

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

Hopefully you and your families are enjoying a safe and healthy summer. As we continue to move forward and adjust to our new normal remember to help others and inform a board member of anyone that may need assistance and we will do our best to aid.

We are currently in Phase III of the reopening process for bars and restaurants. If you plan to visit the hall I ask that you respect all social distancing guidelines (including masks) as you enjoy time with your brothers. We need to continue to respect each other and be responsible as an organization. As expected events are limited due to capacity and spacing restrictions.

The hall is open daily [from 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm](#). There is pre-packaged food prepared by the Kitchen Companion available for eat in or take out. We will continue to communicate any adjustments as constraints are lifted.

I am hopeful that we will be able to conduct a monthly meeting on [September 4th](#) - it has been too long.

At the beginning of July the **Cigar Club** hosted a condensed version of their annual fund raising dinner. The night was full of good food, cigars and friends. Once again the event was a success and the Cigar Club donated \$1,000 to our capital improvement fund. Thanks to all who attended.

Probably the biggest news of the summer is that **Brother Chris Kirwin** has retired from the Steward position. Chris was appointed to that position by eight Presidents over the past twenty and a half years. He has been an integral part of many changes and improvements to the club over the years. We would not enjoy what we have without Chris's countless hours and dedication to the Hibernians. I am sure I speak for all of the members when I say that we appreciate what he has done for our hall and cannot thank him enough.

As of August 1st we began a new chapter. I have appointed **Brother Bill Barrett** as our new Steward. Bill has years of experience in bar management and service. I look forward to working with Bill as we continue to improve and manage our hall.

You will notice on your next visit to the hall that **Bill Brownell** has washed and scrubbed the ramp and rear porch. Also, the large American Flag displayed on the back fence was donated by Jim Fowler. A big thank you to both of them and to everyone for their continued support.

The Hibernians have purchased face masks from the LAOH to help fund their charities. These masks are for sale for \$10.00 each. They are white with green shamrocks and your donation will support a great cause. Two of our brothers have recently reached milestones in the Priesthood. Division Chaplain Fr. **Frank O'Loughlin** celebrated 40 years in the clergy and Father **Bernie Healey** celebrated 25 years. Congratulations to both for their work and dedication.

Please keep our recently deceased brothers **Jim Teehan** and **Kevin Sheekey** along with all our deceased brethren and their families in your prayers.

Be safe and stay well.
In Unity,

Kevin

