

29 FEBRUARY 2020

Brothers,

We had **65 members** in attendance at the February meeting. Nine new members were sworn in.

The revised **Division By-Laws** were accepted and approved by a vote. These new By-Laws will now be sent to the State and National level for approval.

In March, our **Irish and Hibernian traditions** begin with a very active 2 weeks as we celebrate our **Patron Saint Patrick**.

It takes a tremendous amount of effort to host these events. Year in, and year out, **Chris Kirwin** and **Gary Loftus**, with the help of our fellow brothers volunteering, make this happen. Once again I am reaching out to anyone able to help to contact Chris, Gary or a Board Member. There are several dates and times for these events and manpower is always appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

The **Newport St. Parade Day Parade Committee** will be hosting the following events:

- Their annual **Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast** will be held on **March 1st** [from 9am - 1pm] at the hall.

*Immediately following the brunch, we will be hosting the Irish musicians - **Shannachie** from 1 - 5 pm. Come down and enjoy a fun filled family friendly Sunday.*

- On **March 8th**, the Committee will host the **Grand Marshal Roast** at **St. Augustin's Hall** from 1-5 pm. It will honor Parade Grand Marshals Brother **Brent Ryan** and **Derek Luke**.
- The parade committee's final event, **The Big Daddy Award**, will be held at the hall on **March 13th** at 6 pm. honoring **Bill and Karen Cardinal** This is always a fun night with family and friends!!

Please remember to support the Parade Committee and their sponsors. They work tirelessly all year to keep this Newport tradition continuing year after year.

On **March 8th**, the AOH will be hosting the **Newport / Kinsale Chef Tasting Exchange** from 5 pm - 8 pm. Seven Newport and five Kinsale Eateries will be represented. Information is available at www.newportkinsalechefexchange.com

On **March 21st**, the **LAOH Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner** will be held at **St. Augustin's Hall** at 5 pm.

Tickets for all of these events are available at the hall. Hibernian events are payable by cash, check or credit card. Parade and LAOH events payable by cash or check only. Buy your tickets early as all events sell out.

Now our biggest weekend as we come together to show our Hibernian Pride: Parade day starts on the 14th.

- A **Mass honoring St. Patrick** will take place at **St. Joseph's Church** at 9 am. If you plan on marching I encourage you to attend. The Mass is over by 10 am. This gives you all plenty of time for a coffee before the parade steps off at 11 am. I hope to see a large turn out for both. Support our Irish and Hibernian heritage.
- After the parade, the hall is hosting it's annual **Post Parade Party**. Doors open at 11 am. This event always promises good music, food, friends and fun.

On Sunday, **March 15th**, we celebrate a Mass at **St. Mary's Church** in honor of the deceased members of the AOH and LAOH at 11 am. If you plan on carrying a flag at the Mass, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the hall. David Kerins will be the contact person for the flags. He requests that you arrive 20 - 30 minutes prior to the mass to organize the procession. Contact David at dpksen@aol.com

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Recently invoices for your **2020 dues** were sent out along with a **Capital Improvement Appeal Letter**. If you choose to donate to the **Capital Improvement Fund** while paying your dues, I please add that amount to your dues on one check. Your donation will be deposited to the correct account.

Brother Dan Sullivan has been busy this week resurfacing the lounge floor and bar top. Thanks to Dan for keeping them in great condition.

Please keep brother **Andrew Ford**, all our deceased Brethren and those suffering from illness in your prayers.

Let's have a safe and fun March. I am looking forward to enjoying marching in the parade, attending the events and Masses with all of you.

In Unity,

Kevin

PS. The complete calendar for the Newport Irish Heritage Month can be found at:
http://newportirishhistory.org/Irish_Heritage_Month.pdf