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Brothers:

May the Blessings of the Lord be upon you, your divisions, and your families this Christmas Season and beyond!

We take time to recognize the fruits of our labors this past year in our order and give thanks for all the hard work and dedication by the wonderful membership that makes up the AOH. Hopefully your division has celebrated and now the brothers are in their homes with family and friends during the holidays.

I also take this opportunity to announce the new [state board sponsored program](#) to put focus on recruitment in 2018. Competition and recognition are the foundations of the program that seeks to place focus on the role of a Hibernian as being the proponent for new members to join the Order. Every division has "that guy" that sponsors the most new members and we want to recognize their good work. While the state board has limited means, we have approved the expenditure and hope to build upon such state sponsored programs in the future. Please see the attached flyer and share with your divisions.

We also realize that many divisions are in transition to a new board currently. However, what a great opportunity for the new membership chairman to kick off 2018 with this announcement for their first report! As my boss once told me "if your product is not on your mind, it certainly won't be on the customer's mind.". For the leadership of the AOH, if new membership is not constantly on our minds, it certainly won't be on potential members' minds.

Thank you for all you do for the AOH! **Nollaig Shona!**

Joe Flanagan,
Missouri State Board President