



From the President's Pen...

To start I want to say thank you to all the brothers and sisters who attended all the funeral services of our beloved brothers who passed on this year. As president I have the privilege of leading our brothers in saying goodbye to these brothers who passed on to their eternal rewards. I know we can't heal the broken hearts of their families, but our presence to these families does show we are true in our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Recently we lost three great Hibernian brothers: Joe Shields, Brendan McDonald, and Dan Farrell. All three have been long-time members of Div.2. All have played different parts in making Div.2 a great division over their many years. I have many memories of Joe and Brendan. Joe always made me smile and showed how he was always compassionate to our sick and deceased members.

As bar chairman, I would always see Brendan every morning. Brendan was way more than our fix-it man, he was a great friend. I say this with sincerity, I think Brendan loved to talk more than me. He was always talking of his past growing up in Ireland. Some were sad stories, some were Irish history, and then there was funny stories. As the grandson of two Irish born grandparents, Brendan filled a void in my heart of two people I really miss. When I was dealing with my own problems, Brendan was always a great listener and always gave great advice to me. I owe so many to thank for what this division has done for me, but I have to give credit to Brendan. He was the first to say when you become president. I would kinda laugh. I really didn't see it

happening, but soon after, with the support of many more brothers, I started my climb.

One last thing I will always remember of Brendan, is how he loved and cherished his family. Thank you Brendan, you will always be remembered.

The last brother to leave us was Dan Farrell. Dan was a longtime member. I didn't really know Dan. He was a man who paid his dues every year, but his last years he may have been the forgotten member. What I learned was Dan and his wife were regulars here at Div.2. They did have many friends here. They were part of what we now say the old hall. When his wife passed many years ago, Dan would make a rare appearance. When I saw pictures of him, I did know him. He did seem like a very nice man. As people are remembering Dan, I was right. Brother Dan Farrell was a fun, friendly and a very nice guy.

On a brighter note, in my June column I made a mistake on the date of our brother Deacon David Regan's being ordained to priesthood. It is official, Deacon David Regan as of Saturday June 12, 2010 is now Fr. David Regan. Along with Bro. Bill Young and many other members, I witnessed proudly an amazing process when Bishop Murphy and what seemed to be more than 100 members of all levels of the priesthood, ordained Fr. Dave. I can't say the right words, but it was GREAT!

On Sunday June 13th, Fr. Dave said his very 1st Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodist Church. Again with the many priests, deacons, nuns, the parishoners, and our members of Div.2. Fr. Dave shined. Fr. Dave will now call St. Patrick's in Smithtown his new home. When I asked him about going to

Smithtown, he said he is very happy. He is looking forward to doing hard work. I promised him, we here at Div.2 will always be there to help him when needed.

I'm almost done here, so stay with me. The Memorial Day parade was a beautiful day, maybe too warm for some. This year we did increase our marchers, so I was happy to see that, but 28 men marching behind our great Saffron United Pipe Band maybe could have been better, but a sincere thanks to those who marched and to those who showed support on the curbs on Deer Park Ave. and Main St. and always, lead this year by LAOH president Colette Kavanaugh thank you ladies, you really are our backbone. Many thanks to all who helped back at the hall, PP Ed Cotter, PP Bill Kelly, Kevin Vaughn, Ken McGowan, Ron Rice, and the many others who helped from the cooking, cleaning, drinks, and music. Thanks to all who came back. It was enjoyed by everyone.

Please remember these dates since this newsletter also covers August.

Due to July 5th being part of the July 4th 3 day holiday weekend, our men's division meeting will be held on Monday July 12th at 8p.m. On this night we will have nominations and if possible election for the seat of the standing committee chairman. If needed, elections will be held at the August meeting.

On July 23rd, the Wounded Warrior's Babylon to the Beaches Bike Ride event. Its not only a great turnout by our members, but a great way to thank those who gave and didn't quit. Please check for more information on how you can support them.

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