

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
NEWSLETTER
Dennis E. Collins Division 1 –Newport, RI
Organized & Established January 11, 1869

Brothers,

Advent begins on December 3rd and is a time for us to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and to reflect on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. Important things to pray for since lately it seems we could use more hope, peace, joy, and love in the world.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The first round of nominations for 2024 Division Officers were accepted at the November meeting. The second round of nominations will take place at our next meeting on Friday, December 1st with elections immediately following. The current nominees are:

- **President: William Cardinal**
- **Vice President: Austin Behan**
- **Recording Secretary: Brian Doyle**
- **Treasurer: Conner Hourihan**
- **Financial Secretary: David Kane**
- **Marshal: Conor O'Neil**
- **Sentinel: Timothy Wein**
- **Standing Committee Chair: Patrick O'Neil**

Come down early and have dinner - available from 4:30 to 6 PM and after the meeting finishes.

DECK THE HALL

We will be decorating our AOH Hall for Christmas on Saturday, November 25th beginning at 3 PM and need some volunteer decorators. **Please note the time has been changed to 3 PM.** We will be ordering pizza for the volunteers.

AOH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS

The AOH Annual Christmas Mass will be celebrated at the Hall on Saturday, December 9th at 5 PM by Father Frank O'Loughlin. The AOH Men's Singers will lead us in song.

There will be a complimentary buffet dinner served following the Mass. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen. Please contact me at wcardinal@cox.net to volunteer.

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GRAND MARSHALL

Congratulations to our Chaplain, Father Frank O'Loughlin for being selected as the 2024 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall

2023 DUES- PAY YOUR DUES!!!

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, your membership is in jeopardy.

Letters are being sent to those who are delinquent in their dues, and memberships will be suspended if not paid. Once suspended, there is an additional fee to reinstate membership. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dave Kane, Financial Secretary.

VETERAN'S DAY AT THE HALL

Our Veteran's Day Ceremony was held on Saturday, November 11th and was a wonderful tribute to all of our veterans. Special thank you to John Lalli and the numerous volunteers who made this event a great success.

MUSIC AT THE HALL

There will be **no** music night in December. Music at the Hall will return in January.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night with Nikki and Tara will be held on Wednesday, November 29th. Come down and test your knowledge. It's a free event with prizes. Come alone or with a group (up to 4 per team). The kitchen will also be open. December's trivia date is to be determined and will be communicated in a future email.

DINNER AT THE HALL & FOOTBALL SUNDAYS

Tired of turkey and leftovers?? Chef Mark will be serving dinner tonight – Friday, November 24th. The menu is provided below.

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This Sunday he will be serving the regular Football Menu for the Pats vs. the Giants at 1 PM

Dinner service at the Hall will continue Thursdays & Fridays from 4:30 to 8 PM.

Check your email for weekly menus and any changes in service dates and times. *On meeting nights, dinner will be available from 4:30 to 6 PM and after the meeting finishes.*

GIFT CARDS

We will be offering \$50 gift cards for \$40 (limit four) for those members that pay their 2024 dues during the month of December.

TOY & SOCK DRIVE

Brother Glen Cardinal will be continuing the toy drive for the MLK Center and sock drive to help local shelters. A drop off box for each is in the lounge, and items will be collected every day until the night of the Christmas Mass. You may also donate gift cards.

IN MEMORIAM

Contact myself wcardinal@cox.net or VP Austin Behan abehan19@gmail.com, via email, to inform of a Brother's passing for ritual arrangements to be made. Let us keep all our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in our daily prayers.

NON AOH NOTABLE CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Brother Glen Cardinal is chairing his annual clothing drive for the needy and homeless. Men's, women's and children's coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, pants, and shirts are needed in either new or gently used condition. Please drop off clothing donations at the side entrance of the Knights of Columbus (7 Valley Road Middletown) December 13th **to the 15th from 5 to 8 PM.**

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Please bring a non-perishable food item, or even a few, to our next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our **meeting** Friday, December 1st, at **7:00 PM**.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas Season!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Bill Cardinal

Upcoming Events:

AOH Upcoming Events

November 25th	Saturday	Decking the Hall
November 26th	Sunday	Football Sunday – Pats vs Gants – 1 PM
November 26th	Sunday	LAOH Holiday Market 10 AM to 4 PM
November 29th	Wednesday	Trivia Night at the Hall
December 1st	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
December 9th	Saturday	AOH Christmas Mass – 5 PM
December 10th	Sunday	Children’s Christmas Party
December 13th-15th	Wed-Friday	Clothing Drive Drop Off at Middletown KofC
December 25th	Monday	Merry Christmas!!!
June 3rd, 2024	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament