

## AOH Newport: November Newsletter

Brothers,

This is the **145th year** of us as an AOH Division and also our **125th at our current location**. On **November 27th** we will be celebrating these milestones with a **reception at 5:00 PM at the Hibernian Hall**. That night we will also be dedicating the event room in memory of our late brother **Mike Behan Sr.** Mike is one of the pillars of our division and we would not be enjoying what we have now without his dedication and hard work. **Renovation to the meeting / event room are close to being completed**. Many thanks to **Behan Brothers Const. Co., Behan Electric, Prime Co. Painting, Mike, Garrett, Austin, Peter, Philip, Colin and Billy Behan** as well as **Pat Carlisle, Jim Cranson, Ryan Ellis, Chris Kirwin, Wick Rudd and Jamie Kirwin** for all of the work they have done. The room looks great!

The **Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament** was a huge success with \$11,000 raised for AOH Charities. A donation was made to the Boys and Girls Club in memory of Gary who supported the organization over the years. Thank you to all that participated, donated, and assisted to this great cause. **VP Bill Cardinal, David Behan, Austin Behan, John Hanson and Andrew Loftus** did an outstanding job organizing this event.

On **Sunday November 7th at 10:00 AM** the Hibernians will be hosting the **Flagpole Dedication** at the front of the building. I encourage all to attend as we honor all of our AOH veterans. Immediately following a breakfast will be served to our Hibernian veterans who sacrificed and served this country so bravely.

Our **November our monthly meeting is scheduled for the 12th at 7:30 PM**. **Nominations** for elected officers will be accepted at this time with the second round of nominations and elections taking place during the December meeting.

A limited supply of **145th Anniversary Shirts** in either Kelly Green or Blue will be available to purchase at the hall for \$35 each. Coming up in December there will be 145th Anniversary Coins for sale at \$10 each.

The **AOH Pipe and Drums** are looking for individuals who would like to join the band. Those interested should contact any band member, visit our [website](#) or attend a practice session at the hall on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

As we continue to move forward and operations return to normal I ask you to keep respecting other members, guests and the building. Many people have worked hard to improve and maintain our hall so please remember that when you bring pets with you they are not allowed in the facility.

Several smaller projects have been completed around the building. **Thanks to Peter Hayes, Jim Fowler, Bill Brownell, Bill Barrett, Joe Pratt, Dave Kerins** and anyone else I have missed.

**Jim Fowler** will be coordinating a food drive to **support local food banks on November 12th (meeting night)**. **Please donate to assist those in need.**

Please pray for our recently deceased brother **Carroll Hughes** and all our deceased brethren.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

In Unity,  
Kevin