



Division Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Brothers and Friends of the AOH,

First of all let me congratulate brother John Kelly, the grand prize winner of our first Super Bowl fundraiser. I am very excited that we were able to sell out all of our boxes with a lot of room to spare. Our organization was able to raise \$1,000 and also have the privilege of watching Tom Brady lose. What a day! I want to thank all of the brothers who purchased boxes and spread the word to your friends and family members. It would not have been a success without your hard work and persistence. We will now need your help in selling boxes for our NCAA pool, run in a similar format to the Super Bowl, except there is an opportunity to win in each of the 63 tournament games. The price of entry is \$63 per box, with the division profiting \$1,300. Please contact new brother C.J. Tomaskovic for NCAA pool details and payments. I thank you in advance for pushing our next big fundraiser of 2018.

On another note, the AOH has purchased 36 knit caps from Hanna Hats of Donegal, Ireland by way of the Celtic Aer Gift Shop in Mohegan Lake, NY. Our division has started a new partnership with Celtic Aer in an effort to expand and further our profitability for future endeavors. New caps when received will be sold to brothers to be worn at AOH functions including the Dutchess Country St. Patrick's Parade, Paddy on the River and any of our other events that we congregate. The cap is embroidered with the A.O.H logo on the back. The cost of the cap for our membership is about \$50. For sizing requirements please visit hannahats.com. We will begin to take size orders at our next meeting and hope to receive them before the parade on March 3rd. Caps will be purchased at a discount from the supplier and hopefully sold to other A.O.H divisions, with net proceeds being shared by Celtic Aer and our division. We are very excited in the potential of this fundraiser. During this very busy month, myself and C.J. picked up our new green A.O.H t-shirts at Arlington Ink in Poughkeepsie. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the shirt and the business as a whole. We discussed future business opportunities if the t-shirts are as profitable as we hope. The t-shirts will be sold for \$20 and will be brought to the next meeting.

Lastly, we will again be volunteering at the Lunch Box in Poughkeepsie on March 14th. Chairman Jim Englishby will discuss our plan of action at our next scheduled meeting on Thursday February 15th at the Knights of Columbus in Wappingers Falls. Please do your best to attend. This is our most important time of the year. Hope to see you all next week.

Yours in friendship,

Michael Shepherd

AOH President

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*"MAY YOU HAVE WARM WORDS ON A COLD EVENING,
A FULL MOON ON A DARK NIGHT,
AND THE ROAD DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY TO YOUR DOOR."*





Historian's Corner

An Addendum. Last month as you recall, the main topic of the newsletter was the Vikings. That topic must still have been on my mind as I scrolled through the TCM menu of movies. I decided to record a 1929 silent movie entitled The Vikings. Now I hate silent movies mainly because the subtitles are difficult to read for the following reasons: old age eyesight problems; the pass by too quickly; the placement of the wording; and the contrast between the script and the scenes background.

Because of hard core Norse beliefs, converting the Norse was a task that took Christendom a relatively long time to achieve. As far as the Norse were concerned, their gods had brought them nothing but success in battle and they had absolutely no reason to embrace the Christian god.

This led to the Christians to seek Norse conversion by any and all means possible, including converting existing Norse beliefs, practices, and cultural beliefs into Christian ideology.

This was often practiced in order to introduce Christian beliefs in a way that the Norse could relate to in comparison to the gods they already knew well.

So to help convert the Norse to Christian ways, many pre-existing Norse practices and customs were converted into Christian practices, such as the Christening of a child for example. The missionaries adopted the [name-fastening ceremony](#) practiced by the Norse pagans and adopted it into their own religious ceremony know today as a christening ceremony.

When a child was born, there was a great deal of ceremony conducted by the Norse. For example, a newly born infant would be placed on the ground and then remained there until he or she was picked up by their father (or next of kin in his absence) and placed in the folds of his cloak. This act of picking up the infant by the father ceremoniously acknowledged the legitimacy and acceptance by the father as his offspring.

The father then examined the infant for any abnormalities and judged whether or not it had a future. This process decided the fate of the child as to whether it was to live or be left exposed to the wilderness to die. A custom commonly known to be practiced by the Greek Spartans.

Ausa Vatni

If the child was free of defects and deemed to live, a sacred religious rite called the *Ausa Vatni* was preformed. This ceremony was conducted by either sprinkling or pouring water over the child and then naming the child.

This ceremony was an ancient sacred rite of the Old Norse religion that predates Christian baptism. To expose a child after this ceremony was preformed was considered murder. The rite of *Ausa Vatni* was also practiced by some of the Northern Frankish tribes. Some forms of Christian baptism are based on this rite and only changed it in name by early Christian missionaries whom made it a part of Christian practice.

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Financial Secretary Corner

Brothers,

I just sent in our payment to National and expect to have the membership cards for the next meeting which is on February 15, 2018. At that meeting you can pick them up and they are \$30.00. We are moving this organization forward and there are a lot of new ideas being brought before the membership so, please, try to attend the meetings.

As always, please consider a worthy applicant that you know who would benefit from joining our Brotherhood. In doing so, sharing in our motto of 'Friendship, unity and Christian charity'.

In Brotherhood & Motto,
Jack Fedigan
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*It's always time for membership, ask your friends, neighbors, even members of your church!
The only requirements are that you need to be a male, at least 16 years old, Irish and Catholic.
Help make our Division grow. Bring someone to a meeting!*

Division Activities

AOH Activities

We have decided to do another fundraisers centered around the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament this March The price of entry is \$63 per box, with the division profiting \$1,300. Please contact new brother C.J. Tomaskovic for NCAA pool details and payments. Please reach out to friends and family.

The DCSPPC is holding their Emerald Ball on February 3rd. It is being held at the Elks Lodge in Poughkeepsie and the cost is \$45.00 per person.

Also on the DCSPPC calendar is the Annual St. Patrick's Parade, it is scheduled for March 3rd. Our Division always marches in this 23 year tradition, we have also had many AOH members who were Grand Marshal's so get your Irish on to support this parade.

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Just some of the activities your

Dutchess County,

Division 1, AOH is involved in.

Be a good member and join in, be ACTIVE!

Valentines Day is February 14th



There is a 9AM Mass at St. Mary's Wappingers Falls to begin the day.

Parade Line-up is at noon on North Street.

Parade will kick-off at 1:00PM.

Marchers should wear any AOH gear that you have.

23rd Annual Dutchess County

**ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE**

SATURDAY

MARCH 3, 2018

STEP OFF: 1:00PM

2018 Grand Marshal
William O'Hare



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Prayers for the Sick

Paul Becker
Nathan Redmond
Jim Sweeney

Noel Morris
Bill Schimpf

* In Memoriam *



"HER SMILE INCREASED. SHE HAD PERFECT WHITE REGULAR TEETH; IRISH, JULIANA DECIDED. ONLY IRISH BLOOD COULD GIVE THAT JAWLINE SUCH FEMININITY."

~PHILIP K. DICK, THE MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE ~



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