



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

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August 27, 2018

Dear Brothers,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer. We are approaching our September General Meeting and wanted to update you on things that have happened over our summer break.

On August 5th, we held our Annual Summer Picnic at Clarence Town Park. While attendance was not what we would have liked to have seen, a good time was had by all. Concerning the picnic, it was brought to my attention that there was some confusion over who was welcome at the picnic. Going forward, I would like it to be know known that the picnic is open to members and their friends and family. There is no restriction on the number of guests you are allowed and we will never charge you for your guests. The picnic serves as an opportunity to thank you and your family for the dedication of your time and efforts to the organization. We will discuss the picnic at length later in the year.

The AOH and LAOH joined together to staff a booth at the Buffalo Irish Festival. We used the opportunity as a recruitment tool. We were able to have good conversation regarding our organization and are hopeful that we can gain a few new members. We also used the opportunity at festival to raise some money. We also partnered with the LAOH raised over \$500 through a raffle of a novelty bottle of Jameson and a 23 and Me DNA kit. I want to thank our members that committed to staffing the table during the festival. We will be doing more outreach and recruitment events over the course of the year. Our next opportunity will be at the South Buffalo Irish Festival on September 1st at Caz Park.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Bill Powers. Bill was awarded the 2018 NYS AOH Burn-Hayes Award by the NYS AOH Board. Bill will be given his award the NYS AOH Presidents Testimonial Dinner on Saturday November 3rd, 2018 at the Melville Hyatt in Melville, NY. More information will be available at our September General Meeting.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2019 and thank you for all you efforts for our organization. As always, we are always looking for new ideas and new opportunities to carry out the mission of the AOH. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Executive Board with your ideas or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at the **General Meeting on September 24th at 7:30pm.**

Yours in Motto,

Kevin Lafferty

President