

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

Brothers,

The holiday season is on our doorstep. During this month of Thanksgiving, we are reminded to praise and thank God for our many blessings and remember those that are less fortunate. There will be a drop-off at the Hall for non-perishable foods to be donated to a local food bank. Please drop off items any time the Hall is open. Our Catholic Charities Committee is also planning to once again hold a toy drive and a sock drive beginning at the end of November / early December. ***The first round of nominations for elected officers will be accepted at our next meeting on Friday, November 3rd, at 7 PM.*** Come down early and have dinner, which is available from 4:30 to 6 PM and after the meeting.

FOOTBALL SUNDAYS

A special thank you to Brothers Jim Mahoney and Peter Corr, and the Corr family for the delicious meal they provided for our October 22nd Football Sunday. It was an incredible feast from the potato soup to the secret recipe Guinness cupcakes. The Mahoney / Corr family donated all proceeds to the Hall.

Check your emails during the week for Chef Mark Poland's Football menus.

VETERAN'S DAY AT THE HALL

On Saturday, November 11th **at 11 AM** the Hall will be holding a Veteran's Day Ceremony with a light brunch to follow. You do not need to be a Veteran to attend. Please attend, if you are able, to support our Brothers and all Veterans. Help is needed in the kitchen at 9 AM. Please step up and support our Brother Veterans.

MUSIC AT THE HALL

The next Music at the Hall night, with Dave Manuel, is on Thursday, November 16th. Come to the hall for some dinner and music.

AOH TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night with Nikki and Tara will be held on Wednesday, November 29th. Come down and test your knowledge. It's a free event with prizes. Come alone or with a group of 4. The kitchen will also be open.

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DECK THE HALL

We will be decorating our AOH Hall for Christmas on Saturday, November 25th beginning at 5 PM and need some volunteer decorators. There will be pizza and munchies.

AOH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS

Save the date. The AOH Annual Christmas Mass will be celebrated at the Hall on **Saturday, December 9th.**

DINNER AT THE HALL

Dinner service at the Hall will continue Thursdays & Fridays from 4:30 to 8 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 to 6 PM and after the meeting.*

2023 AOH RHODE ISLAND STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention was held at the Hall on Saturday, October 7th. New officers were elected at the convention. Thank you, to Brother Tim Burns for serving as our last State President and Austin Behan for serving as our State Vice President. Congratulations to our new state officers: Patrick McGrath - President, Charlie Masterson - Vice President, Chris Bresko - Secretary, Stephen Turcotte - Treasurer, Conor O'Neill - Director, Patrick Donovan- Director, Bill Cardinal – Director]

IN MEMORIAM

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

NON AOH NOTABLE CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Brother Glen Cardinal is chairing his annual clothing drive for the needy and homeless. Men's, women's and children's coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, pants, and shirts are needed in either new or gently used condition. Please drop off clothing donations at the side

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entrance of the Knights of Columbus (7 Valley Road Middletown) on December 13th-15th from 5 to 8 PM.

NON AOH EVENTS

VFW Post 406 - Newport - Veteran's Day Grave Flagging

On **Saturday, November 4th**, from 0800 to 1130, we will place American flags on Veteran graves in advance of Veterans Day as per custom. We will meet at the Belmont Chapel within Island Cemetery and disburse in groups to place flags until completion. This event will be opened to various groups that we have partnered with in the past, and to the public. This is a great family event, especially as a way to help our children understand the importance of honoring those who have served before us.

Please have any interested folks reply to vfwpost406newport@gmail.com

Also, special thanks to any Brother's who participated in the Cemetery Cleanup of Veteran's Graves which was led by VFW Post 406 - Newport on Sunday, October 28th.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all at our **meeting** Friday, November 3rd, at **7 PM**.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Bill Cardinal

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AOH Upcoming Events

November 3rd	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
November 11th	Saturday	Veteran’s Day Ceremony at the Hall
November 16th	Thursday	Music at the Hall with Dave Manuel
November 23rd	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 25th	Saturday	Decking the Hall
November 29th	Wednesday	Trivia Night at the Hall
December 1st	Friday	Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
December 9th	Saturday	AOH Christmas Mass
June 3rd, 2024	Monday	AOH Gary Loftus Memorial Golf Tournament