August 7th in Schuylerville. There will be a phone tree set up to contact all of our brotherhood regarding marching in this parade. It is once again a great time to show the community the Irish spirit and dedication to Saratoga County. Please make the time available to join us and then retreat to Dave Cumming's place for a friendly get together afterwards.

Committees

There is still time to join up with Paul Maguire to help out with the Golf Tournament. With the absence of the 5K this year the Golf

outing will become one of our major sources of income. Please help this run smoothly and get out to solicit sponsors for this event.

At the state convention the Saratoga Division was asked by several sources to investigate hosting the 2009 convention. It is an honor to host the convention and it is also a highly profitable event. We are setting up an exploratory Committee to see if this is feasible for our Division. Please contact Dave Cummings if you are interested in working on this project. @009 may sound like a long way away but from an organizational standpoint it is closer than it looks.

Albany will host in 2007 and has offered their experience to help us develop a plan.

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