

May 2020 Newsletter

Brothers,

As we continue to navigate our way through this difficult time, I hope you and your families are safe and healthy.

Remember to reach out to our Hibernian family, friends and neighbors. If you know of anyone that is in need of assistance, please contact a board member. We will, as always, do what we can to help.

Over the past several weeks we have received many thank you notes regarding your charity and acts of kindness:

First, the **Geer family, Claire Oakley, John Hussey and Nancy Hussey** for their appreciation on receiving a floral bouquet in memory of their deceased loved one. Each March, **Patrick Murphy and Rob Lehane** continue this special tradition of organizing and delivering flowers to the families of our deceased members from the previous year.

Second, **Mary Beth Daigneault**, administrator of **St. Claire Newport** for the overwhelming response of the AOH, their families and member owned businesses to their request for **cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers**. Your quick response and kindness helped ease the burden on the already stressed staff.

Finally, **Shauna Geary** for our generosity to her and the other bartenders during this trying time.

Brothers Henry DeCotis, Joe Pratt and Gary Loftus chaired a community fundraiser that raised **over \$13,000** for local servers. The money raised was gifted to several locals employed in the restaurant and bar industry to help defray their daily expenses.

Due to health guidelines, the hall will remain closed for meetings and events until further notice.

It is imperative that we continue to follow all social gathering guidelines and precautions to help protect our members.

If there can be a silver lining during this time, the **house committee chair Gary Loftus**, and many volunteers have been completing several improvement projects to the building. Improvements included painting the walls and refinishing the floor upstairs, installing new floors in the storage areas at the rear and front of the building, pressure washing the fence, rear porch, patio and second floor deck. If that isn't enough, volunteers urethaned the wood work in the lounge, washed and sealed the kitchen and bar floors, painted newly installed back and bathroom doors, scrubbed down bathrooms and washed all windows.

Thank you to the many brothers who donated their time including:

Gary Loftus, Tim Lynch, Steve Martin, Tim Whitford, Chris Kirwin, Bill Barrett, Bob Norbury, Dan Sullivan, Peter Hayes, Mike Saunders, Pat Donovan, John Fletcher, Sam Gilson, Dan Healy, John Hanson, Gerard Donovan, Matt Finn, Andrew McHugh, Peter Garcia, Mike Sullivan, and Andrew Loftus.

I apologize in advance if I missed your name.

Gary also wanted to thank **Steve Turcotte** for his work on the gardens. *He noted that Steve spent a lot of time moving the tulips six feet apart to keep them safe.*

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The **Cigar Club** recently purchased and donated banquet tables for the hall. Again their generosity is much appreciated. We are ready for business once the restrictions allow us to gather again and celebrate the summer.

As a reminder many members own and operate businesses and restaurants in the area. Many of these members support our hall and charities throughout the year so lets remember to help support them.

If you own one of those establishments and would like to get on the **AOH website directory** contact our new webmaster, **Bob Novick**, with your information.

V.P. Charles Burns has received the final applications for **memorial bricks** at the front of the hall. Now that the application process is completed he will send in the orders to produce the bricks which usually takes 8 - 12 weeks. I know many of you are anxious and have asked for the installation date. Hopefully we will have them by the fall. Please be patient as we had to fill the order before requesting the bricks. The exact timeline for delivery is not known yet. Thank you to all you that have purchased a brick over the years.

The **AOH Scholarship Trust Committee** will be accepting applications until May 31st. Detailed information can be found on the AOH website: [Click here for Scholarship information.](#)

During these times it is important to turn to our faith and pray for those less fortunate, those suffering from illness and all of our brothers and family members who have recently passed including Tim Sheekey who we lost earlier this month. [Click here for Tim's obituary.](#)

Also pray for those who are on the front line - doctors, nurses, are givers, essential workers - all who are working to keep our worlds as normal as possible. Churches continue to offer on-line masses until restrictions are lifted.

Thank you all for your continued support to the hall and our community. Stay healthy and have a safe memorial day weekend.

In Unity,

Kevin