



**March 2017**

**Greetings and Happy St. Paddy's Day and 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring**



While we won't be meeting in March I'm sure some of us will find time to celebrate and enjoy the holiday with our favorite food and cold beverages.

If you're not able to go out and celebrate with your friends, then the chance to do so in April is there for you. Join your favorite foundrymen for cold beer, good food and a great conversation or presentation, when you get a group of foundry people together you can rest assured there will be no lack of "blarney" regardless of the time of year.

Our first chapter meeting in 2017 is listed below, I can't promise a pot of gold but the meeting itself will be just as valuable. Come join us and learn about AFS committees and how they can help your foundry or business.

**Tuesday April 18, 2017**

Our speaker will be Jeff Cook, AFS President 2016, AFS Chapters and his topic will be,

**“AFS and the Institute: Continuous Improvement”.**



Jeff is the Vice-President of Marketing and Sales for Eagle Alloys of Muskegon, Michigan. He started his career with the company as a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift snag grinder and after completing his training and military service with the United States Marine Corps Reserve he worked his way up the ladder holding a variety of positions in the foundry before joining the sales staff and eventually the position he now holds in the company.

Jeff is also very active with the National AFS and served in a variety of positions before joining the National Board of Directors and eventually President of the AFS.

Jeff is also prepared to give us an update on the new OSHA Silica regulations and what the AFS has done or is doing regarding this matter. So don't be shy, ask questions.

He will be travelling a good distance to visit our chapter so let's make certain we have a good turnout and a New England welcome for him.

The meeting will take place at the Publick House, 277 Main St. Sturbridge, MA and it will be a dinner meeting. The cost is \$35.00 and includes dinner; there will be a cash bar available. The meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M. followed by the presentation and then dinner. Let me know if you are coming as the restaurant will want an accurate headcount, you can pay for your dinner on our webpage with the paypal link. I will send out menu selections and also post them on our facebook page.

**What could be easier?**

**Hope to see you all there.**

Also a reminder to all if you haven't made plans yet, go to the AFS website to register for the event or for more information regarding the Metalcasting Congress.

This is your chance to meet with some of your suppliers, or customers, go through some excellent exhibits, and listen to some great speakers and presentations. Then you can also sneak off to the Harley Davidson Museum and/or take in some tasty brewery tours.

**Make your plans now, don't get left out.**



Once again the dynamic duo of Mark Johnson and Brian White of the D.W. Clark Company will be organizing the annual golf outing.



So get out your clubs and start practicing your swings, the annual golf outing will again take place at the Heritage Country Club in Charlton, MA on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

**Further details to follow.**

If you haven't logged onto our website in a while, then shame on you. We have added a number of sponsors onto our sponsors' page and we encourage everyone to visit the sponsors' page and give our sponsors an opportunity. We appreciate their sponsorship.

Please send me any ideas or suggestions for future meeting topics or events as it is your chapter and your dime.

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As a reminder, we have a New England Chapter page on LinkedIn and a Facebook page, both of which are being used to announce upcoming events. If you aren't able to connect on either, please let me know and we'll get you set up.

Thanks for your continued support,  
Ed Marczyszak  
Chairman



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