

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

Dear Brothers,

Easter is here and Spring and warmer weather have somewhat finally arrived. We were fortunate that this winter was not snow filled but thank you to the Brothers for clearing our Hall when it did.

MARCH RECAP

- The month kicked off with our HOTY celebration for Mark Woods, who is also our interim Treasurer. TR McGrath provided a magnificent dinner and Dave Kerins was a wonderful Master of Ceremonies. Thank you to them both and to all the speakers at the event. Congratulations again, Mark!
- Thank you to our Chaplin, Father Frank O’Loughlin, who celebrated Mass in Honor of St. Patrick, at St. Joseph’s, and Father Mark Sauriol who presided over the Mass, at St. Mary’s, for the Deceased AOH and LAOH Members.
- Parade Day - What an honor it was to march with so many Brothers. You all looked sharp, and we represented our Division well. Thank you to all who participated, picked-up boutonnieres, carried flags, banners, and St. Patrick, and to those who made sure the flags, banners, and St. Patrick were brought from the Hall.
- A special acknowledgement and thank you goes to our Steward Bill Barrett and his staff on a first-rate job. Thank you to all who volunteered to set up and break down the Hall and work the pre- and post-parade parties. There are too many to list but please know that you are all appreciated.
- The leftover Corned Beef and rolls were donated to the MLK Center.
- Floral arrangements were delivered to families of our deceased Brothers from the prior year. This tradition was originated by Brothers Rob Lehane and Patrick Murphy, so that families will know their loved ones are remembered and prayed for.
- Our St. Patrick’s Day Dinner was a huge success. The music of Tim May and Rhode to Dublin, was outstanding. Thank you to Chef Jim Mahoney and the kitchen team of Joe Titus, and Brothers Glen Cardinal, Dennis Sullivan, Chris Turley, and Mike Barrett for a delicious traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.
- I cannot say thank you enough times to Brother TR McGrath for ensuring the food got out at the pre-parade party, for the hundreds of pounds of corned beef he cooked for us in March, and for all those fantastic Lenten Fish Frys.
- The AOH Men’s Singers brought their musical joy to those at the Village House and Heatherwood Rehab Centers, The Royal Health Center, The John Clarke Retirement Center, The Maher Center, AEPHA Apartments, and made a double appearance at St Clare’s.
- Our AOH Pipes and Drums Band lead us down the parade route and entertained us at the Hall on Parade Day. They also represented us well in Yonkers and Mystic. A huge shout out to Brother and Piper Mike Murray for playing at the HOTY Dinner, Grand Marshall Roast and Memorial Services, and to Brothers Mike O’Connor and Frank Sullivan for piping at the Mass for Our Deceased Members at St. Mary’s.

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HABERDASHERY

- AOH Shirts are for sale at the Hall. All sizes are available at a cost of \$30 per shirt.
- Neck ties for your #1 Kits are also available for \$20.

COUNTRY NIGHT - Saturday, April 15th at 5PM

Grab your Stetson (or favorite Western Hat) & pull up your bootstraps for a great shindig with The Country Wild Heart Band and great BBQ grub from Becky's BBQ. This event is going to be a hoot! Tickets are on sale now at the Hall for \$30 per ticket.

IN MEMORIAM

Please keep our recently deceased Brothers James "Jim" O Loughlin and William "Bill" Durgin, the O'Loughlin and Durgin families, all our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in your daily prayers.

AOH SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are available on our website. The deadline for AOH scholarship requests is May 31st.

Applicants should contact the chairman of the scholarship committee if they have not received an acknowledgement receipt within 10 days of application submission.

Questions should be directed to David Kerins dpksen@aol.com.

AOH GARY LOFTUS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Monday, June 12th at Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club
- AM & PM Shotgun Start
- \$140.00 per golfer
- \$125.00 per T-Sign
- Sign-ups will be out soon.

MAJOR DEGREE

On Saturday, June 24th our Division will be having a Major Degree. When each Brother joins the Ancient Order of Hibernians, he is subject to the condition that he receives the Lessons and takes the Test of the Order. More will be announced at the April Meeting and in future communications.

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SPRING CLEANUP

A Hall Spring Clean-up is being planned for May. More details will follow in the next few weeks. Please consider donating some of your time and/or talents to help in the clean-up.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting **Friday, April 13th at 7:00 PM. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the April Meeting to support local food pantries.**

Our interim, and past 15-year AOH Treasurer, Mark Woods will be nominated for the Treasurer's position at the April meeting. If there is a Brother that is interested in serving as Treasurer, additional nominations will be accepted at this meeting. An official election will be held at the May meeting.

In closing, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Easter Sunday!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Bill Cardinal

AOH Upcoming Events

April 14th	Friday	Monthly Meeting
April 15th	Saturday	Country Night
April 20th	Thursday	3rd Thursday Music Night at the Hall
May 5th	Friday	Monthly Meeting
May 6th	Saturday	Kentucky Derby at the AOH
May 18th	Thursday	3rd Thursday Music Night at the Hall
June 2nd	Friday	Monthly Meeting
June 12th	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament
June 15th	Thursday	3rd Thursday Music Night at the Hall
June 24th	Saturday	Major Degree