

JANUARY 2021 NEWLETTER

Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and Merry Christmas. Now we turn the page on a difficult and trying 2020 and look forward to a new year.

After several postponements, the Board Members for 2021 have been elected. They are as follows:

- President: Kevin P. Doyle
- Vice-President: Bill Cardinal
- Secretary: Austin Behan
- Treasurer: Mike Saunders
- Financial Secretary: Dave Kane
- Standing Committee Chair: John Hansen
- Marshal: Conor O'Neill
- Sentinel: Tim Wein

Congratulations to all of the members of the board. I look forward to working with them for another successful year. A closed swearing-in ceremony will take place this month officiated by State President Tim Burns.

Recognition and thanks to both Charles Burns and Patrick McGrath for their dedication to our division over the past several years. Charlie served as secretary for 3 years, treasurer for 2 years and Vice President for 2. Pat has served as Financial Secretary for 4 years.

Dave Kane and Austin Behan organized the 2021 V.P. election with help from Patrick O'Neill, Rob Lehane JR and David Behan handling the ballots. The process was very impressive, efficient, and professional. Thanks to them and all those that voted over the two days. We had one of the largest turnouts with 127 members casting their vote.

Once again our hall looked fabulous for the Christmas season. Bill Barrett, Pat Carlisle, Jim Fowler and Nicole decorated on short notice after reopening in December.

Membership invoices and Capital Improvements drive letters are being sent out this week. I encourage you to update your dues and donate to the drive if you are able. Both the dues and Capital Improvements funding are essential to our club's operations and upgrades over the course of the year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

A "challenge" coin is now available for purchase at the hall. The cost is \$10 each. It is 1¼" in diameter with our AOH emblem on the face and the Celtic Cross on the reverse side.

Finally, this year we celebrate our 145th Anniversary as an AOH Division and 125 years at our Wellington Ave address. Over the years the Hibernians have lived through wars, pandemics, disasters, and turmoil both racial and political. As we prepare to face the challenges of 2021 we must continue promoting our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity within our division and throughout the community.

Please pray for our deceased brethren especially Tim Mills, Jim Farrington and all those we were unable to wake during the pandemic.

Stay safe and healthy.

In our motto,
Kevin P. Doyle

