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Check out the Baron Website: WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

### President's Letter

Happy New Year Barons!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Only about 3 more months of winter to go before you actually want to brew outside again. One good thing about this time of year is all the great events that we are a part of. We run one of the biggest homebrew competitions in the midwest, Midwinter Homebrew Competition (<u>www.midwinterhbc.com</u>). We accept up to 850 participants with the entry deadline of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the website for beer drop-off locations as not all of them have the same deadline day. Also, we serve beer at the Fond du Lac Brewfest Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> (<u>http://</u> <u>www.fdlbrewfest.org/</u>) and Food and Froth at the Milwaukee Public Museum (<u>https://</u> <u>www.mpm.edu/beer</u>) on the evening of February 17<sup>th</sup>. The latter two are both great events that are looking for donated beer. Please see Jon Greene for FDL and Jason Rohloff for Food and Froth.

I want to thank **Steve Swanson** and **Simon McConico** for their service over the past year as a member of your Board. Also, I would like to welcome back **Steve Williams** to the Board after a year off and **Erick Joseph** for his first year. If you see any of these gents, please make sure to thank them for volunteering.

I can't wait to get into another year of exciting programming and brewing.

Slainte, Jason

Vice President's Letter

Hello Barons,

First - I would like to thank all of the people who have helped put on yet another great Christmas / Holiday party! There is a lot of time and effort that goes into our events, and all of that is driven by our members. Without this commitment, we wouldn't be the club that we all know and enjoy every month. That said, if you are interested in helping out with any event (I guarantee it's rewarding!), please reach out to a member of the board.

This month we welcome Tim Pauly of Broken Bat Brewing Co., from Milwaukee's Third Ward to the club. Broken Bat is one of the newest breweries in Milwaukee and is the first brewery in the Third Ward. Please welcome Tim for our first meeting in 2018!

If you have homebrew to share, please notify me in advance if you wish to get the ingredient reimbursement. Members who do not notify me first will not be reimbursed. Last, please clean up after yourselves and make sure you are being responsible.

Cheers, Max Liptack Interested in attending the <u>next</u>

## Officer's Meeting?

The Board meeting is open to all members, and after the meeting stick around for a social time. Come out and try a new place to drink and see what's on Tap. Next Location is

## Erv's Mug

(130 W Ryan Rd, Oak Creek)

Guest Member's from the last meeting:

- 1. Jared Sutliff
- 2. Jonathan Greene
- 3. Patrick M.

Thanks for joining us.

7pm Sharp for meeting.

Settling down into winter, I keep telling myself, the days are getting longer. This is the time I really enjoy brewing. I want to again thank everyone for their efforts in making December's meeting a great time. I enjoyed eating, drinking good beer and getting to talk with fellow members a little bit more than the average meeting. I hope everyone found some joy during the Holiday season. Anyone care to share any New Year's resolutions? I am looking forward to the Midwinter competition, another chance to get together over good and better beers.

Membership renewal has started and must be accomplished during February. Remember, PayPal is an option, to speed things up at the sign in desk at meetings. Please check the newsletter for membership options, what works best for you.

December left us with a bank balance of \$4599.05, compared to last year's \$6330.23. Looking forward to serving this next year as Treasurer. Also looking forward to all the events the club has to offer.



2018 Membership Options	
Individual Membership\$20	Family Membership w/1 Gold Card \$110
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## Treasurer's Report

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## Join us for the February Officers' Meeting @ Erv's Mug February 7th 7:00PM

## Beer Barons - Code of Conduct

Our goal is to improve our members' knowledge of home brewing and its enjoyment. Please show your respect and courtesy to the people you have elected to do the business of this club and the guest speakers that are graciously giving their time to come and put on a presentation for you by being **QUIET** during the meeting.

- Nothing is to be removed from this room that YOU did not bring in (That means the club beers stays). Please leave all un-opened beer for others to enjoy at other events
- NO outside food is allowed to be brought into the meeting that was not purchased at Clifford's
- Only exception is for snack items to enjoy with your beer
  - Pretzels, popcorn, nuts
    - Chips & dip
    - Cheese, sausage & crackers
    - Smoked or canned fish items

## Please being your own glass and clean up after yourself

- Everyone must check-in with the treasurer, show your membership card, and pay your meeting fee to receive a wristband
  - Please put your wristband on your wrist (not on your glass/horn)

NO guns or weapons of any kind allowed in the meeting

NO SMOKING allowed in the building

Listen - Learn - Ask questions Someone *will* have the answer Enjoy the meeting & guest speakers

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



## **About the Midwinter Homebrew Competition**

The focus of this competition is to provide good feedback to all entrants and reward talented beer, mead, and cider making. All entries to be judged by at least 2 BJCP Judges. All mead entries to be judged by at least 2 BJCP Mead Endorsed Judges.



See <u>www.fdlbrewfest.org</u> for details

The Beer Barons will be there and need your homebrew to serve. See Jon Greene for details February 17th 7-10 See <u>www.mpm.edu</u> for details

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## **Club Links**

Twitter: twitter.com/beerbaronsMKE

Website: <u>beerbarons.org</u> <u>www.worldofbeerfestival.com</u> <u>brewsandbites.beerbarons.org</u> <u>midwinterhbc.beerbarons.org</u>

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IO Group: https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee <

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414-935-4099

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## UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, January 24th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Broken Bat Brewing WEDNESDAY, February 3rd: Officers' Meeting @ Erv's Mug, Oak Creek WEDNESDAY, February 24th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Explorium Brewpub

Check out The Barons Website For more info www.beerbarons.org



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