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ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS NEWSLETTER WILLIAM J. RYAN DIVISION 4 PO BOX 532, LOCKPORT, NY 14095 May 2017

FRIENDSHIP, UNITY & CHRISTIAN CHARITY



Next Meeting is Thursday, May 4 2017 , 7 pm at LEGION

Coming Events

May 4, 2017 — Division Meeting. Legion, 7 pm

May 20, 2017 — Division Golf Tournament. Gothic Hill, shotgun start at 10 am (get their before then), \$25.00 per player (does not include cart), to register text (or call) Rick Long at (716) 725-5249.

May 28, 2017 — Lockport Memorial Day Parade. More details to follow. If you don't have one, now is a great time to contact Tony for a Division shirt!

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

June 15, 2017 — Fund Raiser for Western NY candidates for State Office (see article)

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

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) William J. Ryan Division IV Launches Website

www.lockportaoh.org

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A mobile-friendly and simplified website design makes it quick and easy for the visitor to find the what they are looking for. We plan to offer future updates as we gather your feedback.

Other website features include:

- Online monthly newsletter
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Please check this out! Huge kudos go out to our Brother and Sentinel Corey Wright. His talent and expertise on the computer, WWW, and internet constantly amaze me.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?



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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 for the youth of the Church. Pray that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

SALVATION ARMY

Remember that our Division has made a commitment to serve lunch at the Salvation Army Lunchroom on the **3rd Thursday of every month**. Please mark your calendars. Just show up at the Salvation Army 10:30 am It only takes 3 hours , and you'll be done by 1:30 pm.

Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, Today we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation; from the days of the Revolution to these days in Iraq and Afghanistan. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear.

In the words of Sacred Scripture we hear, "There is no greater love then this, than to lay down one's life for a friend." It is only by your grace and the love they have for you and this nation that gave them the strength to lay down their lives.

We beseech you O Lord, to receive these

servants of peace into your loving embrace and grant them the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

We also remember the family members of these great heroes. They too suffer a great and painful sacrifice. Bestow upon them the blessings of your consolation and peace. May you ease their sadness as they continue on the road to serenity and hope.

To you we offer this prayer knowing you fulfill the heart's desire of those who seek you with noble intentions. May our prayer for true and lasting peace be answered in accordance to your will and for the good of your sons and daughters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Peace. Amen

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 Western New York 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.

We made a commitment to help with this Western New York 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.

May Day in Ireland

May Day (Lá Bealtaine), or Labour Day (Lá an Lucht Oibre), is the first Monday of May. It is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland. It is a traditional Celtic festival and a time to campaign for workers rights.

Fairs or communal meals are held in some villages. Some people attend Labour Day parades, demonstrations and celebrations in large cities, such as Dublin. These often attract contingents from trade unions, political parties and groups campaigning for social justice from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. These events may be on the first Monday of May or a Saturday close to this date.

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

The nearest thing to the love of God is the love of an Irish grandparents heart.