

Brothers,

March was a success as we were able to celebrate our **Patron Saint Patrick** and our **Irish Heritage** for the first time in a couple of years. All of the month's celebrations were well attended and enjoyed by all.

**Bill Barrett** and his staff did an excellent job! I also want to thank all of the members that volunteered setting up, breaking down, organizing and cleaning for all of the events. There are simply too many to list.

A large number of Brothers marched in the **St Patrick's Day parade** along with the **AOH Pipes & Drums Band** which did an outstanding job playing for the entire parade route despite the inclement weather.

On April 28th, the **Hibernian of the Year Dinner** will be held at the hall honoring **Rick O'Neill**. Tickets will be available in the lounge the first week of April. The dinner cost is **\$45 per person**. Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Purchase your tickets early as this event always sells out.

The last two **Fish Fries of Lent** will be Friday, **April 8th** and **April 15th** from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Dinners will be available for dine in or take out at a cost of **\$16**. To go orders will not be accepted before 3:45 P.M.

As successful as all of the events were this past month, we did have **leftover corned beef** from parade day and the St. Patrick's day dinner which was **donated to the MLK Center and Lucy's Hearth**.

Many of you do not know that each year in the month of March, we bring a floral arrangement to the families of our deceased brothers from the prior year. **Rob Lehane** and Patrick Murphy started this heart warming tradition years ago to let the family members know that their loved ones are remembered and in our prayers.

**Tim Whitford, Jim Booth** and **Steve Martin** have been busy completing several small projects at the hall which is greatly appreciated.

It is time for our annual **Spring Cleaning**. Over the year several articles of clothing have been left behind at the hall. If these items are not claimed within the next two weeks, they will be donated to a clothing charity.

Tickets for the **145th Raffle** are available at the hall or by mailing a check to:

**AOH**

**2 Wellington Ave**

**Newport RI 02840**

with a self addressed envelope. Your ticket stub will be mailed back to you.

We will raffle off a maximum of 300 tickets at \$100 each. Your ticket purchase will give you a 1 in 75 chance of winning the following prizes:

**1st Prize = \$5,000**

**2nd Prize = \$2,500**

**3rd Prize = \$1,000**

**4th Prize = \$500**

A reception will be held Friday June 24th for those who purchased tickets. The drawing will be at 7:00 P.M. and you do not have to be present to win.

Please bring **non-perishable items** to the **April 1st Monthly Meeting** to help support local food banks.

As always keep our deceased brethren and those suffering from illness in your prayers.

In Unity,

Kevin