

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

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Dear Brothers,

It's time to kick off our busy Irish Heritage Month, a time when we publicly celebrate our heritage with events and parades. However, we need to remember that we are also in the season of Lent. Please attend Mass regularly and remember to pray.

Our next meeting is this **Friday**, March 1st at 7 PM. Come down early and have dinner – which is available from 4:30 to 6 PM. Chef Mark will be serving many non-meat items during his Friday **Night Dinner Service**.

HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR

Our **2024 Hibernian of the Year Brother Peter Lauzon's** HOTY Dinner and celebration will be held at the Hall on **Thursday**, February 29th at 6 PM. Catered by McGrath Clambakes and Catering - Cocktails at 6 PM & Dinner at 7 PM - \$50 per ticket.

Today is the last day to purchase tickets! (Monday, February 26th)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The first round of nominations for our Treasurer were accepted at the February meeting. The second round of nominations will take place at our next meeting on Friday, March 1st with elections immediately following. The current nominee is **Brother Conner Hourihan**.

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

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MUSIC AT THE HALL

There will be live music at the Hall coming up on Thursday, February 15th.

MONTHLY PITCH NIGHT

Brother Gary McCarthy's monthly Pitch Night at the Hall is on Sunday, February 18th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Please be ready to play by 4:30 PM. The event is limited to 16 players and the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the Hall.

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

MUSIC AT THE HALL & PITCH NIGHT

No events in March - both will return in April.

AOH PIPES & DRUMS

The AOH Pipes and Drums are holding a tee shirt fundraiser to help support their trip to Kinsale. Tomorrow, February 27th is the last day to purchase a tee shirt. Link to purchase:

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/newport-aoh-pds-road-trip-to-kinsale-the-25th-twinning-anniversary-tour-2024?utm_campaign=mobile-campaign-page-share-v3

THE KITCHEN IS OPEN

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

Dinner service at the Hall is available on Thursdays & Fridays from 4:30 to 8 PM. *On meeting nights, dinner will be available from 4:30 to 6 PM and after the meeting.*

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

MARCH EVENTS

The **AOH March Meeting** is coming up this week on **Friday**, March 1st at 7 PM

LAOH Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at St Augustin's Hall on Saturday, March 2nd from 4:30 to 9 PM

Tickets are \$40 per adult / \$10 per child. Payment must be received in advance to secure your ticket. Contact Kathryn Brady (401) 258-0218 or Kim Sarro (401) 855-4467 for tickets.

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast will be held at the Hall on Sunday, March 3rd from 9 AM to 1 PM

This event is a breakfast buffet to support the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade. Tickets available at the door.

Volunteers are still needed at the Hall for the following dates. Please contact **Brother Chris Kirwin**.

- Thursday, March 14th – Mid-morning to break down the Hall for the Pre-Parade Party
- Saturday, March 16th – 2 or 3-hour shifts at the Hall throughout the day - security, emptying trash, mopping floors, restocking restrooms.
- Sunday, March 17th – AM Hall Cleanup

The **Grand Marshal Roast** honoring our Chaplain, **Father Francis O'Loughlin** will be held at St Augustin's Church Hall on Saturday, March 9th beginning at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$30. For advanced tickets, call Dennis at 401-846-5081 or purchase at the Hall.

The **Pre-Parade Party** will be held at the Hall on Friday, March 15th from 6 to 10 PM. This is a no-cover-charge event. Entertainment will include bagpipe bands and DJ Murph.

Parade Day - Saturday, March 16th

- **Please wear your #1 Kits** - khakis, white button down, navy blazer, Hibernian tie. Let's look sharp Brothers.
- 9 AM Mass, celebrated by our Chaplain **Father Francis O'Loughlin**, in Honor of St. Patrick, at St Joseph's Church.
- The parade starts at 11 AM from Newport City Hall.
- Post Parade Party at the Hall (ticketed event). Doors open at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Hall.

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Mass for Deceased AOH and LAOH Members celebrated by **Bishop Henning** and **Father Mark Sauriol**, will be held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, March 17th at 11 AM. Please make every effort to attend this Mass.

AOH Shirts will be available for purchase, after Parade Day, thanks to **Brother Robbie Lehane**.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart and tremendous sadness that I share the news of the passing of Brother Bill Barrett, our past Club Steward. Here is a link to Bill's obituary:

<https://memorialfuneralhome.com/obituary/662520/william-s.-barrett/>

We are in the process of finalizing ritual arrangements and a follow-up email will be sent out with additional details once finalized. Please keep Billy and the Barrett family, all our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in your daily prayers.

Please contact me wcardinal@cox.net or VP Austin Behan abehan19@gmail.com, via email, to inform us of a Brother's passing and to make ritual arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Friday, March 1st. 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

February 29th	Thursday	Hibernian of the Year Dinner
March 1st	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM Fish Fry at the Hall
March 2nd	Saturday	LAOH Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
March 3rd	Sunday	Green Eggs & Ham Parade Fundraiser
March 6th	Wednesday	Trivia Night at the Hall
March 8th	Friday	Fish Fry at the Hall
March 9th	Saturday	Parade Marshal Roast – Fr. Frank O’Loughlin
March 15th	Friday	Pre-Parade Party at the Hall
March 16th	Saturday	9 AM Mass at St Joseph’s in Honor of St. Patrick Newport St Patrick’s Day Parade
March 17th	Sunday	11 AM Mass at St. Mary’s in Memory of Deceased AOH & LAOH Members
March 22nd	Friday	Fish Fry at the Hall
<i>March 24th</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
<i>March 29th</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i> Fish Fry at the Hall
<i>March 31st</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
April 5th	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
June 3rd	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament