

# HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ  
ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1  
October 2025



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**HIBERNIANS**  
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## Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October. 21st** at 8pm.

## Attendance Raffle

The AOH attendance fee was at \$852 at the end of the September meeting and will grow at the October meeting. You have to be present to win it, so make an effort and you may go home with a load of dough..



## President's Message

Brothers,

Hope everyone is well. On Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> my wife Elaine and I joined AOH State President Ryan Green and his lovely wife Tricia, brother Scott Morrissey and others from the Washington, DC, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania AOHs to celebrate the US Navy's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary onboard the Battleship New Jersey anchored in Camden, NJ to respectfully honor fellow Irishman Commodore John Barry the US Navy's first Commissioned Officer. Special Guests included Her Excellency Geraldine Byrne the Irish Ambassador to the United States. A beautiful night and a beautiful event across the river from Penn's Landing.

I want to provide a cordial welcome to our 3 new officers that have stepped in to help us out through the end of the year. They are Mike Donnellan as Chairman of the Standing Committees; Tim Hayes as the Marshall; and Brian Gibney as the Sentinel. That being said; we are accepting nominations at our October meeting for any of the Board positions. Please let me know if you are interested in helping us on the Board or are looking to take a more active role in the Division. Our elections will be at the November meeting.

Please see the calendar elsewhere in this Newsletter to see the Division activities through January.

We continue to provide a team to help deliver food as part of SHIP on the third Wednesday's each month. If you are interested in helping please contact Tom Lenahan or myself.

We want to wish brother Tom O'Leary best of luck stepping down after 41 years as the Admiral of SHIP. As of November 01, 2025, he will be turning over his duties to SHIP's new CEO/Executive Director, John Grebeck. What a great run! We still look forward to seeing him around after his retirement.

Our next general meeting is Tuesday night 8 PM October 21st at the Columbus Club (KOC) Hall and I hope to see you there! The attendance raffle is continuing to go up!

Again, I would like to thank Tommy Burns for his hard work publishing these newsletters.

Pat Mulrooney, Division President

## Irish Seisiun

Will occur on Sunday November 23 from 3-7 at the KOC. Doors open at 3pm, music starts at 4pm. See the flyer attached for more information.



## Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution

Will occur on Monday November 24 at the KOC at 10am. Volunteers are needed for picking up groceries from Shoprite on Saturday November 22 as well as assembling food bags and delivering on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Welfare of the Division

Please keep in your prayers Marty Collins, Jack McCullagh, Tom O'Leary, Cathy Nee, Scott Morrissey, Charlie Lamb, Brian Regan's Daughter Caitlin, Vince and Sue Reh and their daughter Colleen. If you have anyone else, we should be praying for, please contact Mike Donnellan.

We are congratulating Tom Lenahan and his family at the wedding of his son Sean to Sean Lenahan on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jack McCullagh will be turning 90 on November 4th. If you'd like to send him well wishes, his new address in Utah is: 2862 E Oquirrh Dr., Salt Lake City UT 84108

## Current Division Officers

President	Patrick Mulrooney
Vice-President	Tom Lenahan
Financial Secretary	Tom Lardner
Treasurer	Neil Mahoney
Recording Secretary	Billy Malone
Marshal	Tim Hayes
Chair of Standing Committee	Mike Donnellan
Sentinel	Brian Gibney

## Irish on the Radio

The Voice of Ireland radio program is on the air every Sunday from 5 to 7 pm at WRSU 88.7 FM. Michael Callaghan and Joe O'Sullivan look forward to you joining them for an hour of Irish music, chat, announcements and occasional ticket giveaways. You can also tune in on the Internet at [www.wrsu.org](http://www.wrsu.org) from anywhere in the world. Join their group on Facebook as well.



## Volunteers Needed

Brother Tom Lardner runs a ministry at Immaculate Conception Church called St. Joseph the Worker - doing small household chores such as cutting lawns, changing light bulbs, minor plumbing and electrical, etc.



Volunteers are needed to help with the ministry, which had been dormant for a while, but is soon to go "live" again. Requests come to Tom through the Parish Office, and he assigns tasks to a list of volunteers. Let Tom know if you can help with some of these jobs.email: [t\\_lardner@yahoo.com](mailto:t_lardner@yahoo.com) .

SHIP Truck to be operated by AOH on **October 22nd**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, October 21 – General Meeting, 8 PM, KOC - Nominations

Wednesday, October 22 – SHIP Food Truck-Lenahan, Dorsey, 4:30 PM, SHIP

Tuesday, November 4 - Officers' Meeting, 7:30 PM, Mannion's

Tuesday, November 18 – General Meeting, 8 PM, KOC - Elections

Wednesday, November 19 – SHIP Food Truck-Team 2, 4:30 PM, SHIP

Saturday, November 22 – Food Store Collection (Flemington Shoprite), 9 AM

Sunday, November 23 – Irish Seisiun, 3-7 PM, KOC

Monday, November 24 – Food Basket Preparation and Distribution, 10-11 AM, KOC



## Commodore Barry Celebration



Somerset Co. AOH Presents

# An Irish Seisiun

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



Keeping the Tradition Alive  
in honor of Mike Berry

## Music for the Soul, Food for those in Need

Join us for an afternoon of Irish music featuring local musicians.  
Singers, musicians and dancers are welcome !!

Attendees are encouraged to bring food or gift cards for our annual  
Thanksgiving Dinner Project which provides food to needy families and  
organizations in the Central Jersey area.

(Examples: Canned goods, potatoes, pasta, stuffing and frozen turkeys)

At  
Somerville Knights of Columbus  
495 E. Main Street  
Somerville, NJ 08874  
Doors open at 3pm  
Music starts at 4pm

Free Admission  
Cash Bar

For More Information contact  
Tom Burns - (908) 295-7231



Somerset Co. Ancient Order of Hibernians  
*And*  
 Knights of Columbus Somerville Council 1432

## **2025 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER PROJECT**

Each Thanksgiving, the **St. Patrick Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)** and the **Knights of Columbus Somerville Council 1432 (KOC)** purchase turkeys and all the fixings for groups and families in need throughout Somerset County. We package and deliver between 100 – 120 baskets of food to needy families on the **Monday (Nov 24th)** before Thanksgiving. We are asking for your support in feeding the hungry and our needy neighbors this year.



### **Drop off Locations**

#### **Frozen Turkeys – Non-Perishable Holiday Pantry Items and Sides – Food Cards**

- **Mannion's Pub and Restaurant During Regular Operating Hours**
- **Irish Seisiun and Afternoon Fellowship Gathering – Knights Of Columbus 495 E. Main Street, Somerville, NJ**
  - **Sunday November 23rd between the hours of 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM**
- **Distribution Day – Knights of Columbus 495 E. Main Street**
  - **Monday November 24th between the hours of 9:30 AM and Noon**