

*ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS NEWLETTER*  
*Dennis E. Collins Division 1 – Newport, RI*  
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**Brothers,**

Once again our annual Veterans Breakfast held in early November was a huge success. The ceremony was a small token to honor and show our appreciation for our Hibernian Veterans. Thanks to John Lalli for organizing this event and to all that donated or volunteered: Charlie Masterson, Bill Cardinal, Pat Donovan, Pat McGrath, Bob Carney, Pat McAuliffe, Chris Bresko, Jane Bresko, Catherine Lalli and Donna Lalli.

The first round of nominations for 2023 Division Officers were accepted at the November meeting. **Nominees are listed below:**

- **President: William Cardinal**
- **Vice President: Austin Behan**
- **Recording Secretary: Brian Doyle**
- **Treasurer: Michael Brown**
- **Financial Secretary: David Kane**
- **Marshal: Conor O'Neill**
- **Sentinel: Timothy Wein**
- **Standing Committee Chair: Patrick O'Neill**

The second round of nominations will take place at our Monthly Meeting on **December 2nd at 7:30pm** with elections immediately following.

Upcoming Events:

- Our **Christmas Mass is December 10th @ 5 pm** at the Hibernian Hall. Our celebrant will be our Division **Chaplain Father Frank O'Loughlin**. This will be our first since 2019. The mass will be in memory of our deceased brothers and the deceased members of the LAOH. I invite all to come and celebrate our Catholic faith with our Hibernian Family. Anyone interested in volunteering that day should contact Bill Cardinal. Also, anyone donating poinsettias for the mass should drop them off on Friday December 9th or before noon on the 10th. The poinsettias will be donated to local nursing homes after the mass.
- The LAOH will be hosting their Children's Christmas Party on December 11th from 1pm - 3pm at the hall. Contact a member of the LAOH for details.
- Once again we will be offering \$50 gift cards for \$40 (limit four) for those members that pay their 2023 Dues during the month of December.
- The 20/20 weekly raffle is back on Wednesday nights! Entry is \$5 a week - which includes a free beer or wine and a chance to win the \$50 weekly prize. All participants must be paid up to date to win. At the end of the 20 weeks a grand prize party will be held for those that participated.

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Over Thanksgiving and into the Christmas season our Division has made or will be making food and monetary donations to the MLK Center, Lucy's Hearth, the Newport Police Department and the LAOH to assist in supporting the homeless and families in need.

Glen Cardinal will be continuing the toy drive for the MLK Center and sock drive to help local shelters. A drop off box for each is in the lounge and items will be collected every day until the night of the Christmas Mass. You can also donate gift cards and there is a cash jar for donations on the bar in the lounge. All of the monies collected will be utilized to purchase gift cards for the cause.

Thanks go out to Colin Behan and his crew of Chris Kosegarten, Billy Behan, David Behan and Austin Behan who set up the Creche for the Advent Season in the front of the hall last Friday. Also, Pat McGrath and Gary Waldner donated and decorated 3 trees in the Irish flag colors located on the patio.

Additional thanks to all that helped decorate the hall this past Saturday for the Christmas Season. There are too many to list and I don't want to risk missing someone.

Please keep our recently deceased brother Charlie Toracinta, all our deceased brethren and those suffering from illness in your prayers.

Remember Brothers to support your hall.

Merry Christmas to you and your families. Enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season.

**In Unity,**

**Kevin**