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President’s Message

Here we are again in the beautiful month of March. We have an entire month to celebrate our Irish heritage. Let’s celebrate with our motto Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Let’s enjoy each other’s company, work to attract new members who meet our requirements and always work to care for those less fortunate than us.

Let’s ensure we host programs and activities that include everyone, giving particular attention to our own children and grand-children that they may live to know the history, customs, and contributions of those Irish and Irish-Americans who went before us.

Let’s be on the look-out to fight those stereo-types which depict the Irish in a negative way.

Let’s look out for each other’s safety and well being, particularly those who are sick, injured or down on their luck. At this time of happiness be extra mindful of those who are mourning the loss of family and friends.

And let’s do this each and every month of the year!

It’s Time to Pay Your Dues

If you haven’t paid your 2017 dues, please do so now! Please send your dues to:

WILLIAM J. RYAN DIV 4, PO BOX 532, LOCKPORT, NY 14095

Please write “2017 DUES” in the memo line of the check. Dues are $30.00 for the year and include State and National assessments and your State and National publications.

Please pay now!

“There Ireland Unfree Shall Never be at Peace”
Dear St. Patrick,
In your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Savior.

Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.

2017 New York State AOH 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 CALENDARS! 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 Western New York Committee has been meeting to make this convention happen. All are welcome. The next committee meeting is March 21, 2017, 6:30 pm at the Buffalo Irish Center, 245 Abbott Rd, Buffalo. If you are interested in helping with the convention, or attending this meeting, please let me know.

SALVATION ARMY
Please remember that our Division has made a commitment to serving lunch at the Salvation Army Lunchroom on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Lately, the participation has been slipping. Please mark your calendars and help out with this very worthwhile activity. Just show up at the Salvation Army on Cottage Street at 10:30 am on each 3rd Thursday. It only takes 3 hours, and you’ll be done by 1:30 pm.

NEW YORK CITY TRIP TO MARCH IN THE NYC ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE
Don't miss this great opportunity to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. Our itinerary:
Thursday, March 16 - Amtrak to New York. After checking in (probably the Hilton Garden on 34th Street, we will travel to McSorley's - the oldest pub in New York.
Friday, March 17 - we will meet our host division (Manhattan #7) in a pub for a few libations. Then we will line up and march with them. (Commemorative sashes will be available to purchase.
Saturday March 18. Return
Estimated cost $250. Train is $104; hotel $140.
A $100 deposit is needed to hold your place. Mail deposit to Ed Tracy, 321 East Avenue, Lockport NY 14094.
Deadline: March 2 meeting.

The Great Guinness Toast Raffle
I wrote this newsletter early because of a vacation. The raffle hasn't been conducted yet but will be before the March meeting. Dave Miller has graciously agreed to help in my absence, along with Bill Costello and Rose Lutz who always help out.
Thanks to all who sold tickets. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes. I will endeavor to ensure all is done and ready for a report at the March meeting. A list of all of the winners will be in the April newsletter.

March is the month to celebrate our rich Irish heritage. Remember Ireland is not only the land of Guinness and Jameson; but also the land of poets, Saints, authors, and Brave Freedom Fighters.

Question: does March 17th commemorate St Patrick's birth or his death, clue the Irish love their wakes. Answer, St Patrick died on March 17th, 461 AD. Incidentally, the first celebration of St Patrick's day in America was 1737 in Boston.