



Saratoga Ancient Order of Hibernians



Commodore John Barry Division 1

September 2005

Message From Dave

The last third of the 2005 year will be filled with both mundane administration and exciting opportunities to show how you can be part of our Division, both at home and beyond. Our fall meetings at the K of C are Sept 8th; October 6th; November 3rd; and December 8th.

It was great to have former, and now renewing Brother Rich Moran join the parade marchers at Schuylerville's Turning Point Parade. Our eldest member and last year's Grand Marshal, Brother Bill Carey, rode shotgun with Brother Chris Kelly. Brothers Nelson, Sheldon, VP Curran, O'Connell, Carney, and McDonald marched. Brother Hart cheered us on from the sidelines. Brother Mike Nolan, 2003's Grand Marshal, has returned home from the skilled nursing facility and heard us march by! (Brother Przedwicki feigned a pregnancy in the family to not march.....and Meesh did add a new future junior AOH member, you know....!)

* Paul Maguire has been almost going it alone on arrangements for the Sept 25th Half St. Patrick's Family Golf Outing. Focus on " FAMILY". This is a fun day, with laughs, prizes and good-natured Irishness. Get your foursomes together. Contact Paul if you want to sponsor a hole and have suggestions for corporate sponsorship. if we are to keep moving forward, this is the our major fundraiser to get ready for great 2006 promises.

- Brothers VP Curran, Nelson, Campney, Carney and Templin are putting together the pieces for the October 9th Murphy monument rededication. We are expecting to invite several state and national officers, so looking and being smart will be a credit to yourselves, our Division and the AOH! Look for Mass and a brunch/ picnic to go with this great day.
- * The Chieftain's Fourth annual bonfire will be Dec 18th.
- * The Division will have a booth/tent for Irish 2000. Our purpose there will be find/ enroll new members; sell hats (The pins will not be ready); and support Brother Paul O'Donnell in his Cure for Cancer commitment. Look to volunteer to staff the tent. See Paul O'D.
- * National LAOH President's Testimonial Dinner in Colonie on Oct 8th. See the Recording Secretary for details.
- * The Schenectady AOH 125th will be celebrated on October 25th. See the Recording Secretary for details.
- * The next State meeting will be in Auburn Nov 5th, in concert with the NYS AOH/LAOH Mixed Bowling Tournament. See the Chieftain for details and join me and CJ for this outing.
- * The slate of officers for 2006 needs to be established. All are encouraged to apply.
- * Saratoga Irish hats are at O'Donnells Celtic Treasures and in the Chieftain's car.
- So congrats are in order to Rob, Meesh and the twins on their new sibling, Dylan Stanley, and to Mick O'Dalaigh whose Irish Football team is going to Philadelphia for the East Semifinals in their first year of league competition!

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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

Hurricane Relief

The national and state AOH boards are encouraging all Hibernians to do whatever they can in support of the relief efforts for those effected by the recent damage done by Hurricane Katrina. The Hibernians have an active membership in the New Orleans area and the national board is organizing efforts to help those brother Hibernians who were displaced by the storm. Information on how to donate or otherwise help out will soon be posted on the national website. Please keep these people in your prayers as they try to rebuild their lives. Immediate help can be sent through the American Red Cross.

Committees

There are still a lot of opportunities to help organize all of the events that make the AOH what it is. All new ideas and feedback are welcome and encouraged. There is already a group

working on expanding our Timothy Murphy celebration in October and they would welcome the help. We will also have to start organizing our St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the near future. This year at the state convention the Saratoga Division was strongly encouraged to pursue the 2009 state AOH convention. This task is in the investigative stages but we need a lot of help if we are to try to organize something of this magnitude.

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 \$80 for lunch, golf, cart, drinks and dinner. 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

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