

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

**11/3/22**

**Brothers,**

This is the first communication with our new software program. Thanks to Dave Kane, Bob Novick, Will Baker and Dave Diaz for their work over the past several months putting this program together. This is a major and important change as the division grows and technology changes.

I would also like to mention Jack Sweeney and Peter Martin for all the work they did over the years setting up the email list and handling the website. Peter created the website when his brother Steve was President of the Division. Jack has worked for years with the Financial Secretary on the existing software program. I think I can speak for Steve and all the other Presidents that followed in thanking Jack and Peter for their consistent dedication to our division. Their efforts over the years are greatly appreciated.

Additional acknowledgements and thanks to Ed Coleman and the Newport Fire Department for taking down the tattered, tangled American Flag. Angelo Correira for making masonry repairs to the front wall. Angelo also assisted Dave Horan, Bob Finn, Bill Barrett, Bill Brownell, Fred Burkhardt for cleaning and setting up the patio. And as always Tim Whitford for continual repairs and improvements around the building.

The first round of nominations for elected officers will be accepted at the monthly meeting November 4th. As always I encourage those that are interested in a position have another member nominate them. The following month a second round of nominations will be accepted before the December elections.

**Upcoming Events:**

- As a reminder on November 6th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm we will be hosting a breakfast to honor our Hibernian Veterans and active duty personnel. All AOH and LAOH members that served or are serving our great country and a guest are invited to attend this event.
- The final Irish Music Night of the year will be Thursday November 17th. The entertainment will take a break for the month of December and we look forward to bringing back these enjoyable nights in 2023.
- On November 20th Newport Rugby will be hosting their (almost) annual BBQ fundraiser. Patriots kickoff against the Jets is at 1:00 pm. Join them for some delicious barbeque while enjoying the game. There will also be squares and a 50/50 raffle. Come down and show some Hibernian support to Newport Rugby.

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- On December 10th at 5:00 pm the Hibernian Christmas Mass will be held at the Hall. Our Celebrant will be our Division Chaplain Father Frank. This will be the first time in three years that this mass has been held at our Hall.
- The Catholic Charities Committee is planning a Toy Drive and a Sock Drive at the end of November / beginning of December to help those in need over the Christmas Season. More details to follow after dates are finalized.

Dates are still available for Sunday Football dinners. Contact Bill Barrett if your group is interested in cooking.

Please keep our recently deceased brother Richard Kane and all of our deceased brethren as well as those suffering from illness in your prayers.

Looking forward to seeing you all Friday. This is an important meeting as elections are coming up quickly and it would be great to see our attendance increase. Please be sure to bring a non-perishable item to support local food pantries as well.

Support you hall.

In Unity,

Kevin