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FRIENDSHIP, UNITY & CHRISTIAN CHARITY



Next Meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2017, 7 pm at Legion

Visit our website: www.lockportaoh.org

Coming Events

August 25, 26, & 27 — Buffalo Irish Festival, Outer Harbor, Buffalo

September 7, 2017 — Division Meeting at the Lockport American Legion

September 16 & 17, 2017 — Celtic Festival, Olcott, NY

September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th — Bid Pitch — Info On Back

October 5, 2017 — Division Meeting at the Lockport Elks Lodge

Thank You — Go raibh maith agat

Literally “May you have goodness.”

Thank you to all of the brothers who helped with, attended, or supported the State AOH Convention in Buffalo and the candidacies of Tom Lambert for State Vice President, Tom O'Donnell for State Treasurer, and myself (Barry Griffith) for State District 2 Director. (We all won!) Without your help and support, we couldn't have had such a successful endeavor. Congratulations to the Brothers who attended on Saturday of the convention to obtain their AOH Major Degree. These men are truly now AOH Brothers in every sense of the word. For those who missed the opportunity to take the major Degree, we will work to do it in the future.

Olcott Celtic Festival

Once again we will represent the AOH and raise funds at the Olcott Celtic Festival. As in other years, we will host a tent for raffles and AOH information. We will also be selling the 50/50 tickets around the grounds. This is a GREAT fund raiser for the Division but it needs participation. If you can donate to the raffle, work the tent, sell 50/50 tickets (or 2 or 3 of these) please contact our Vice President Bill Costello. More information will be available at the September meeting.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

From September 15-17 at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora. The theme is “Evangelization” and the presenter will be Deacon William Hynes. This is open to all men. Registration begins at 4 PM on Friday, September 15 and concludes with Mass on Sunday, September 17. For more information or reservations, contact Rev Paul Sabo at (716) 604-4948 or the Holy Name Office at (716) 847-2201. Reservations are limited to 60 men (currently 30 are registered).



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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 our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or Leave it

**May your joys be as bright as the morning,
and your sorrows merely be shadows
that fade in the sunlight of love.
May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough courage and faith in yourself to banish sadness,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
And one more thing:
Enough determination to make each day
a more wonderful day than the one before.**

Annual Bid Pitch Tournament

By popular demand, this year's tournament will be extended by one additional week of play. This will ensure that each teams plays all (or nearly all) of the other teams. Play will start the last Tuesday in September (September 26th). Cards will be played the first three Tuesdays in October (October 3, 10 & 17) and the banquet will be held on October 24th. This is a 2-person team event. Registration is \$25.00 per person. The returning champions and this year's co-chairs are Paul Cavagnaro and Mike Stover. This is a great time, no experience is necessary. If newer players wish to participate, we can arrange for some training before the tournament.



More information at the September meeting or contact Paul or Mike.

A duck was about to cross the road, and a chicken came running up to him saying; "Don't do it man, you'll never hear the end of it!"

"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude." — Ralph Waldo Emerson