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FRIENDSHIP, UNITY & CHRISTIAN CHARITY



Next Meeting is Thursday, June 1, 2017 , 7 pm at Elks
Visit our website: www.lockportaoh.org

Coming Events

May 28, 2017 — Lockport Memorial Day Parade.

June 1, 2017 — Division Meeting. Elks Lodge, 7 pm

June 11, 2017 — Men's Mass at St. Patrick's Church (see article below)

June 15, 2017 — Fund Raiser for WNY candidates for State Office (see article on back)

July 12 to 15, 2017 — NY State AOH Convention in Buffalo (see article on back)

SHAMROCK DEGREE

At the June meeting, we will be conferring the Shamrock Degree to any members who have not received it. This is in anticipation of the Major Degree which will be presented at the State Convention in Buffalo. The Shamrock is a prerequisite to the Major Degree. If you have any applications for membership to turn in, please contact Paul Cavagnaro, our membership chairman, so he can ensure all is in order prior to the meeting.

Men's Mass — Sunday June 11, 2017

Mass at St. Patrick's Church at the **8:30 a.m. service**. Program to follow at All Saints Parish Hall.

Once again, the Catholic Men's organizations affiliated with All Saints parish, (the Knights of Columbus, The Holy Name Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians), will be joining for a morning of worship, fellowship, and refreshment.

We will attend mass as a group (with sashes and name tags, if you have one). After we will enjoy an hour of light brunch, fellowship, and a message from Father Walt. I hope you can attend. A sign up sheet will be available at the June meeting. Any questions, please let me know.

Memorial Day Parade — Sunday May 28, 2017

Again we will be marching in the Lockport Memorial Day Parade We will meet up at the old Washington Hunt School around noon for the 1 p.m. parade. Dress will be Kaki pants (long or short) and your green AOH shirt, if you have one. Memorial Day, including the parade, is a solemn occasion remembering those who have passed before us, particularly those who died in or because of actions protecting our Nation and our precious freedoms. Please act accordingly.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Send your requests to me and I will add them. This month pray for all departed Hibernians, family members and friends. Pray that national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people. Pray the people affected by flooding of Lake Ontario and pray for the responders working to minimize the loss and damage.

“If you have an opportunity to make things better and you don't, then you are wasting your time on earth.”

— Roberto Clemente

May the blessing of light be upon you...

**May the blessing of light be upon you,
Light on the outside,
Light on the inside.
With God's sunlight shining on you,
May your heart glow with warmth,
Like a turf fire
that welcomes friends and strangers alike.
May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes,
Like a candle in the window,
Welcoming the weary traveler.**

2017 New York State AOH/LAOH Convention

The next NY State AOH convention will be held the Adam's Mark in Buffalo from 12 through 15 July 2017. We will need help to ensure this is a well-run, enjoyable convention for all attendees. Good news is that they will be offering the AOH Major Degree at the convention. **The degree will be around noon on the 15th of July 2017 — MARK YOUR CALANDARS!.** If you haven't received the Major Degree plan on attending. If you have received the degree, this will be a great chance to observe and participate in the ceremony (I'm sure you don't remember everything which occurred). The WNY Committee has been meeting to make this convention happen. All are welcome. If you are interested in helping with the convention, or attending these meetings, please let me know.

Our Division made a commitment to help with this WNY Convention. We will need people for registration at the Adams Mark Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 10 am until 4 pm. 2 or 4 hour shifts. If you can help, please let me know. When we know who is going, we will try to set up car pools, etc. Please consider helping with registration or other things that come up. My number is 812-2487.

FUND RAISER

T. Lambert (State Vice- Pres), T. O'Donnell (State Treasurer), & B. Griffith (State Director)

At the convention, 3 western NY AOH members will be running for State Office. They will be hosting (along with some others) a hospitality room to allow the voters to get to know them. The fund raiser will be on 15 June at 6:30 until 9:00 pm. There will be light refreshments, beverages, door prizes, raffles, and other activities. (We are looking for prizes). Please join us for a night of comradery. If you cant make it, please consider buying a ticket for support.. The place is the Clarence American Legion, 5850 Goodrich Rd Clarence, NY 14031 Tickets will be at the June meeting.

IF YOU CANT ATTEND, YOU CAN STILL BUY A TICKET

“To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.”

— Pope John Paul II

Friendship is when people know all about you, and like you anyway!