

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

1/3/2024

Brothers,

Happy New Year! As I reflect on the year that has passed, I am grateful for the privilege of serving this incredible organization. May our friendships deepen, our unity remain unwavering, and our Christian charity inspire us to serve others with open hearts and hands. It is an honor to stand with you as we continue to live our motto and make a meaningful impact in the year ahead.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Division Board Elections were held during our December meeting. At our upcoming meeting on Friday, January 5th, the following officers will be sworn in:

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

Come down to the meeting early and have dinner - available from 4:30 to 6 PM and again after the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Vice President Austin Behan for being selected as a winner of the Irish Echo's Top 40 Under 40 Award! He will be presented with the award on Friday, February 23rd at The View at The Battery in New York.

CHRISTMAS WRAP UP

Thank you to all who made our Hall look so festive for the season by decorating the meeting room, lounge, patio, and putting up the crèche in front of the building to remind all of the true meaning of the season. There are too many to list and I don't want to miss anyone.

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The well-attended AOH Annual Christmas Mass was celebrated at the Hall on Saturday, December 9th. Thank you to our Celebrant and Chaplain Father Frank O'Loughlin, the AOH Men's Singers, Jim Mahoney, and to all who participated in the Mass. A special thank you to Jim and Carla O'Rourke, Dennis Sullivan, and John Fletcher, for their help in the kitchen. Thank you to all who provided the beautiful poinsettias as well.

Our socks, toy, and food drives were remarkably successful thanks to all who contributed items, and Brothers Glen Cardinal and Jim Fowler for spearheading the effort.

DUES

2024 dues of \$120 are due. We are not mailing paper invoices. Dues can be paid at the Hall by cash, or credit card. They can also be paid by Venmo @AOH Newport or check. If paying by check, please mail your check to the Hall – 2 Wellington Avenue Newport, RI 02840 – attention Dave Kane.

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.

MONTHLY PITCH NIGHT

Brother Gary McCarthy is starting a monthly Pitch Night at the Hall. The 1st Monthly Pitch Night will be on Sunday, January 14th from 5 to 8 PM. The event will be limited to 16 players. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Hall.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE HALL

Music at the Hall is back on Thursday, January 18th.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE HALL

Trivia Night with Nikki and Tara will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 24th. Come down and test your knowledge. It's a fun, free event with prizes. Come alone or with a group of 4. The kitchen will also be open.

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE

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The Giant Meat Raffle will be held at the Hall on January 28th at 1 PM. It's a do not miss event! Raffle tickets are available at the Hall.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Save the Date for our Valentine's Dinner held on Friday, February 17th. The perfect romantic dinner before the festivities in March.

DINNER AT THE HALL & FOOTBALL SUNDAYS

Football Sundays will continue throughout the playoffs - January 14th, 21st and 28th.

Dinner service at the Hall will be available on Thursdays & Fridays from 4:30 to 8 PM. On meeting nights, dinner will be available from 4:30 to 6 PM and again after the meeting. Please check your email for weekly menus and any changes in service dates and times.

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, Brother John "Jack" Sweeney passed away on December 7th. Let us keep the Sweeney family, all our deceased brethren, their families, and all who are ill in our daily prayers.

Please contact me (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.

Please bring a non-perishable food item, or even a few, to our next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting this Friday, January 5th, at 7 PM. Please bring a few non-perishable food items with you to the meeting to help support local food pantries.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Bill Cardinal

Upcoming Events:

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AOH Upcoming Events

January 5th	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
January 14th	Sunday	Monthly Pitch Night– 5 to 8 PM
January 17th	Wednesday	Hibernian of the Year Selection
January 18th	Thursday	Live Music Night at the Hall
January 24th	Wednesday	Trivia Night at the Hall
January 28th	Sunday	Giant Meat Raffle
February 2nd	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
<i>February 14th</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
February 15th	Thursday	Live Music Night at the Hall
February 17th	Saturday	Valentine’s Dinner at the Hall
February 28th	Wednesday	Trivia Night at the Hall
March 1st	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
June 3rd	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament