



The O Mahony Society North American Get-Together 2022 Preliminary Schedule

Headquarters: Courtyard by Marriott Clifton Park
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<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/albpk-courtyard-albany-clifton-park>

A block of rooms has been blocked the nights of October 13-17 for the special rate of \$139/night (plus taxes and fees) and includes a continental breakfast.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1658174211194&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

You must make your reservation no later than September 30th to get this special rate.

While we have a full weekend of fun Clan events planned, Clansman Dan Mahoney has graciously arranged for the hotel accommodations to be available from Thursday, October 13 through Monday, October 17th at this same reduced rate. Mid-October is usually peak autumnal leaf season in the greater Albany, NY, area. You may want to consider extending your stay in order to take advantage of attractions within a 1-to-2-hour drive, which include southern Vermont, Cooperstown, Hudson Valley, Lake George, Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains. Many will know that the Baseball Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown, as is an amazing art museum!

In planning your Get-Together getaway, please know that Clifton Park is roughly equidistant to Saratoga Springs and downtown Albany, NY. <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Clifton+Park,+NY/@42.8958775,-73.9513563,10.96z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x89de134e8818c603:0x4d433646c523c77a!8m2!3d42.844668!4d-73.8183804>

Please refer to www.omahonysociety.com/news-and-events for complete/updated details.

Fasten your seat belts, for here's what's planned:

Friday, October 14, 2022

5:00 pm At our Headquarters: Guest speaker Chris Daley (and O Mahony kinsman - www.daleyhistory.com) will provide an informative talk on the effect of Irish immigration that led to "No Irish Need Apply." Clansmen and women greeting each other can avail themselves of refreshments at the hotel's Bistro. This fun and casual evening is "on your own" for beverages and food.

To follow Powers Inn and Pub <http://powersinnandpub.com>

130 Meyer Road Clifton Park, NY

A welcoming and culturally appropriate restaurant, only a few minutes' drive from our headquarters. With a large and varied menu, Powers Inn and Pub can accommodate vegetarian and gluten free options on many of their offerings. Again, this option is "on your own" for beverages and food.

Saturday, October 15, 2022

- 11 am** Guided Walking Tour of Congress Park
Saratoga Springs Visitors Center, 297 Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY
www.walkingsaratoga.com
This 90-minute, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (0.8 km) walk through the beautiful and historic Congress Park promises to amaze and enlighten us, revealing local history, how Saratoga became "The Queen of Spas," and how the Irish contributed to the development of the area. For this privately guided, Irish-focused tour, the cost is only \$20 per person.
- 1:30 pm** BYO Picnic Saratoga Spa State Park
19 Roosevelt Dr, Saratoga Springs, NY

The precise location of our reserved 75-person outdoor pavilion will be shared asap. This very casual, very culturally Irish afternoon is another opportunity for greeting old friends and making new ones, as well as sharing genealogy, history, and culture. In keeping with a standard of Gatherings in Ireland, we will auction a machine and handsewn O Mahony Society lap sized [$\sim 45' \times 60'$ ($\sim 115 \times 150$ cm)] throw, known in Ireland as a rug, featuring our beloved Society crest. Bring some cash, as the bidding will start at \$50, and in Ireland, has been known to go above €100!
Please note: No alcoholic beverages are considered legal in the park. Those wanting a little more social distancing may want to bring their own chairs.
- 7:30 pm:** Buffet Dinner at the Parting Glass
40-42 Lake Street, Saratoga Springs, NY
www.partingglasspub.com
Ireland of the Welcomes has voted this establishment as the third BEST IRISH PUB IN THE WORLD. As if a multi-course buffet, including tea and coffee, wasn't enough, an evening of traditional party pieces awaits us all! Party Pieces have been a much-anticipated, much-beloved part of every O Mahony Gathering for more than ten years. Encompassing everything from song (with or without accompaniment) to poetry readings to our beloved Cisteoir's accordion playing, every contribution is welcome! IN ADDITION, we will hold our traditional raffle of largely Irish themed prizes. Again, bring cash, as tickets will be 6 for a fiver (\$5). Purchase as many as you like, as your likelihood of winning only increases if you purchase more tickets! Tickets will be for sale at the picnic, and with a last call at the dinner before winners are selected.

The cost for the dinner is \$38 per person. Adult beverages are on your own.

Sunday, October 16, 2022

- 11:30 - ~ 1 pm** Irish American Heritage Museum
370 Broadway, Albany, NY

Private tour of the facility and featured speaker/Tanaiste John O Mahony, who will present a lecture on "An Gorta Mor – 175 years later." Many will recognize the Irish for "The Great Hunger." John is an international speaker of renown whose knowledge of this cataclysmic event in history that shaped so many of us is unparalleled.
(Includes light refreshments)
The cost for this once in a lifetime opportunity is \$20 per person. Thanks to Dan, the museum is opening to our group early in their day.

- To follow:** Lunch (on your own) at CH Evans Brewery at Albany Pump Station
Literally steps away from the IAHM!
www.evansale.com

This will be our last chance at this event to embrace each other, our shared passions, and in the words of our late Taoiseach, Eileen Mahoney McConnell, our “O Mahonicity.” With thanks to Dan Mahoney, this will be our first North American event in many years. Please join us for this joyous event!