

# HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ  
ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1  
March 2026



Ancient Order of  
**HIBERNIANS**  
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## Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10th** at 8pm at the KOC Hall on E Main Street in Somerville. As usual we will have complimentary beer, wine, and soda available after the meeting.

Knights of Columbus Hall  
495 E. Main Street  
Somerville, NJ

## Attendance Raffle

Congratulations to Bob Noonan for winning the attendance raffle last month !

## President's Message

Brothers,

Hope everyone is doing well. We are now in our "High Holy Month" to coin our past president, Derek Kirby. Special thanks to Charles Lamb for leading the charge to get the website to get it up to speed in the coming weeks to communicate more information as it becomes available.

Irish Nite on February 28th was a success. Enjoyable for all those that attended to honor Brother Tom O'Leary, the Hibernian of the Year. He was very appreciative. The Band of Rogues was the entertainment! They did a great job! It is at the Manville-Hillsborough Elks again this year. Great food and they did a great job as well! St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes and Drums were exemplary, as always. We were lean on numbers this year which we can try to work on next year. Special thanks to Neil Mahoney, my wife Elaine, Kevin Dorsey, Dave Carew, Pat Kelly, Brian Gibney, Tommy Burns, Ryan McInerney, Pat Mannion, Tom Lenahan, Charlie Mulrooney, Charles Lamb, Jim Murphy, Cliff Roberts, Jessica Marzocca (pipe major), David Lang, Tom Lappai, and countless others for helping us in this worthwhile endeavor.

Again, a hearty congratulations to brother Tom Lenahan being selected the Grand Marshall this year of the Somerville St. Patrick's Parade. Please consider coming to the Grand Marshall event at the KOC hall on Friday March 13 to honor him. It is really important that as many AOH brothers as possible come out to the reception to show your support to our brother Tom who has been so instrumental in the success of so many of our Division's activities. Go to the parade website and click on the Grand Marshall event or contact Neil to sign up or just come on the 13th.

After the 13th reception, we are having an Irish Rugby watch party at the KOC on the 14th at 10 AM. There is a full agenda of activities for parade day on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> in this newsletter. Please join us in any or all of these events. After the parade we will have hot dogs, etc. at the KOC hall. Cash bar. Sponsored by the KOC and the AOH.

Brian Gibney (c-908-410-1054) is Chairman of the "field trip" for the Division members to march with the NY AOH in the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade. We will muster at 8:30 AM at the Somerville Train Station Parking lot. Dress respectfully.

Special thanks to the ongoing efforts of our SHIP teams manning the truck for food delivery on the 3rd Wednesday each month. The team includes Lead Tom Lenahan, Pat Mannion, Bob Killian, Tom Lardner, Neil Mahoney, Dennis Smyth, Dan Esposito, Kevin Dorsey, and Jim Murphy.

Our next general meeting is this Tuesday night at 8 PM **March 10th** at the Columbus Club (KOC) Hall on Main Street in Somerville. I hope to see you there! We have some new members.

Pat Mulrooney, Division President

## 2026 Somerville Parade



See an agenda for the day's activities in this newsletter !!



## Easter 'Hamsgiving' Food Drive

Our Palm Sunday – April 29, event will be held at Mannion's and we ask our brothers, friends and families to drop off any donations (including your free supermarket hams) for our Easter dinner project to feed those in need this year. A flyer with all the details is in the newsletter.

## 2026 Dues

Dues notices went to all in January. Dues remain \$50 for the year and we appreciate any extra contributions to support the many charitable events we sponsor.



Dues should be sent to:

Thomas Lardner, Fin Sec.  
18 W Main Street  
Mendham NJ 07945-1214

## Welfare of the Division

Please keep in your prayers Meghan Kelly, Marty Collins, Tom O'Leary, Mary Kelly, Cathy Nee, Scott Morrissey, Brian Regan's daughter Caitlin, Richard Green, Robert Green (Ryan's uncle) past parade

Grand Marshall Leigh McLaughin, Vince and Sue Reh. If you have anyone else we should be praying for, or congratulating, please contact Mike Donnellan.

## 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 6 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.

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday March 10 – General Meeting
- Friday March 13 – Grand Marshal event @ KOC
- Saturday March 14 – Rugby Watch Party
- Sunday March 15 – Somerville St. Patrick's Parade
- Tuesday March 17 – St Patrick's Day

# IRISH NIGHT PHOTOS





# RUGBY

## Watch Party



IRELAND



GUINNESS  
SIX NATIONS



SCOTTISH  
RUGBY

SCOTLAND

**SATURDAY MARCH 14 10 AM**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 495 E. MAIN ST  
SOMERVILLE



## Somerset AOH Division 1

# Annual Mass

In remembrance of our  
deceased members

## April 25th at 5:30p

Knights of Columbus  
E. Main St, Somerville





# 2026 Easter Food Drive

**Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick Division 1 Somerset County, NJ** will be collecting hams and food items for our annual 2026 Easter Food Drive. We plan to provide needy organizations in our area with meals including, but not limited to:

**Ham, Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Desserts, Pantry Items**

## How you can help

Donate your FREE ham that you may be eligible for at your local supermarket !! We will find someone who will be thankful for it.

Donate hams, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, dry goods, boxed cakes and any other food items or shopping gift cards.

Help assemble and distribute food on the morning of Good Friday, April 3rd @ the KoC Hall 9:30 AM



## Food Drop off:

**Palm Sunday Irish Seisiun**

**Sunday, March 29th 2PM-5PM**

**Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 150 W. Main Street, Somerville**

**Live Irish Music and Fellowship**

Financial donations made out to **AOH – Somerset NJ** and Gift Cards can be mailed to:

Tom Lenahan - 1389 Plymouth Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

## More Info:

Call Dan Esposito 908-334-3968  
Tom Lenahan 908-217-3001

**Matthew 25** – *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...*

Somerset Co. Div 1 AOH

# Somerville

## St. Patricks Day Parade

Sunday March 15, 2026



### Events of the Day

- 9am Mass at Immaculate Conception church honoring the Parade Grand Marshal Tom Lenahan and our Hibernian of the Year - Tom O'Leary
- 10am Brunch and Bagpipes in the ICS basement w/ food, adult beverages and kids games.
- 10:30am Irish flag raising at Somerville Public Library  
West End Ave and Somerset Street
- 1:00p Somerset Division 1 assembles near intersection of Main and Grove Streets. Members families and friends are welcome to march with us and carry our Irish county flags.  
(Please dress respectfully)
- 1:30p Parade begins  
3p Post-parade party at the Columbus Club - 495 E. Main Street






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# SHAMROCKIN' SPARTANS! BRUNCH, BLESSINGS & BAGPIPES PRE-PARADE CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH  
FOLLOWING 9AM MASS UNTIL 12PM  
IN THE ICS CAFETERIA



-  \$20 - ADULTS
-  \$5 - KIDS (4 YRS - 14YRS)
-  3 YRS AND UNDER FREE

DELICIOUS FOOD, ADULT BEVERAGES,  
KID CRAFTS AND FUN!

THANK YOU TO OUR  
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**MANNION'S**

★ **FRIDAY, MARCH 6** ★  
**Marty McKiernan**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**  
IRISH MUSIC WITH  
**MICHAEL CRAIG BAND**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
IRISH MUSIC THE  
**MICHAEL CRAIG BAND**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
SOMERVILLE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
IRISH MUSIC WITH  
**MICHAEL CRAIG BAND**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Happy St Patrick's Day!**