

2014 DIVISION OFFICERS

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Member Birthdays (do we have yours?)

January Belated:

Jan 2 Jim Murphy
 Jan 5 Mike Yates
 Jan 7 Larry Manning and Keith Boggan
 Jan 14 Ed Kelley
 Jan 17 Jed Ida
 Jan 29 Liam Quinn

February:

Feb 3 Emmet Kelleher
 Feb 10 John Pamper
 Feb 11 Paul Maguire
 Feb 13 Bill Nychorchuk
 Feb 25 Gerry Fiesinger, Jr. and Brian Montague



Major Degree

Congratulations to Brother Rich Gorman in his achieving the Test of the Order. Rich joined 32 capital district Hibernians at the Albany Hall on Sunday the 26th; he was better prepared than many of the candidates, but alas, was our only Division candidate.

In 2014, our Division will push you hard to achieve your Test of the Order, if you haven't already done so. Pick up on Rich's pride and get this done, as you promised in your AOH Initiation, declared "members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, however, to the condition that you receive the Lessons (Order of Shamrock) and take the Test of the Order (Major Degree) in accordance with our laws."

The Capital Area Degree Team is working with us to conduct a Test of The Order in Saratoga Springs in June, 2014.

Tracking Volunteer Hours

We should be logging any volunteer hours that our members are working. This is not limited to AOH activities. These hours could be related to Church functions, community work, or any type of time that you take out of your busy life to assist others. There is a report that we can file with the State AOH annually that lists total hours for the Divisions. Let us know how many hours you put in each month or week. See our contact info section in this newsletter on how to reach us by email.



2014 ACTION PLAN

Our Saratoga AOH continues to mature, as evidenced by the hosting of the 2013 State Hibernian Convention. Several brothers found ways to serve last year. To continue to be a viable organization, we need more brothers to serve, more often. We'll call this, "The year every Brother undertakes one active task in planning/ working events or Committee work."

You will find information to get involved. The first is an initial 2014 Schedule of Events. Post it on your family activities maze on your refrigerator/ message board. Let's not hear, "I forgot". Look for updates/ changes in quarterly web-site postings and hard-copy newsletters. For some events, we will use a calling chain. Other information covers the March Family Feis and the May Division Golf outing. And pay your dues, please, now.

The Division voted a major change for 2014. On the first Thursday of each month, barring intervening events, the session will be all about Irish culture, history, religion and social issues. These sessions will start at 7 p.m. at the Elks' Lodge. On the third Thursday of each month, the meeting will be to conduct the Division's business. Referred to as the Executive Board meeting, it will commence at 7 p.m. in the Saratoga Springs Library's Glasby Room, through May. Members are invited to both activities.

As a secret society, and in accordance with national by-laws, we are precluded from posting the business meeting minutes on a public website. The Executive Board is working options on this to keep you best informed.

All issues and activities need to be balanced against the AOH motto. If they match well against Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, then they are worthy for pursuit by the Division.

For the John Barry Saratoga Division Executive Board,
 your humble Chieftain, Dave Cummings
 January, 2014



Financial Secretary's Report

The year 2014 is upon us and we are trying to collect our membership dues before St. Patrick's Day for the entire Division. Dues payments are now past due and remain at \$30 for this year. Our per capita taxes have increased, and we are responsible for paying approximately \$20 per member between the New York State and National AOH boards. That means, our division pays out nearly \$2000 per year in per capita taxes. The remainder of your dues help pay the business expenses for the division, including postage for newsletters and for dues reminders. To save money this year, the executive board has decided to include this reminder within the monthly newsletter to avoid paying twice for postage. A subsequent reminder will be sent out in mid-February. We have nearly 30% of our membership current in their 2014 dues. For those of you who have not yet paid dues, please do so as soon as possible. Checks can be made out to Saratoga AOH and sent to: PO Box 205, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Additionally, dues can be paid at either of our meetings during the month of February. If you have inadvertently forgotten to pay your dues for 2013, we were responsible for \$15 in per capita taxes, so please send in \$45 for your 2014 dues card. Thank you for taking care of this yearly commitment in order to keep our division fiscally solvent and to avoid suspension or termination from our division. Without all of the membership committed to keeping dues current, our division cannot continue to thrive.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
Robert E Przedwiecki
Financial Secretary

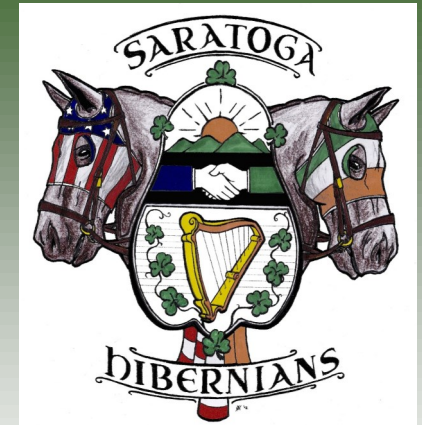
IRISH Jeopardy

Please join the Saratoga Ancient Order of Hibernians on **Thursday, February 6, 2014**. The Hibernians open the years' fun programs with an interactive version of **IRISH Jeopardy**. The **public** is very welcome to come to the Saratoga Elks' Lodge, Route 9 North, at 7 p.m. There will be no pressure in learning a wee bit about some Irish History, Names, Cities and Towns. Refreshments available. Bring the whole family!

Pay your 2014 Division Dues online !!

<https://www.saratogaaoh.org/events/2>

Please send us your suggestions and feedback on this system. It is based on the system that was created to collect online payments for the 2013 State Hibernian Convention.



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