

## August 2021 Newsletter

Brothers,

July was another successful month for our division. The July meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed the cook out afterward. The **AOH Cigar Club** Fundraiser, **Irish Music Night** and the **Newport Gulls Irish Night** all had great turnouts and a fun time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that organized, volunteered, participated and attended these events.

We are going forward with our "**March in September**" plans at this point. Several events are planned at this point including the following:

- 9/16: **Hibernian of the Year Dinner** honoring **Jim Mahoney** catered by McGrath Clambakes and Catering.
- 9/19: **Green Eggs and Ham** in the morning and music in the lounge performed by **Shannachie** in the afternoon.
- 9/25: **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day** with a morning Mass followed by a celebration at the hall featuring the **McMurphys** and **DJ Murph**. Tickets can be purchased at the hall, through the LAOH or Parade Committee. Your \$20 donation will benefit the **AOH / LAOH Charities** as well as the **Parade Committee's Fund**. More details to follow on all of these events as we get closer to September.

**State President Tim Burns** has announced that he will be holding the **RI State Convention on Saturday, October 2nd**. **Dick Thompson** our **National Director** from Massachusetts is planning on attending. This is also an election year for state positions so anyone interested should attend this meeting. Tim and I are expecting a large turnout.

The **AOH Pipes 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 Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Also anyone interested in giving the **Irish History Report** at our monthly meetings should contact a board member.

Thank you to **Jim Booth**, **Steve Martin** and **Tim Whitford** for their work on repairing the front stairs and railings. I also wish to thank all of our members for your continued support to the division. And please let's all remember to keep respecting social guidelines and each other when visiting the hall as we slowly move forward.

As our lives continue to return to normal and social gatherings are being planned please remember that our hall is available for your functions. Contact **Bill Barrett** to book your date. He can be reached at 401-847-8671.

We welcome and wish good luck to 2 members of the clergy:

- **Rev Brendan J Rowley** for being named Parish Administrator at **St. Mary's and St. Augustin's** parishes, and
- **Rev Scott J Pontes** of **St. Joseph's** Parish as one of our newest division members.

Please keep our recently deceased brother, **Chad Donnelly**, in your prayers along with all of our deceased brethren.

See you at our next meeting **Friday, August 6th**.

In Unity,

Kevin