

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

Dear Brothers,

I open my first newsletter by reaffirming that I am honored to serve as President of our Division along with our new Board. We look forward to working with you to foster our motto of Friendship, Unity, & Christian Charity.

Congratulations to:

- Austin Behan, Vice President
- Dave Kane, Financial Secretary
- Mike Brown, Treasurer
- Brian Doyle, Recording Secretary
- Conor O'Neil, Marshal
- Tim Wein, Sentinel
- Patrick O'Neil, Standing Committee

I would also like to thank Past President Kevin Doyle for his leadership during unprecedented times, and Past Treasurer Mike Saunders for keeping us financially sound.

CHRISTMAS WRAP-UP

On January 8th the Crèche was taken down and safely put back into storage by Brothers Chris Kosegarten, Billy Behan, Colin Behan, Andrew Behan, Austin Behan, and Kevin Doyle. Brothers Chris Turley, and Bill Barrett also helped with hall decoration removal. Many thanks for your help, Brothers.

VOLUNTEERS

As the old expression goes, many hands make light work. The willingness to volunteer is part of what makes our division extraordinary. If you are not already involved and have a few hours to spare, please consider helping at one of our upcoming events. Feel free to contact me, or any of our Board members to help.

DUES

- 2023 dues of \$120 are due. We are not mailing paper invoices. 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. If your dues are currently up to date, thank you!
- While updating your dues please consider donating to the Capital Improvement Fund. This fund allows us to make enhancements to our hall without raising dues or using the line of credit. Any additional donation amount is welcome and appreciated.

FUNDRAISING

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- Our Giant Meat Raffle, held this past Sunday, was a great success! Thank you to Nicole Valcourt, all the volunteers, and everyone that supported it by buying tickets.
- Tickets for the Valentine's Dinner Dance on Friday, February 10th have been sold out.

HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Brother Mark Woods, our 2023 Hibernian of the Year! Mark's HOTY Dinner and celebration will be held at the Hall on Wednesday, March 1st. Tickets will be on sale soon.

LENT

- February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Remember to attend Mass regularly.
- Brother TR McGrath will once again begin selling his "Best in RI" Fish and Chips on Lenten Fridays, beginning February 24th. A Fish and Chips calendar will be sent separately so stay tuned.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY NEWS

- Green Eggs & Ham will be held at the Hall on February 26th from 9 AM to 1 PM as the first St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee event of the year. Shanachie will be performing at 1 PM.
- Congratulations to Brother Harp Donnelly, who was selected as the Grand Marshal for the 2023 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade! Harp's Parade Marshal Roast will be held on Saturday, March 4th at St. Augustin's.
- Please consider becoming a patron of the parade booklet. By making a minimum pledge of ten (\$10) dollars, your name(s), or the name of a loved one will be included on the "Patron Pages" of the Irish Heritage Month. If you are interested in placing an advertisement or memorial in the booklet, please contact Dennis Sullivan at (401) 413-9601 or dennis@newportirish.com.

IN MEMORIUM

Sadly, we lost two brothers in January. Brother Brigadier General Michael T. Byrnes, US Army, and Brother Garrett "Gary" Kirwin. A Ritual and Celebration of Life for Gary will be held at the Hall on Sunday, February 12th beginning at 1 PM. The Ritual will be held at 2 PM. Please wear your AOH #1 kits. Let us keep all of our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in our daily prayers.

In Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,
Bill Cardinal

AOH Upcoming Events

February 3rd	Friday	Monthly Meeting
February 4th	Saturday	LAOH St. Brigid's Mass 4 PM - St. Augustin's Church
February 10th	Friday	Valentine's Dinner Dance

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February 12th	Sunday	Ritual & Celebration of Life - Gary Kirwin
February 16th	Thursday	Music Night at the Hall
February 22nd	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
February 24th	Friday	Fish Fry by TR McGrath
February 26th	Sunday	Green Eggs & Ham / Shanachie
March 1st	Wednesday	HOTY Dinner – Mark Woods
March 3rd	Friday	Monthly Meeting / Fish Fry by TR McGrath
March 4th	Saturday	Parade Marshall Roast – Harp Donnelly
March 10th	Friday	Pre-Parade Party
March 11th	Saturday	Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 12th	Sunday	Mass in Memory of Deceased AOH & LAOH members
March 17th	Friday	AOH Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
March 24th	Friday	Fish Fry by TR McGrath
March 31st	Friday	Fish Fry by TR McGrath
April 7th	Friday	Good Friday – Fish Fry by TR McGrath
April 14th	Friday	Monthly Meeting
April 15th	Saturday	Country Night
April 20th	Thursday	Music Night at the Hall
May 5th	Friday	Monthly Meeting
May 6th	Saturday	Kentucky Derby at the AOH
June 2nd	Friday	Monthly Meeting
June 12th	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament