

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of New York State,

We hope this letter finds you in good spirits and that you are enjoying a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and Lenten Season.

At this year's Spring Board Meetings in East Durham, the AOH and LAOH are proud to support the Backpack Food Program benefiting students and families in the Cairo-Durham Central School District. Many families face food insecurity, and school backpack programs help by providing food for weekends and school breaks when students may not have access to regular meals.

This year, we're especially excited to continue our project: **"Stuff the Bus!"** With the help of our generous Hibernian Brothers and Sisters, we are aiming to fill an entire full-sized school bus—donated by the Cairo-Durham Central School District—with much-needed food items.

We warmly invite all Divisions, Counties, and individuals to attend the meetings to support this effort. The program requires shelf-stable, non-perishable items, most of which can be purchased in bulk through Amazon, Costco, Sam's Club, and similar stores.

Needed Items Include:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Soups (Ramen and Cup-of-Soup)
- Mac n Cheese cups
- Spaghetti O's
- Pasta
- Sauce
- Jello
- Pudding snack packs
- Snack-size cookies
- Chips and pretzels
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola bars
- Cereal bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Fruit cups
- Single-serve cereal
- Juice boxes
- Instant oatmeal
- Raisins

Please share the attached flyer with your members.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Together, through Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, we can truly make a difference as we **"Stuff the Bus!"**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

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