



ARD-CHONSALACHT NA HÉIREANN

TELEAFÓN: 212.319.2555
www.consulateofirelandnewyork.org

CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND

345 PARK AVENUE, 17TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10154-0037

10 March, 2016.

Mr. Dennis Lennon
President
Amherst Gaelic League
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Mr. Lennon,

I am writing to extend my warmest greetings to you, to the Board and the membership of the Amherst Gaelic League on the special occasion of your 44th Annual Irish American Appreciation Event in Buffalo.

I salute the long and proud tradition of the Amherst Gaelic League in promoting, sharing and supporting Irish culture and heritage in Buffalo and Western New York. In your work to promote Irish American friendship and understanding, you bring great honour on yourselves - and great honour to the generations of Irish who came and made their lives in Western New York.

2016 is a most significant year for the Irish people at home and abroad - and particularly for those of Irish heritage in the State of New York. Support from Irish American friends in New York State was vital to the long journey to Irish independence, and indeed New York became a virtual capital in exile for so many of Ireland's revolutionary leaders.

This is a wonderful year to look back and to commemorate the vision of Ireland's revolutionary leaders; to celebrate the strength and depth of New York-Ireland relations today and to look to the bright future of the Irish nation and Irish America in the years ahead.

While I sincerely regret I am unable to join you on this occasion, I very much look forward to visiting Buffalo in early June to mark another significant anniversary - that of the Fenian Raids, launched from your city 150 years ago this year.

Beir beannachtaí do Lá 'le Pádraig agus don todhchaí. Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all!

Barbara Jones
Consul General