

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1

December 2022



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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 8pm. Our meeting will be followed by some friendship and cheer with your fellow Hibernians. As usual we will have beer, wine, and soda available after the meeting.

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

President's Message

Staying focused on something normal and predictable as the changing of seasons and coming of Christ, As Hibernians we have stayed true to our motto of *Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity* through our meetings, donations, and efforts with organizations like Center for Great Expectations (CGE) and the Somerville Homeless Internship Program (SHIP).

I wanted to introduce myself to you as the new AOH Division President. I am honored to serve you, our division and our community and our community as a whole. I would also like to thank the past leadership for their guidance and effort. We get back what we put in, Ryan Green (past President), Tom Burns (outgoing Past President), and Tom Lardner (past Recording Secretary) contributed countless hours that improved our division. Thank you very much! I am excited to work with the new division officers and I thank them for stepping up to improve our division.

I will use our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity as the mindset to bring us closer together, and to improve our community. Friendship comes through teamwork and outreach. Over the coming months the Executive Board will be working with various event committees on some key St. Patrick's season events and parades.

Please remember that many hands make light work when it's applied to the "work" aspect of things like selling tickets or helping with charity events. Unity

comes with outreach and inclusivity. We have done a great job recruiting new members, so I want us to work on getting to know everyone, and to ensure everyone feels like a part of the team.

With unity in mind, we become closer as a division, but also connect with other divisions, parishes, and other groups in the Irish Community. Last but not least is our charitable contributions to the community. We will continue to support CGE and SHIP, but will look at other ways to contribute as other shelters, veteran groups, and parishes may need assistance during these uncertain times.

Myself, as well as the Executive Board are very excited to gather new ideas to make this year fun and exciting. Our next meeting is posted on our website, and will be on December 20th at 8pm.

In Our Motto,
Ryan McInerney

Thanksgiving Dinner Project

This year, our division collected 125 turkeys that fed over 500 people ! We distributed \$625 in food cards locally to families in the tri-county area and "provided" \$3,000 in food cards to SHIP by way of the **Albertson's** donation which also donated 50 turkeys of a \$2,000 value. Pantry items were donated by **Shop Rite of Flemington** at cost with an extra \$400 donation that went to help pay for those dry and canned good items.

A big thank you to Megan and Quinn Kelly who sold our raffle tickets at our Irish Seisium making over \$800 for our Food Bank and to Pat Mannion and the Berry Family for the door prizes and wonderful gift basket used in the raffles. Also a big Thank You to all our Brothers, their Families and Friends in the generous donations in supporting our Thanksgiving and Easter Food Drives year after year. The committee responsible for making all of this a success

included Tom Lenahan, Dan Esposito, Pat Mannion, Tommy Burns and Neil Mahoney.

2023 Irish Night



Save the Date ! Our division will host an Irish Night on Saturday **March 4th** at the Hillsborough Manville Elks. More information will follow in the new year.

2023 Somerville Parade



The Somerville St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday March 12. The Grand Marshall reception will be on Friday March 10th at the Knights of Columbus. The Mass and Flag raising will be on the morning of March 12th. More information will follow in the new year.

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.

Division Officers

President	Ryan McInerney
Vice-President	Patrick Mulrooney
Financial Secretary	Tom Lardner
Treasurer	Neil Mahoney

Recording Secretary	Vacant
Marshal	Mike Criscitiello
Chairman of Standing Committee	Tom Lenahan
Sentinel	Vacant

2023 Dues



All our members will be receiving their invoice for 2023 dues in December. Our dues will remain @ **\$50**. We ask all our members to submit their dues payments as promptly as possible and PLEASE be as generous as possible with respect to your charitable contributions in your dues payment and throughout the year.

Last year we raised over \$2,500 through your donations with your dues payment !

If you have questions regarding your dues or have not received an invoice, please contact Tom Lardner at (908) 295-4394 or email him: t_lardner@yahoo.com.

December Birthdays

Thomas Nee
John Brogan
Francis Loftus
Joseph Cusick
Lawrence Blanke
Brendan Nally
Kevin Cullinan
James Hannan
Robert Coffey
David Schuh
Hugh McAleavy
Ryan Green
Matthew Thiel

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Installation of New Officers

