

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ
ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1
April 2024



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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 16th** at 8pm. Our meeting will be followed by some friendship and cheer with your fellow Hibernians. As usual we will have complimentary beer, wine, and soda available after the meeting.

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

Dorothy Driscoll will present at the April meeting on HOME. She is a volunteer who is involved in HOME which helps the homeless families find a place to sleep.

Attendance Raffle

Our monthly attendance raffle has reached **\$358**. You could win this amount if you attend the next meeting and your Member ID number is drawn. You have to be at the meeting if your name is picked to win the money".

President's Message

Brothers,
Wow, what a busy few weeks! Since my last message but before our last meeting we had the Grand Marshall reception on (3/8); the Irish Rugby game (3/9); our pre-Parade Mass; Irish Flag raising; the Parade; and the post Parade party (3/10). That was a whirlwind! Thanks all again for all your help.

Hamsgiving was a resounding success, due in large part to Tom Lenahan and his team of Dan Esposito, Pat Mannion, Tom O'Leary and countless others. More information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

As stated elsewhere in our newsletter the AOH Memorial Mass is scheduled for **Saturday April 27th** at 5:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Our chaplain, Msgr. Brennan will be presiding. This Mass

will fulfill your Sunday obligation. I will be a great event. We will have a repast after the Mass in the hall. All are invited. You will notice elsewhere in this newsletter the deceased AOH and LAOH Brothers and Sisters. We ask that you review this list and reach out to any families that you may have contact info for and invite the families to the Mass. Also let them know there is a repast after if they wish to stay. Brothers, thanks so much, in advance, for your assistance with this. Special thanks to Brothers Bruce Van Arsdale, Tom Lenahan, Neil Mahoney, and others for their work on this.

For those brothers that can make it, please attend the first Mass of the newly ordained deacon, Brother David Lang. His first Mass will be 11 AM on **May 5th**, at Immaculate Conception Church on Mountain Avenue in Somerville, NJ. To the extent possible I would be great to have the brothers sit together (with their families). Congratulations David!

Please note we have a locked date for the picnic as **Saturday August 17th**. Willie Lynch will be playing for us. Neil and I are working out some additional details and are looking for an additional partner to join us. We will have a flyer published by next month, at the latest. Please mark your calendars now.

The AOH/LAOH NATIONAL CONVENTION – REGISTRATION is open. Register at <https://aoh.com/2024AOHLAOHconvention>. Registration for the 102nd Biennial AOH-LAOH Convention will take place in Orlando FL **Aug 7th - 11th 2024**.

Please also check out the many links to Irish History, etc. on the website that National and the State have provided. Special thanks to Ryan Green for populating them on the website.

After that we look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting this Tuesday May 21st. Please remember our general meetings are typically the third Tuesday of every month through June. We are looking for volunteers for our Picnic events. Lastly, I would

like to thank Tommy Burns for his hard work publishing these newsletters.

Sincerely,
Pat Mulrooney
Division President

Annual Mass



Our Annual Mass in memory of all our departed AOH brothers and LAOH sisters, will be held at the KOC Hall on Saturday April 27th at 5:30pm. An excerpt from the agenda and the list of all our brothers and sisters is included in

this newsletter

Patriots Game



After submitting an application, our Division was selected for tickets to the Somerset County box at Patriot Stadium for **Wed May 15th** at 11 AM. We have been allotted 30 tickets. Denis Smyth

has graciously offered to be the Point of Contact for this event. Please let Dennis know if you will be coming and we will work to get the tickets to you. Please consider going if you can. Dennis's contact info is as follows: dandksmyth@verizon.net.

Family Picnic



Save the Date !! August 17th will be our Family Picnic at the Eagles in Bridgewater. Music provided by our own **Willie Lynch** ! Details to follow next month.

Somerville St Patrick's Day Parade

Photos from our day of marching in Somerville are included in this newsletter.

Easter Hamsgiving !!

The **2024 Easter Food Drive** was an enormous success thanks to the generosity of our brothers, sisters, their families and friends of the AOH, LAOH and Fellow Knights of Columbus of Somerville. Planning begins two months prior in sourcing, procuring, transporting, storing, identifying needs and raising donations for our annual food drive events. Similar to our Thanksgiving Food Drive which is preceded by the Irish Seisiun in honor of the late Michael Berry, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our Easter Drive holds an annual Palm Sunday Fellowship gathering at Mannion's Restaurant & Pub to raise money, drop of Easter hams, provisions, dry goods and pantry items while enjoying some Sunday afternoon fellowship and a pint. This year we had a fantastic line-up of raffle gifts which were donated by Pat Mannion and Cliff Roberts. Through their generosity, we raised a whopping \$1,000 for the Food Drive account. This was a record raffle indeed. Secondly, 86 Ham dinners broke all past Easter Drive records with a record turnout of volunteers on Good Friday to assemble and deliver Easter Dinners to families, charities and organizations in need within the tri-county area. We all assembled those Easter Dinners on Good Friday as Dan Esposito put it, to participate in "Doing the Lord's Work".

Local recipients of our charitable works were, Center for Great Expectations, Visions & Pathways, AGAPE House, Elijah's Promise, Samaritan Interim Homeless Program (S.H.I.P.), Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, Saint John's Episcopal Church, Immaculate Conception Church, Holy Trinity Church, CenterBridge/Bridgewater Senior Apartments and various individual families in need of our help and support. Our AOH motto: **Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity** was certainly on full display during this Holy Week. Some photos of the event are included in this newsletter

PO Box Discontinued

Due to limited mail we receive and as a cost saving measure, we will no longer maintain a PO Box. All correspondence should be sent to:

Somerset AOH
36 Newland Court
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Welfare of the Division

We ask that you continue to remember all our sick, deceased members, their families, and our friends in your prayers. We are also eager to share joyous news such as weddings, births, college graduations and other accomplishments of our members families.

Please contact our Welfare Chairman, **Tom Lenahan** @ 908-217-3001 or email him at tbl63@optonline.net so that a card or other suitable acknowledgement can be sent.

Parade Photos



EASTER #HAMSGIVING PHOTOS





Ancient Order of Hibernians
St. Patrick Division 1
 Pat Mulrooney, President

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Grainne O'Malley Division
 Mary Jordan, President



Mass Committee
Chairman
 Bruce Van Arsdale
Assistant Chairman
 Tom Lenahan

Honor Guard:

Knights of Columbus George Washington Council
Bagpipes:
 Cliff Roberts, St. Ann's of Hampton Pipe Band

DECEASED AOH & LAOH MEMBERS

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| Mr. William Barry | Mr. Frank G. Fahy | Mrs. Eleanor Keating |
| Mr. Thomas J. Beetel | Mr. Bob Fallon | Mr. Philip Keating |
| Mr. Michael Berry | Mrs. Esther Fallon | Mr. Joseph Kelly |
| Dr. Thomas F. Boyle | Mr. Joe Fallon | Mr. Francis Kemp |
| Mr. Raymond Brand | Mrs. Joseph V. Fallon | Mr. Kevin Kennedy |
| Mr. James Brannen | Mr. Paul Farrand | Mr. Michael Kerwin |
| Mr. Gus Bruns | Mr. Robert T. Fenlon | Mr. Donald Kiernan |
| Mr. Joseph A. Bullivant | Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald | Mr. Thomas Lavin |
| Mr. Richard J. Cain Sr. | Mr. John Fitzmaurice | Mr. John Kirby |
| Mrs. Maureen Campbell | Mr. Lenny Fitzmaurice | Mr. Frank Lauer |
| Mr. Robert Canavan | Mr. Brendan Fitzpartick | Mr. Thomas Lavin |
| Mr. Edmond R. Casey | Mr. Robert Flanigan | Mr. Norman Lawn |
| Mrs. Roseclair Chiavella | Mr. Martin Flatley | Mr. Thomas B. Lenahan Sr. |
| Mr. William Patrick Cleary | Mr. Thomas E. Flynn | Mr. Paul Lonsdorf |
| Mr. William Clifford | Mr. Robert J. Foley | Mr. William Lynch |
| Mr. Joe Cobb | Mr. Michael Fox | Mr. Harold Lyons |
| Mr. Edward Coffey | Mr. Martin T. Foy Sr. | Mr. Thomas MacDonald |
| Mr. Charles Collins | Mr. Albert Garrison | Mr. Colman Mannion |
| Mr. Edward F. Collins | Mr. Thomas Gillick Jr. | Mr. Patricia Marshall |
| Mr. Leo F. Collins | Mr. Michael D. Gilmore | Mr. J. Brandon Maxwell Jr. |
| Mrs. Joan Connelly | Mr. John Gleason | Mr. George Maynard Jr. |
| Mrs. Barbara Cooper | Mr. Patrick Greaney | Mr. Gerard I. McAlinden Sr. |
| Mr. Thomas J. Crammins | Mr. John Greenleaf | Mrs. Cathrine "Jackie" McCann |
| Mr. Pat Crowley | Mr. John Healy | Mr. John McCarthy |
| Mr. John Cryan | Rev. William Hewitt | Mr. Hugh McCourt Sr. |
| Mr. Francis Curran | Mr. Edward Hoey | Mr. David McCready |
| Mr. Joseph E. Cusick | Mr. Jack Hoey | Mr. Daniel McDonnell |
| Mr. Michael Desmond | Mrs. Loretta Hoey | Mr. Hugh McGee |
| Mr. Peter J. Diskin | Mr. Patrick Hoey | Mr. Kevin Patrick McGovern |
| Mr. Clement J. Donlan | Mr. Edward Merrill Hogan | Mr. James McIntyre |
| Mr. Joseph P. Donoghue | Mr. Edward Hussey Jr. | Mr. Edward McKim |
| Mr. Thomas P. Donohue | Mr. Richard Hyland | Mr. Thomas McLaughlin |
| Mr. William Donohue | Deacon John Ivers | Mr. James McLoughlin |
| Mr. Dennis J. Donovan | Mr. Edward Jordan | Mr. Martin McMerney |
| Mr. James T. Dowden | Mr. William Kaeding | Mr. Robert McPoland |
| Mr. Edward G. Dugan | Mr. James M. Kane III | Msgr. Liam Minogue |
| Mr. Joseph V. Egan Jr. | Mr. Joseph Kavanaugh | Mr. John Moffitt |
| Mr. Lester J. Eustace | Mr. Robert Kavanaugh | Mr. John Mulrooney |
| Mr. Robert Eustace | Mr. Walter Kavanaugh | Mr. Patrick Joseph Mulrooney |
| Mr. Richard T. Evans Sr. | Mr. Walter Kearns | Rev. Campion Murphy |

ANNUAL HIBERNIAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Ancient Order of Hibernians



Saint Patrick Division 1
 Somerset County, NJ

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1432
 495 East Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876
 Saturday April 27, 2024
 5:30 PM

DECEASED AOH & LAOH MEMBERS (Cont.)

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| Mr. James P. Murphy | Mr. Kevin Reavey | Mr. Patrick Shovlin |
| Mr. Thomas Nevin | Mrs. Dorothy Redmond | Mr. Joseph Simmons |
| Mr. James Nolan | Mr. John (Jack) Redmond | Mr. Bernard Sloan |
| Mr. Maurice Nulty | Mr. Arthur Regan | Mrs. Helen Sloan |
| Mr. John Kenneth O'Brien | Mr. William Regan | Mr. Philip Smith |
| Mr. John O'Connell | Mr. Terrence Reilly | Mr. John Speckin Jr. |
| Mr. Thomas O'Connell Sr. | Mr. John A. Rice | Mr. Peter Tobin |
| Mr. John O'Donnell | Mr. George Roberts | Mr. Frank (Nap) Torpey |
| Mr. William Patrick O'Grady | Mr. James Rowan | Mr. Jim (Jimmy) Walsh |
| Mr. Thomas O'Malley | Mr. Emmet Ryan | Mrs. Patricia (Patsy) Walsh |
| Mr. William O'Neill | Mr. Richard Ryan | Mr. Joseph Walsh |
| Deacon Peter J O'Neill | Mr. William Sargent Sr. | Mr. Harry Welby |
| Mr. Christopher O'Sullivan | Mr. Joseph Scanlon | Mr. Dean Wood |
| Mr. Dorothy O'Sullivan | Mr. Al Schuback | Mr. Patrick Woods |
| Mr. Kevin O'Sullivan | Mr. Charles (Dick) Shanahan | |
| Mr. John Pender | Mr. Robert Shields | |



In the Name of Saint Patrick,
 The Patron Saint of Ireland,
 we remember the Deceased members
 of the Somerset County AOH & LAOH.
 We Pray that their souls
 and the souls of all the faithfully departed
 Rest In Peace.