

Brothers,

On June 4th we held our first meeting in fifteen months. I am pleased to say it was well attended with 60 members present with nine new members being sworn in.

We normally don't hold a July meeting but with the long layoff we will be holding one this **Friday, July 9th**, with an earlier start time of **6:30**.

Immediately following we will be hosting a **Membership Appreciation Cookout** on the patio. I look forward to seeing you as we continue to get back to normal.

This year the **AOH Scholarship Trust Committee** has awarded **nine \$1,000 scholarships** to students entering their first year of college.

The awardees are:

- Gavin Crowley - received the **Steve Lepley Scholarship** in honor of our late brother
- Alexander Cranson
- Megan Lehane
- Pierson Garcia
- Katherine Kirwin
- Paige Sullivan
- Eamon Warner
- Patrick May
- Margaret Coen

Congratulations and best of luck to all the recipients. Thanks go out to **David Kerins** and the **Scholarship Committee** for their work over the past few years revitalizing this program.

The **Newport Gulls** are hosting their second annual **Irish / American Night** on July 7th at Cardines Field. The AOH has been invited along with other local Irish / American groups to help celebrate our heritage. Festivities start at **6:00 p.m.**

Come down and enjoy a family friendly evening as we support the Gulls. The 50/50 raffle that night will be benefit the AOH/LAOH Charities.

This past Friday the **Cigar Club** hosted their bi-annual fundraiser dinner. The night was filled with good food, fine cigars and friends. Thanks to the **"Itty Bitty" Cigar Committee** along with all the Cigar Club members for their continued support to our club.

Lots of work has been completed at the hall. **John Fletcher** and **Tim Whitford** have installed more lighting along the fence in the patio area. **Jon Dillworth** has been busy

weeding the gardens. **Andrew Loftus** completed repairs to the utility closets. Thanks to them and all who have assisted for their work and taking pride in the hall.

We are in the planning stages of a **Half Way to St. Patricks Day** celebration with the Parade Committee in September. We would have a Mass in the morning, coming back to the hall in the afternoon. The event would help support both the **Hibernians** and the **Parade Committee**. Hopefully we will have a strong membership involvement. The day would be similar to a post parade party on a smaller scale. It would include a band playing Irish music, bag pipes, food and fun. More details will follow as plans firm up.

In closing please keep our deceased brethren and all those suffering from illness in your prayers.

In Unity,
Kevin