

DIRECTOR 2  
SCRANTON DIOCESE  
October 8, 2011 – Philadelphia

Worthy State President, Reverend Clergy, Worthy National, State, and Division Officers,  
Brothers All:

We have just enjoyed another very productive State Convention. A special thanks to Ed Halligan, the State Board and the LAOH for a “JOB WELL DONE.” I would like to congratulate our newly elected State President Tom O’Donnell and all Elected and Appointed Officers of the State Board. May the Blessing of Saint Patrick be with Tom and the State Board.

On growing the Order, Brother Bill Etzkorn, of Pike County, has not stopped in his pursuit on a new division there. I still think this will materialize. In Wayne County, things are a little slower with Atty. Christ Farrell of Waymart, and Brother John Garrah of Honesdale, trying to institute a division there. I will keep the membership informed.

In Lackawanna County, County President Gary Duncan, had his Second Annual County Our Lady of Knock Mass, on the Feast Day, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at Saint Peter’s Cathedral in downtown Scranton. This years Mass was celebrated by Rev. Gerard McGlown, Chaplain of Lackawanna County Board and John F. Kennedy, Division 1 Scranton, and concelebrated by the Rev. Brian Clarke, Viscar General. Father McGlone gave all in attendance a special treat with a rendition of “I Bid My Heart Be Still” on his viola and a beautiful homily on Our Lady of Knock and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Mass was well attened by the six Divisions in Lackawanna County and the LAOH of Lackawanna County. I am already looking forward to next years’ Mass.

As you may have heard, the Susquehanna River came out of its banks and flooded several communities and thousands of homes. I have requested Division Presidents in this area to forward me a list of Brothers who have been affected. This is an ongoing process due to the fact that a lot of people still are not in their homes. I will keep you informed.

Due to our summer break, Division activities are just start to get rolling. Lackawanna, Div. 2 awarded two \$500 scholarships to two eighth grade Catholic students furthering their Catholic education; Jordan Mellon and Gabrielle Giordano. Jordan will be attending Scranton Preparatory School and Gabrielle will be attending Holy Cross High School. Both were selected because of their academic excellence. They also will be holding their annual Night at the Races on Saturday, October 29, 2011. For more information please contact President Bill Pryle @ (570) 282-0441.

Luzerne, Div. 2 will be hosting their annual Night at the Races on October 15, 2011. For information, contact President Joe Keating @ (570) 824-7645.

Respectfully submitted:

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