

Brothers,

The 2nd annual **Gary Loftus Golf Outing** was held in June and was another great success! The tournament raised over **\$12,500** for the AOH Charity Fund. The monies raised will help support local non-profit organizations and those in need throughout the community. Thanks goes to Bill Cardinal, Andrew Loftus, David Behan, Austin Behan along with those that volunteered, participated and donated to this great event.

The **Cigar Club** held its bi-annual fundraiser event on July 1st, which included nine holes of golf and a dinner later that evening. The event was sold out and the attendees enjoyed a day of good friends, cigars, food and fun. The club recently donated chairs for the patio and second floor deck. A big THANK YOU to the Cigar Club for their continued support to the hall.

Our Division purchased food for a cookout held by the **Newport Police Department** July 12th. The cookout was a lunch for Newport and Middletown children ages 8 - 12 years old participating in a free summer camp that day. We will be donating food again for the second installment on August 12th. The children have the opportunity to learn fishing and archery skills at the camp.

We are in the beginning process of planning two events for the month of September:

The first is a **family / kids day at Morton Park** on Saturday, September 10th (rain date Sunday September 11th). The day will be for children 12 years and under. We will be working with the **LAOH, Newport Police Department** and **Newport Fire Department** to make this a fun filled day for families. There will be various activities, games and challenges. If you are interested in volunteering as we support the community contact **Jim Fowler** at **401-264-2360** / jfowler@cox.net.

The second is our **2nd Annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day** party on Saturday, September 17th from 12 noon until-close. Once again entertainment will be **The McMurphy's** followed by **DJ Murph**. This is another family friendly event. Tickets cost **\$20** (children are free) and are available now at the hall. Food will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit our Division and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. More details on both of these events to follow.

The **AOH Scholarship Committee** awarded eleven scholarships for 2022. The Hibernian Trust Scholarship recipients are:

- Mia Finn
- Luke Carney
- Tierney Phelen
- Conor Reilly
- Michaele Reilly

- Anna Quinn
- Kathryn Margolis
- Amory Kirwin
- Mitchell Callahan
- Justin Callahan

Congratulations Graduates!!

Projects at the hall continue to be completed. I can never express enough how much your contributions are appreciated.

- **Steve Turcotte** has been busy making our front gardens look spectacular.
- **Tim Whitford** continues with his never ending "honey do" list.
- **Ed Coleman** pressure washed the back and front decks, walks and patio.
- **Peter Behan** replaced the exhaust fan in the second floor bathroom.
- **Mike Gaudett, James Sheekey and Andrew Behan** installed a new skylight in the lounge.

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Thank you again Brothers for your time and efforts.

Please keep **Steve O'Brien**, all our deceased brethren and those suffering from illness in your prayers.

Our next monthly meeting is **Friday, August 5th**. Remember to bring a non-perishable item to help our local food banks.

In Unity,

Kevin