

*ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS NEWLETTER
Dennis E. Collins Division 1 – Newport, RI
Organized & Established January 11. 1876*

Brothers,

Happy Fourth of July! We are truly Blessed to live in the greatest nation in the world. Please take a moment to thank God, for guiding our ancestors, family and friends who came and continue to come, to this amazing country. Please keep all who paid the ultimate sacrifice, giving us the Independence and Freedom that we possess today, in your prayers.

DEGREE

I am proud and overjoyed to announce that 24 Brothers made their Degree on June 24th, and are now true members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Thank you for honoring the oath you took when you joined our Division. Congratulations to you all! Many thanks, as well, to all the previously Degreed members who were present to support their Brothers and to Brothers Charlie Masterson, Dennis Sullivan, and Glen Cardinal for their services in the kitchen.

AOH GARY LOFTUS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 3rd Annual *AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Outing*, held on June 12th at Wanumetonomy Golf and Country Club, was a complete success, and a substantial amount was raised to benefit the community through the Dennis E Collins Division One Charities.

Thank you to the Loftus Family, for allowing us to continue the tournament in Gary's name, the Golf Committee, all our Sponsors, and to Emily Loftus, Meg Brennan, Deb Behan, Hayley Pires, Suzanne Cardinal, and Karen Cardinal for their assistance at the event.

AOH SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to the following eleven High School Students. Congratulations to Isabella Connerton, Rylee Munev-Donovan, Lily Clair (Garrett Kirwin Scholarship), Ava Dugan, Brook Brennan, Joseph Hennessey, Elizabeth Margolis, Katherine Ceglarski, Elise Kirwin (Stephen Lepley Scholarship), Sophie Donnelly, and Alec Bucki!

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NEWPORT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Congratulations to Newport Rugby - 2023 Newport 7s NERFU Division Winners!

Good luck at the Springfield 7s on July 2nd!

FIRST ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

*Congratulations to **John Fletcher**, our first AOH Associate Member of the Year!*

John was unanimously selected by the Executive Board. A Steak Fry dinner to celebrate John will be held at the Hall on Saturday, August 5th at 6:00PM. Kitchen volunteers are needed. If you can volunteer or would like to join the list of “roasters”, please email me at wcardinal@cox.net. Tickets will soon be on sale at the Hall for \$35 each.

PRIVATE EVENT AT THE HALL

On Saturday July 15th, there will be a private wedding taking place throughout the *entire* hall with 150+ guests attending this event. While the Hall is not being officially closed for the day, the Executive Board asks that any member who visits the Hall be respectful to the bride, groom, families, and friends attending the wedding.

This is a pilot event, and any similar requests will be decided on by the Executive Board and our Steward.

2023 DUES- PAY YOUR DUES !!!!!

Brother and Financial Secretary, Dave Kane would like to remind those that have yet to pay their 2023 dues of \$120, **they are now past due and need to be brought current**. Dues can be paid by cash, check, and credit card or with Venmo @AOH Newport. If paying by check, please mail your check to the Hall – 2 Wellington Avenue Newport, RI 02840 – attention Dave Kane. You may also pay directly at the Hall. On behalf the board members, we sincerely do not want to see a Brother’s membership in jeopardy. If you have fallen on hard times, we ask that you please contact a board member to assist you in maintaining your membership.

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IN MEMORIUM

Our Hibernian Brother Gil Bradfield from Laramie, Wyoming passed away on June 4th. Please keep him and the Bradfield family, all our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in your daily prayers.

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.

JULY MEETING

There will be NO Monthly Meeting in July.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next **meeting; Friday, August 4th at 7:00 PM.**

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Bill Cardinal

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AOH Upcoming Events

July	-	NO MONTHLY MEETING
July 15th	Saturday	Private Event at the Hall
July 20th	Thursday	3rd Thursday Music Night at the Hall
August 4th	Friday	Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM
August 5th	Saturday	Associate Member of the Year Dinner
August 17th	Thursday	3rd Thursday Music Night at the Hall
September 1st	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7:00 PM
September 21st	Thursday	3rd Thursday Music Night at the Hall
September 30th	Saturday	Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party

NO JULY MEETING