

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

4/1/2024

Dear Brothers,

Christ has risen! I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Easter! As Brothers, please remember to keep Christ's teachings in your daily lives, and keep in practice our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Spring has finally sprung and the nice weather has finally arrived along with beautiful flowers blooming in front of our Hall, and lots of activity within our club.

Our next meeting is this Friday, April 5th, at 7 PM. Come down early and have dinner - available from 4:30 to 6:30 PM or after the meeting.

MARCH

- The month kicked off with our HOTY celebration for **Peter Lauzon**. Brother **TR McGrath** provided a delicious dinner and Brother **Chris Behan** was a wonderful Master of Ceremonies. Thank you to them both and to all the speakers at the event. Peter's entrance took all by storm with his dance moves -Congratulations again Peter!
- Our **Chaplain Father Frank O'Loughlin's** Grand Marshall Roast was an event to remember with singing, some comedy, a round of bingo where everyone was a winner, and a full chorus line of dancers complete with top hats. Thank you, **Father Mark**, for planning and hosting the evening and Congratulations Father Frank!
- A huge shout out to Brother and Piper **Mike Murray** for piping in the HOTY and Grand Marshall.
- Parade Day – Could we have asked for a nicer a day? - I think not! :) What a privilege it was to march with a record number of Brothers led by our AOH Pipes & Drums. You all looked sharp, and we represented our Division well. Thank you to all who marched, picked-up boutonnières, carried flags, banners, and St. Patrick, and those who made sure everything was brought from the Hall.
- Thank you to our **Chaplin, Father Frank O'Loughlin**, who concelebrated the Mass in Honor of St. Patrick, at St. Joseph's, with Monsignor Albert Kenney, and Monsignor Seamus Horgan (Diocese of Killaloe, County Clare) Secretary of the Nuncio to the United States. Bishop Henning was in choir. The AOH Men's singers were superb, and I was so proud to see so many Brothers in attendance.
- A special acknowledgement and thank you goes to our **Steward Andrew Coleman** and his crew on a first-rate job at the Post Parade Party. The Guinness was flowing, corned beef sandwiches, and even Irish coffees being sold. Thank you to all who volunteered to set up and break down the Hall and work the pre- and post-parade parties, those who worked the doors and the bars,

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those that kept the hall clean, and the kitchen team. There are too many to list but please know that you are all greatly appreciated.

- Bishop Henning, Monsignor Kenney, and Monsignor Horgan visited the Hall after the parade. Thank you, Brothers **Bill Murphy** and **Peter Lauzon**, for your hospitality. The Bishop and Monsignors enjoyed their visit and absolutely loved our Hall, promising to return in the future.
- We were especially honored to have Bishop Henning preside over the Mass, at St. Mary's, for the Deceased AOH and LAOH Members with **Father Mark Sauriol**, Father McCarthy, and **Father Frank** Thank you to Brothers **John Lali**, **Liam Doyle**, and **VP Austin Behan** for carrying flags and to Brother **Mike O'Connor** for piping. After the Mass, the AOH presented the Bishop with a Blackthorn Walking Stick and a plaque signifying his membership in our AOH Division.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Brother **Conner Hourihan** was elected Treasurer at our meeting on Friday, March 1st. Congratulations, Conner!

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Our house committee chaired by Brother **Andrew Loftus** has been hard at work and has scheduled some much-needed improvements and repairs to our Hall during the month of April. Lots of projects have already been completed thanks to Andrew Coleman, Andrew Loftus, and Tim Whitford. There is a planned projects day planned for April 27th. Please see our Steward Andrew Coleman if you'd like to volunteer your time and services.

DUES

- If you haven't paid your 2024 dues of \$120, **they are now past due**. We are not mailing paper invoices. Dues can be paid by cash, check, and credit card or with Venmo @AOHNEWPORTRI. 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.

MUSIC AT THE HALL

The music is back on Thursday, April 18th from 6 to 9 PM. Guest performer will be "Dill & Co."

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PITCH NIGHT

Brother **Gary McCarthy's** Sunday afternoon pitch is back on April 21st from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the Hall. 2 person teams will be picked randomly on the night of the event. Straight 6 card pitch will be played.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night with Nikki and Tara will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 24th. Come down and test your knowledge. It's a fun, free event with prizes. Come alone or with a group. The kitchen will also be open.

GOLF LEAGUE

The AOH Golf League is meeting at the Hall on Thursday, April 18th at 7 PM. Please attend if you are interested in playing weekly or as an alternate.

FISHING CLUB

The Fishing Club will be meeting on Wednesday April 10th. All are welcome and it's a great way to network with other fishermen. Please see Brother **Tim Lynch** after our meeting on April 5th for details.

THE KITCHEN IS OPEN

A special Thank You to Chef Mark for volunteering his time at the Pre-Parade Party.

Lunch is now being served at the Hall on Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30-2:30 PM

Dinner at the Hall will be available on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 4:30-8:00 PM.

Check your email for weekly menus and any changes in service dates and times.

On meeting nights, dinner will be available from 4:30-6:30 PM and after the meeting.

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AOH Shirts

AOH polos are available at the Hall for \$30.00 each. Get yours before they sell out.

KENTUCKY DERBY AT THE HALL

Head to the Hall on Saturday, May 4th for the most exciting 2 minutes in sports. Beginning at 4 PM, mint juleps will be available. There will also be Kentucky Hot Browns, Derby Games, and contests for Best Hat, Best Dressed Gentleman, and Best Dressed Couple. This is a no ticket needed club event.

AOH GARY LOFTUS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Wanumetonomy Golf and Country Club on Monday, June 3rd. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board for both the 8 AM and 1 PM tee times.

- \$140.00 per golfer
- \$125.00 per T-Sign

IN MEMORIAM

Let us keep all our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in our 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on **Friday, April 5th**. Please bring a few non-perishable food items with you to the meeting to support local food banks.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Bill Cardinal

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AOH Upcoming Events

April 5th	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
April 10th	Wednesday	Fishing Club Meeting
April 18th	Thursday	Music at the Hall with <i>Dill & Co</i>
April 21st	Sunday	Pitch Night
April 24th	Wednesday	Trivia Night at the Hall
April 27th	Saturday	House Committee Projects Day
May 3rd	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
May 4th	Saturday	Kentucky Derby at the Hall
June 3rd	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament
June 7th	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM