

St. Ferdinand Men's Club Newsletter

November 2018

Spiritual growth, social interaction and support of the parish family are all interests sought by the Men's Club. The goal of the club is to create an environment where all men take pride in supporting parish life through the club's spiritual, social, service, and fundraising activities. Please review this newsletter for current events, topics of interest, and additional information.

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1. Prayer Intentions: Prayers are currently requested for the following:

- *Bob Price - RIP*
- *Fred Moore – RIP*
- *Frank Gajewski, Jr. (Frank's son)*
- *Hedy Carrara (Bob's wife)*
- *Shirley Ricci (Bob's wife)*
- *Bob Cranden*
- *Ron Skrbn*
- *Robin Shipley (Jim's wife's cousin)*
- *Patty Benson (friend of Jim Shipley)*
- *Joseph Brendel (George's son)*
- *Bob Isler (former member)*
- *Lois Saleone*
- *Tom & Diane Rowader (Tom is a former member)*

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- *Hedy Fabio*
- *Oliver (Denny Richie's grandson)*
- *George Stright*
- *Judy Vano*
- *Dave Fabio (Mike Fabio's brother)*
- *Elisha Brown (John Police's niece)*
- *Richard (Tom Huston's brother-in-law)*
- *Carl Wainwright*
- *Noreen Mastriana (Jack Marcinick's sister)*
- *All other private intentions.*

Please pray for the following as we share in their sorrow and recent loss:

- *Bob Price family*
- *Bob Schreck and family*
- *Brian Connell and family*
- *John Hooley and family*
- *Joe Pawlak and family*
- *Tom Rhein and family*
- *Bill Adams family*
- *Rudy Cozad family*
- *Dan Wiegand and family*
- *Tom Dore and family*
- *Rick Abbott and family*

With Bob Cranden on the prayer list, please contact Steve Loehlein at steveloeh@hotmail.com or 724-774-2752 for any additions, deletions, or updates. The sick and bereaved will remain on this list until Steve is advised to remove.

- 2. Movie Night:** Our Social Committee Chairman, Bob Ricci, is planning a Movie Night for Saturday, November 17th. It will follow the usual format of member and guest viewing a movie of their choice at the Cranberry Cinemas and then all gathering for a pizza party at Pizza Roma (just South of Monte Cello's). The cost is \$10 per person.

Prior to the night of the movie, Bob will provide those who signed up with a list of the movies showing that night so that you may make your selection. Bob will then purchase your ticket(s) and give them to you in the Cranberry Cinemas lobby, just prior to the movie. If you prefer, you may purchase the movie tickets on-line and then pay Bob an additional \$3.50 per person for the pizza party. If there are any questions, please contact Bob at boricci@zoominternet.net, or 724-776-9021.

- 3. Bowling League Update:** The following was provided by Dave MacDougall – We are almost half way through the season. The season is shaping up to be a real competitive

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one again this year. We just finished a survivor tournament with the winning team of Joe Urban and Rick Abbott. I still have a lot planned for the rest of the season, including a 3 man team double elimination tournament and our yearly Christmas party happening on 12/11. We still have a spot open for 1 more bowler.

Dave can be reached at dpmacdougall@ymail.com or 724-900-8966.

4. Memorial Mass for Living & Deceased Members and November Membership

Meeting: Our semi-annual Memorial Mass for living & deceased members of the Men's Club is scheduled for Thursday, November, 29th, just prior to the November membership meeting. Mass is at 7:00 PM, and we will gather in the Narthex prior to the mass, so that we can proceed in together. Please wear your red Men's Club shirt as a sign of our fraternity. For reference, this is the current list of deceased members that the Secretary's records indicate:

Bill Adams, Sonny Allen, Casimir Bach, Jack Clifford, Jim Early, Doug Evans, Joe Elsner, Bob Krome, John Lessyk, Bob Price, Steve Stavar, Bill Steinmetz, Alex Tomaszewski, John Vano, Chuck Weiherer

If you are aware of other deceased members who should be remembered at this Mass, please inform Joe Pawlak at pawlak@zoominternet.net or 724-772-8851. The November membership meeting will follow mass in McAndrew-Biller hall.

5. Christmas Party:

This year's Christmas party will take place on Saturday, December 1st at the Cranberry Elks Lodge (lower level – entrance in rear) beginning at 7:00 pm. The cost to attend is \$15 per member and \$15 for a guest.

Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, November 21st. You can leave your payment in the Men's Club folder at the parish office, or you can mail it to Steve Loehlein at 923 Jefferson Blvd, Freedom, PA 15042. If you pay by check, please make it payable to *St. Ferdinand Men's Club*.

Once again at the Christmas party, we will collect donations of gift cards, cash, or checks (payable to *St. Ferdinand Parish*). We'll give the donations to Father Gallagher for him to use for the special needs of the parish throughout the course of the year. This donation will be done in lieu of a Christmas party gift exchange.

If you haven't signed up, please consider joining us for this year's Christmas party. To date, there are 76 confirmed to attend and it should be a fun time. If there are any questions, please contact Steve at steveloeh@hotmail.com or 724-774-2752.

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- 6. December Board Meeting:** The December Board Meeting is set for Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 PM, at the Elks Lodge. A primary focus of the discussions will be on the Super Bingo and whether we should limit attendance in the future to a manageable level based on the anticipated amount of help from our membership. Please notify Steve Loehlein at steveloeh@hotmail.com or 724-774-2752 if you plan to attend and don't normally attend.
- 7. Christmas Trees – Cutting, Set-up, and Decorations:** Please consider helping with one or more of the following parish-wide tasks:

 - **Tree Cutters Needed** – Tree cutters are needed on Saturday, December 8th to cut the donated trees for the sanctuary. If you can help, please meet at the church at 9:00 AM. This will take about two hours and lunch will be served afterwards.
 - **Move Trees into Church** – Help is needed to move the trees into the church and set them up on Friday, December 14th at 7:00 PM. A lot of help is needed for this task. Pizza will be served.
 - **Hanging of the Greens** – Please help decorate the church on Sunday, December 16th at 1:00 PM. We need to get everything hung and in place before the 5:00 PM Mass. This is a busy and fun filled day and a great way to get into the true spirit of Christmas. All help is greatly appreciated and refreshments are served.
- 8. Worship Committee Chairman Needed:** We are looking for someone to step forward and take the position of Worship Committee Chairman. If interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Steve Loehlein at steveloeh@hotmail.com or 724-774-2752.
- 9. Additional Social Activity Chairmen Needed** – Bob Ricci has been the Social Committee Chairman for many, many years and needs help with some of the individual social activities of the club. Bob will continue as our overall Social Committee Chair, but needs several volunteers to each chair a social function that doesn't currently have a specific chair. Please consider volunteering to chair (or co-chair) a social function. The success of the Men's Club depends on the dedicated contributions of many. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to chair a social activity for the club or would just like to help with a social function, please contact Bob Ricci at boricci@zoominternet.net or 724-776-9021.
- 10. January Board Meeting:** The January Board Meeting is set for Thursday, January 10th at 7:30 PM, in the Library. Please notify Steve Loehlein at steveloeh@hotmail.com or 724-774-2752 if you plan to attend and don't normally attend.

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- 11. Bunco Night (tentative):** A Bunco Night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 12th beginning at 7:00 PM in McAndrew-Biller Hall. This will be discussed further at the November membership meeting and either confirmed or rescheduled. If we go forward with it in January, Bob Ricci will have a sign-up sheet. If you're not able to make the meeting and interested in the attending the Bunco Night, please contact Bob at boricci@zoominternet.net, or 724-776-9021 for the details.
- 12. Golf Bash:** The annual Golf Bash is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th. Tickets will be available at the November general meeting. Help is needed for ticket sales as well as various tasks on the day of the event. If you can help, a sign-up will be available at the November meeting. All proceeds for this event will go to the parish building fund. Tom Huston will have more information at the November membership meeting, or you can contact him at tbhuston@zoominternet.net or 724-772-2984.
- 13. Steeler Tailgate Party Wrap-up:** Our annual Steeler Tailgate Party was held on Sunday, October 28th at the Freedom Crossings Clubhouse. The food, drink, and fellowship were all good. There were about 40 members and guests in attendance, with almost all cheering for the Steelers. The Steelers didn't disappoint us and beat the Cleveland Browns handily by the score of 33 – 18, which made the party even more enjoyable. A special thanks to Steve Loehlein and Tom Huston for co-chairing the event.
- 14. Super Bingo Wrap-up:** Our annual Super Bingo was held on Saturday, November 3rd. Although the attendance was down about 80 people compared to last year's record attendance, we still had good attendance and the bingo was more manageable. Thanks to the 32 Men's Club members who helped at the bingo and to those who helped leading up the event with flyer distribution, ticket sales, and set-up. Also, thanks to Co-Chairmen Brian Connell and Chuck Seibel for working out the details and to Nick Stratigos for calling the bingo and to Rich Huber for implementing a system to project the bingo board. In addition, thanks to Bonnie Connell, Claudia Horvatin, Susan Seibel, and Morgan Bartlett for their help. We should have the final bingo results at the November membership meeting.
- 15. Board Contact Information:**
- President – Steve Loehlein – steveloeh@hotmail.com or 724-774-2752
Vice-President – Dave Testa – dtesta@zoominternet.net or 412-638-6544
Treasurer – Nick Stratigos – nickstr@yahoo.com or 724-772-5285
Secretary – Joe Pawlak – pawlak@zoominternet.net or 724-772-8851
Immediate Past President – Dale Curtz – maryc@zoominternet.net or 724-776-9462
Membership Chairman – Bill Horvatin – horvatin@zoominternet.net or 724-776-1141
Worship Chairman – Bob Cranden – alertcgc@zoominternet.net or 724-553-6318
Social Chairman – Bob Ricci – boricci@zoominternet.net or 724-776-9021
Service Chairman – Bob Gorman – gormanbbk@yahoo.com or 724-316-5813

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Ways & Means/Host Chairman – Tom Huston – tbhuston@zoominternet.net or 724-772-2984

Nomination & Election Chairman – Dan Wiegand – lizanddan@zoominternet.net or 724-776-1628

Finance & Audit Chairman – Brian Connell - hobp2mk2@zoominternet.net or 724-679-2763

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