



Commodore John Barry Division #1

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President's Message

Brothers,

Your delegates have returned from the 95th Biennial Convention of the New York State Ancient Order of Hibernians. What a successful convention it was. Greg Gallagher, Chris Bergman and I were your voting delegates. Paul O'Donnell headed a committee meeting on Buy Irish. Other members that attended were, Don McHenry, Dick Nelson, Rob Przedwiecki, Chris Kelly, Emmet Kelleher, Dave Cummings, and we saw Mike Simmons at the live at 5 concert. Those of you that were unable to attend missed a great few days. Our Division has soared in the eyes of the NYS Hibernians. We have been invited to a private gathering at the next convention. One of our members has been invited to attend a dinner honoring Commodore John Barry at the Irish Embassy in Washington. Dave Cummings was seated with The New Jersey State President, a Past National President, The National Historian, two National Directors and the National President of the LAOH for the Installation Banquet. Although Paul O'Donnell leaves his position on the State Board, the Division will be represented by myself, as the Scholarship Fund Chairman. This is a reflection of the respect the Saratoga AOH has gained by our continued presence and hard work. I also would like to express to you, the membership, that although I was unable to attend the first night ice breaker, Dick Nelson attended in my place, On Friday night, Emmet Kelleher stood in for me at the awards dinner. So your purchase of a convention packet for me became dinner for three members. Dick feasted on cheese and crackers, Emmet filled himself with steak and I had to settle for prime rib. At the Awards dinner the special guest speaker was Col. Andonie of the New York National Guard 69th Regiment, the Colonel was introduced as an honorary member of the Saratoga Division, much to the surprise of the New York City divisions (see the picture of the Col. from our January Installation dinner below). Brothers, I know that conventions are a great expense to our treasury and everyone hears the fun filled stories that come back afterwards, but the investment is truly working in making our Division a leader in the NYS AOH. We must continue our presence at the 2011 convention in Pearl River NY. Please also notice the exciting upcoming events listed below. All of this information is also available on our www.saratogaaoh.com website.

Steve Curran

Saratoga AOH President



NYS President Nelligan, Colonel Andonie, Division President Curran (January '09)

Greg, Steve, Dave, and Chris at the July 2009 NYS AOH Convention in Albany

Upcoming Events

August 2nd (Sunday)

On August 2nd 2009, the Town of Schuylerville is holding their 15th annual Turning Point Parade at 1pm. The Saratoga Division will be marching in the parade. If you are able to march please contact Steve Curran at saratogairish@gmail.com

August 5th (Wednesday)

On August 5th 2009, NYRA is holding an [Irish Day](#) at the Saratoga Race Track. The Division has reserved tables in the Festival tent. Each table seats six people. The tickets for the tables are on a first come, first serve basis. If you and your family want a table contact Steve Curran at saratogairish@gmail.com

August 8th (Saturday)

The Division has been invited to tour the [Lexington Ave Armory](#) in NYC, home of the "Fighting 69th" on Saturday Afternoon Aug. 8, 2009. We will not be providing transportation to the city but recommend either [Amtrak](#) from Albany to New York (approx. \$72 round trip) or [Metro North train](#) from Poughkeepsie to Grand Central Station. The group will meet for lunch close to the Armory at noon. After the 2pm tour you are free to go anywhere you like. Some suggestions are, [McSorley's Ale House](#), [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), or even a Broadway show. For security reasons we need to have a head count in advance so we will have to know if you are attending by Aug 1, 2009. This tour is open to members and families. Contact Steve at saratogairish@gmail.com for more on this special opportunity.

September 10th (Thursday) Regular Division meeting. 7pm at the Saratoga Elks Club.

September 12th (Saturday)

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Commodore John Barry Div. #1 is proud to host The Donnybrook Open golf tournament at [The Saratoga Lake Golf Club](#) on Grace Moore Road in Saratoga Springs, NY on September 12th 2009. This 4-Man Scramble has a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Please fill out an [application](#) to play. Here are many more [details](#). On [Sponsorship](#). *Applications will not be accepted after August 31st!*

September 18 - 19th (Friday-Saturday)

The 13th Annual Irish 2000 Music & Arts Festival will be right here in Saratoga County!! It will be held at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa, NY. Friday 5pm-Midnight and Saturday from 10am-Midnight will be filled with Irish music and culture.

September 26th (Saturday)

The NYS AOH Jack Burns Memorial Golf tournament will be held in Orange County, NY. Our Saratoga Division has been asked to join them for this fundraiser for the State AOH Board. It will take place at the Walkill Golf Course in Orange County NY. Hotel accommodations will be available and the banquet and awards dinner will be held at the AOH Hall in Monroe NY. For non golfers they will also be hosting an open dart tournament, (Cricket, 301 & 501) at the same time as the golf tournament. For any-one arriving on Friday, the AOH Hall in Monroe and Cornwall will be open at 4pm and a BBQ dinner will be available. If any division wishes to donate a prize for this tournament it would be appreciated. Hole sponsors and golf registration forms will also be available in Albany. For further details contact Steve Curran at saratogairish@gmail.com