

Commodore John Barry Division # 1

Ancient Order of Hibernians of Saratoga

An Intro to Jeff Carney, Sentinel

I'm Jeff Carney, I have lived in Ballston Spa now for about 5 years. I grew up in Buffalo until I Graduated from Hutchinson central technical high school in 1990. After graduation, I joined the Marine Corps and served my country for 6 years. When I decided to leave the Corps I moved to Florida. I worked for Marquette Medical Systems before GE took over. I

worked on defibrillators, gas analysis and invasive cardiology equipment and fetal monitors for 4 years. I now work at Time Warner Cable here in Schenectady, as a dispatcher for the past 4 years and an installer for a few months before that. During my time in the Corps I met my wife Dawn. we have been married for 11 years now. Though we have no children now, we defi-

nately are planning on having some very soon.

I have a specialized associates degree in Building and Repairing PC's, I earned at New England Institute of Technology, in Florida. I plan on going back to school to continue my knowledge of PC's when time permits.

My hobbies consists of hunting, fishing, anything concerning the outdoors,

sports and NASCAR, occasionally play computer games. I collect sports cards, eagles and have been very interested in medieval things. I have been a member of the Hibernian's for 4 years now, I have helped with organizing our participation in the Albany St. Patrick's parade. I now hold the position of your Sentinel, and eager to help our organization

A Message From Dave

At our January meeting, we had great attendance but COMMUNICATION is always a CHALLENGE. I am still perplexed by those 15 members who have yet to respond to my personal, hand-written, Brother Chris Templin original-art-work

holiday cards asking them to do their Order of Shamrock. I am still concerned by the lack of response from 40 members who did not RSVP to the meeting announcement post card. We look forward to a response from you, so we can order food for the after-meeting laughs, sharing

and camaraderie. A phone call or email is all we ask for. Please take that extra few minutes to respond. Mentioning email, I reminded those present that our data base is ABSOLUTELY meant for AOH-relevant material. Chieftain Dave

Thank You for Benefit Support

Thank you to all of the members who came to Albany to support the AOH causes in the area and State Board charities at the Hair of the Dog concert in January. All of the money that

was raised will go to supporting the activities supported by the District Council and the State Board of the AOH. It was a great night of music and it is appreciated

district wide that so many Saratoga members came to support the event. As a division, we have earned a great reputation throughout the state and it's nice to continue the tradition of helping locally.



Jeff Carney—St. Patrick's Parade

Celebrating our Fourth Winter Solstice

*With the passing of the year in the bonfire's glow,
Love to our friends and things that helped us
grow.*

*The kindred spirit that passes us through seasons
and vexes us not to find all the reasons.*

*Ah, but to know we were looked over by the celtic
rams,*

forever burned memories in the childrens' dreams

Your Chieftain, 18th December 2005



Order of Shamrock

The first meeting of 2006 saw six new and two current brothers achieve the first of our AOH's two formal degrees, The Order of Shamrock. We congratulate Brothers Roy McDonald and Don Hughes for standing with the new Brothers in the ceremony. Roy's son-in-law, Matthew Veitch, and Don's brother, Kevin, entered the AOH with Gene Cook, Ray LaPage, John (Jed) Ida, and Dan Mulligan. With the doctrine shared, these men become candidates for the Major Degree.

Major Degree status allows a brother to hold office and bonds the Brotherhood through its Instruction and Test. There are now over 20 brothers who should anticipate the conduct of the Major Degree in April.

St. Patrick's Day Family Festival

In 2005 the Saratoga division put on our first family night on St. Patrick's Day and it was a tremendous success. We had approximately 350 people come to join in the Irish music and food. This year we will continue this tradition at the VFW Hall in Saratoga Springs.

We do need help though with the organization of this event from the division itself.

Chris Templin and Dave Cummings have been organizing things so far

but there is room on the committee for more help.

We need to each commit to purchasing two tickets to get things under way. Tickets have been mailed out to those not at the last meeting and every sale helps. Also, Please volunteer to help. St. Patrick's Day is on a Friday this year so it could be even busier than last year. This could turn out to be one of our biggest fundraisers of the year so let's all help out.



3 Million Men Traced to Medieval Irish King

— Up to three million men around the world could be descended from a prolific medieval Irish king, according to researchers at Trinity College Dublin.

A genetics study suggests that the fifth-century warlord, known as "Niall of the Nine Hostages," may be the ancestor of about one in 12 Irishmen.

He established a dynasty of powerful chieftains that dominated the island for six centuries.

In a study of the Y chromosomes, which are only passed down through the male line, scientists found there is a genetic fingerprint hot-spot in northwest Ireland where 21.5 percent carry it, TCD research fellow Brian McEvoy told AFP.

This was the main power-base of the of the Ui Neills, which literally translated means "descendants of Niall."

McEvoy said the Y chromosome appeared to trace back to one person.

"There are certain surnames that seem to have come from Ui Neill. We studied if there was any association between those surnames and the genetic profile. It is his (Niall's) family."

The study said that Niall "resided at the cusp of mythology and history

but our results do seem to confirm the existence of a single early medieval progenitor to the most powerful and enduring Irish dynasty."

The results also lend support to surviving genealogical and oral traditions of Gaelic Ireland and are a "powerful illustration of the potential link between prolificacy and power."

The study said the chromosome had also been found in 16.7 percent of men in western and central Scotland and has turned up in multiple North American population samples, including in two percent of European-American New Yorkers.

"Given historically high rates of Irish emigration to North America and other parts of the world, it seems likely that the number of descendants worldwide runs to perhaps two to three million males," the study said.

It compared the result to similar research that suggested that Mongol emperor Genghis Khan has 16 million descendants after conquering most of Asia in the 13th century.

Though medieval Ireland was Christian, people married earlier, divorce was allowed and concubinage was practiced. Illegitimate sons were claimed and their rights protected by law.

"As in other polygamous societies,

the siring of offspring was related to power and prestige," the study said.

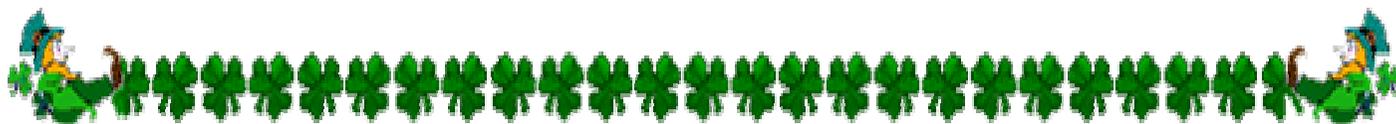
The study points out that one of the O'Neill dynasty chieftains who died in 1423 had 18 sons with 10 different women and counted 59 grandsons in the male line.

Niall of the Nine Hostages, who became high king of Ireland, got his name from using the taking of hostages as a strategy for subjecting his opponent chieftains.

He is known in folklore as a raider of the British and French coasts.

Supposedly slain in the English Channel or in Scotland, his descendants were the most powerful rulers of Ireland until the 11th century.

Modern surnames tracing their ancestry to Niall include (O')Gallagher, (O')Boyle, (O')Doherty, O'Donnell, Connor, Cannon, Bradley, O'Reilly, Flynn, (Mc)Kee, Campbell, Devlin, Donnelly, Egan, Gormley, Hynes, McCaul, McGovern, McLoughlin, McManus, McMenamin, Molloy, O'Kane, O'Rourke and Quinn.



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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

Exec Board Meeting

The Exec Board meets monthly to discuss division issues so that meetings don't have to be bogged down. Everyone is welcome to come to these meetings and we will try to make sure that every member is informed about them. There are no secrets here, just trying to make the regular division meetings easier.

February Meeting

The February meeting will be on February 2nd and include a discussion of St. Brigid, Patron Saint of Ireland whose feast day is February 1st. The meeting will be at the K of C Hall at 7PM.

NYSAOH State Board Calendars

We still have some calendars that support the state board of the AOH. They are \$25 each and come with an individual 3 digit number. The numbers are tied into the nightly NYS Daily Numbers drawing so if your number comes up you can get your \$25 back. If it comes up again in the year, then you're ahead of the game. It's an inexpensive way to support the AOH throughout the state. See Chris Kelly at the meeting if you would like one.

Religious Service

We are asked by the State and National AOH to keep track of all of the things that we do as

Hibernians to promote the principles of the Order. That includes the way we volunteer our time to the Church. We would like our members who are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Choir Singers and any other Church ministry to please report it to our President. Names never have to be included with the acknowledgment of humility. Please just let us know what you do so we can include some of it in our year end report.

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