

April 2020 Newsletter

Brothers,

All our lives have changed over the past three weeks. As we look for normalcy I hope everyone is healthy. During this trying time we must look after not only our own families, but also our Hibernian family, friends and neighbors. If you know anyone that needs any assistance contact a board member or another brother and we will help them in any way we can.

Our hall has been closed for a few weeks. It will remain closed until further notice. All meetings and events have been cancelled or postponed due to recent health concerns.

A few brothers, in small groups, have been doing upgrades and spring cleaning to the hall. These upgrades include cleaning of the patio, pressure washing the deck, painting, flooring projects and general cleaning. Thanks to the usual volunteers and the younger brothers, **Austin, Brendan, Colin, Garrett** and **Philip Behan** along with **Brian Finn, Andrew Loftus** and **Chris Sheekey**.

It was wonderful to see all of the support from so many brothers and friends of the hall who donated their **parade day tickets** back to us to help absorb some of our pre-event expenses such as food, tent, dumpsters, storage containers, etc.

I would also like to thank those that have donated to the **Capital Improvement Fund** and those that have updated their dues. Your support is very important at this time because of the lack of ongoing revenue.

In the first week of March, brother **Paul Shea** organized the annual **Newport / Kinsale Chef Exchange** event at the hall. It was another great success. Paul does an amazing job coordinating the event yearly. And congratulations to Paul being selected **Grand Marshal of the Kinsale St. Patrick's Day parade**. *Unfortunately, the parade, as most others was cancelled due to the Coronavirus.*

We, as a club, donated corn beef to the **St. Mary's food pantry**. Thanks to our brothers, **Rick O'Neill, Bill Day** and others for the work they do feeding the less fortunate all year long.

The **AOH Scholarship Trust Committee** is accepting applications from students entering their first year of college or technical education. The deadline for applications is May 31st. Information can be found on the AOH website. [Click here for more information.](#)

Our recently retired brother, **Bob Novick** is in the process of accepting the responsibilities for maintenance of the division website from brother **Peter Martin**. Thanks to Bob for taking this on project. And a very special thanks to Peter for his dedication and hard work over the past 17 years.

Our AOH email service was started in 2007. We currently have **582 members** on our server. For the past 10 years, Peter has sent an average of **160 emails** per year to our members. Peter will continue being responsible for the distribution of our email messages including these monthly newsletters. Here is a link to the [AOH Email History](#) for the past 10 years.

Once again we have purchased **crew style shirts** with our AOH emblem for this year. These shirts are available in both men's and women's sizes. There are three colors: De La Salle Purple, Lemonade Yellow and Robust Red. The cost is \$25 per shirt, more details will be sent in a separate email.

This is another great way to assist in supporting the hall and look good.

Remember to support those businesses that have supported the AOH over the years including **Bill Cardinal** and **Karen Cardinal** and his family owned and operated **IHOP Middletown** along with **Julie Livingston's** catering company **Your Kitchen Companion**.

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Click on this link for the [Kitchen Companion](#) weekly menu.

Click on this link for the IHOP Middletown store's Facebook page. [IHOP](#)

Both are open for take-out orders.

Many of us have a family member or know someone in the medical industry. We should thank and pray for all first responders, nurses, doctors and all those in the medical fields as they battle this pandemic. We should also remember those in the essential businesses including food service, grocery and drug stores, post office, distributors, truck drivers, National Guard, etc and of course those serving the needy.

During this difficult time we as Catholics are unable to attend a weekly or daily mass at our local churches. Several parish's have on line services available. I encourage all to take time and stream one of the masses. This might be the first time we will be unable to celebrate this **Holy Week** and **Easter Sunday** at a church.

Let us all pray for those affected by Covid 19 and a speedy cure for this virus.

Remember to keep our deceased brethren and those brothers suffering from illness in your prayers.

Have a Happy Easter.

In Unity,

Kevin