

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

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



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS
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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 20th** 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

President's Message

Brothers,
Hope everyone is getting ready for an action packed several weeks! Please continue to keep Scotty Morrissey recovering from a fall in your prayers. We hope to see him at Irish Night.

The new Board looks forward to working with the membership in making this year a successful year for the Somerset County AOH!

Irish Night this year will be March 2nd at the Hillsborough Manville Elks. Festivities will start at 7 PM. I am looking forward to celebrating with our 2024 Hibernian of the Year, Tom Lenahan. It is great that the 2024 LAOH Irish Woman of the Year Sister Mary Jo Kearns will be joining us as well. Please get you tickets today!

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.

Again, thanks for all your help and look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting this Tuesday the 20th. 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

Irish Night



Our division's Irish Night will be held on Saturday March 2, 2024. We will be honoring our Hibernian of the Year – Tom Lenahan. Music by A Band of Rogues and St Ann of

Hampton Pipes and Drums. A flyer with the details and a ticket order form are attached. Please buy your tickets as early as possible and bring some friends !

You can access the flyer here also:
<http://tinyurl.com/ys97v5wy>

We also accept Zelle payments ! Send to 908.672.3686 and include a memo to indicate seats for the Irish Night. Please send in the ticket form and reference your Zelle payment.

Somerville St Patrick's Day Parade



Save the Date – Sunday March 10th for the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade. See attached flyer with more details of the day's events.



Easter Hamsgiving !!

Help us deliver ham dinners to those in need this Easter. There will be a food collection event at Mannion's on Palm Sunday afternoon and the distribution of food baskets on Good Friday March 29th. See attached flyer for details.

2024 Calendar of Events

This newsletter includes a calendar of all our planned events for 2024. Print it out and keep for your reference so you don't miss anything !

2024 Dues Mailing

Keep your eyes out for your 2024 dues notice arriving in the mail. 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 West Main Street
Mendham, NJ 07945-1214

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 tb163@optonline.net so that a card or other suitable acknowledgement can be sent.

Division Officers

President	Patrick Mulrooney
Vice-President	Ryan McInerney
Financial Secretary	Tom Lardner
Treasurer	Neil Mahoney
Recording Secretary	Billy Malone
Marshal	Mike Criscitiello
Chairman of Standing Committee	Tom Lenahan
Sentinel	Jack McCullagh

Attendance Raffle

Our monthly attendance raffle has reached **\$302**. You could win this amount if you attend the next meeting and your Member ID number is drawn.

AOH Apparel

Members can order polo shirts, jackets and baseball caps from Personalized Paraphernalia in Somerville. They have our logo and can put it on anything you wish (no extra setup fee)



Meet our 2024 Hibernian of the Year – Tom Lenahan

Tom was born in Somerville, N.J. in 1963 to Thomas and Catherine Lenahan. He is the oldest of four siblings, Kathleen Marconi, Michael Lenahan, Eileen Allen and Maureen Blejawas. They all grew up together in Branchburg, NJ. Tom graduated from Somerville High School in 1981 then went on to college earning his Bachelor of Science from Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

In 1986, Tom was hired at Ethicon, Johnson & Johnson holding numerous positions within the sales division for 18 years leading him to medical device sales in New York City.

In 1990, Tom married Nancy Freda of Martinsville, NJ. As long time Bridgewater residents, Tom and Nancy have two Son's, Sean (29) with Fiancée Kelly Flannigan and Matthew (27) with Fiancée Lizzy Fuller. The Lenahan family is thrilled to be planning two weddings in 2025.

In 2004, Tom joined W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. – Medical Products Division out of Flagstaff, AZ. He has held the position of Director, Corporate Accounts for the last 20 years supporting the sale and contracting of medical devices for vascular, cardiovascular and general surgery use at the largest health systems across the country.

Outside of Tom's 38-year medical device career, he volunteered and participated in a variety of organizations. Becoming an E.M.T. with the Branchburg Rescue Squad in the mid-1980s, led to an appointment to an E.M.T driver for Somerset Medical Center's first Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

Tom received his 3rd Degree as a Knight with the Knights of Columbus, Somerville Council 1432 in 1985. Tom then joined the Somerville Elks's Lodge 1068 and the Ancient Order of Hibernians – Saint Patrick's Division 1 – Somerset County with his dad. He took a temporary leave after his dad's passing in 1997 and to help Nancy raise their two boys.

Tom is a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church in Martinsville where he served as a Eucharistic Minister at both his parish and at Somerset Medical Center's Hospital Ministry under Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus and Rev. Richard Rusk.

Now that Tom and Nancy are both empty nesters, Tom commits much of his time to the Ancient Order of Hibernians – Saint Patrick's Division 1 – Somerset County as Chairman of the Standing Committee where he also co-chairs the annual Thanksgiving and Easter food drive as well as co-chairing the Annual A.O.H. Catholic Mass honoring deceased AOH Brothers and LAOH Sisters.

Lastly, Tom has enjoyed his Irish Heritage and has fond memories of the Saint Patrick's Parade which then began in Bradley Gardens and marched across Route 206 to Downtown Somerville. Embracing those memories, Tom joined the Somerville Saint Patrick's Parade Committee and serves with a committed group of folks who work tirelessly to ensure the Somerville Saint Patrick's Parade continues to bring smiles in celebrating Irish Heritage and providing a community venue to cheer on and thank our Hometown Hero's and Community Volunteers the Sunday before Saint Patrick's Day in Downtown Somerville which follows the Parade Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and the raising of the colors at Borough hall.

Both Tom and Nancy will be quite busy with preparing for two upcoming weddings. In addition they also enjoy travelling, cheering on the NY Jets, Saint Joseph's University Men's Basketball (both boy's alma mater), visiting their sons and their fiancées in Philadelphia and spending summer weekends aboard their boat at Shelter Harbor Marina in Beach Haven NJ.

2024 Hibernian of the Year



Somerset County AOH Division 1 hosts....



Irish Night

Saturday March 2nd, 2024

7PM–Midnight

Doors open at 6:45PM

Hillsborough-Manville Elks

1500 Brooks Blvd

Hillsborough NJ 08844

\$55* per person

Groups of 8 tickets bought at the same time are guaranteed to be seated together

*Tickets requested after 2/16 will be \$60 each

Honoring the 2024 Hibernian of the Year Tom Lenahan

Includes: • BEER & WINE • BUFFET DINNER • LIVE MUSIC




Special Appearance by





Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir
Soda, Water, Coffee and Tea • Corned Beef & Cabbage



BAND OF ROGUES

✂ Cut here to mail in reservation

Name: _____ Number of tickets: _____

Address: _____

Please include a phone number or an email address for ticket confirmation:

Ticket Information:

Neil Mahoney • (908) 672-3686 • neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com • 36 Newland Ct. Bridgewater NJ 08807

Please make checks payable to "Somerset AOH". • NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. NO EXCEPTIONS

Somerset Co. Div 1 AOH
Somerville
St. Patricks Day Parade
Sunday March 10, 2024



Events of the Day

- 9a Mass at Immaculate Conception church honoring the Parade Grand Marshal, Leigh McLachlan, our Hibernian of the Year - Tom Lenahan and LAOH Irish Woman of the Year, Sister Mary Jo Kearns, RSM
- 10:30a 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





2024 Easter Food Drive

Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick Division 1 Somerset County, NJ will be collecting hams and food items for our annual 2024 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, March 29th @ the KoC Hall 9:30 AM**

Food Drop off: Palm Sunday, March 24th 2PM-5PM

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

Bring your food items

A great way to close out Saint Patrick's Week.

Live Irish Music !!!

Financial donations and gift cards can be mailed

To: **AOH**, 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...





ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1, SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2024

General Meetings 8pm (3rd Tuesday of Every Month, Except July & August)
KOC Hall, 495 E. Main Street, Somerville, NJ

January 16	June 18
February 20	September 17
March 19	October 15
April 16	November 19
May 21	December 17

FEBURARY

Tuesday February 20th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING: Last meeting before the Festive Season of March.

MARCH

SATURDAY March 2nd 7pm-Midnight: ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT. Hillsborough-Manville Elks, 1500 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough, NJ. Our Annual Dinner Dance celebrating our Irish Heritage in Somerset County.

Friday, March 8 – Grand Marshall Reception 7 PM, KOC

Saturday, March 9 - Ireland vs England Rugby (6 Nations Tourney) game start time is 11:45 AM EST, KOC

Sunday March 10th 9am: Parade Day Mass. Immaculate Conception Church, Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ. Celebrate Our Faith together as we honor our Heritage.

Sunday March 10th 1pm: Somerville 27th Annual St. Patrick's Parade. Main Street, Somerville, NJ. Please line-up at 1pm so we can be ready to march at 1:30pm.

Sunday March 10th After the Parade: POST PARADE PARTY. KOC Hall, 495 E. Main St. Somerville NJ. Join us after the parade to celebrate with the KOC.

Tuesday March 19th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING: Review of March Events and finalize logistics and planning stages of our Annual Easter Food Drive.

Palm Sunday 2-5p – Easter food drop-off event at Mannion's

MARCH 29th: (Good Friday) ANNUAL EASTER FOOD DRIVE: Division Hosts a Food Drive to help those celebrate Easter.

APRIL

Tuesday April 16th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING. Attend our Monthly Meeting and meet your Hibernian Brothers. Social Hour sponsored by the Division will follow the meeting.

APRIL 27th: ANNUAL MASS. 5:30pm KOC. Our Annual Mass where we remember and pray for those Division Brothers who have passed away. A small repast will follow.



ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1, SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

MAY

Tuesday May 21st 8pm. GENERAL MEETING. Attend our Monthly Meeting and meet your Hibernian Brothers. Win Raffle Prizes while helping local Charities.

JUNE

Tuesday June 18th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING: This will be our last meeting before the summer break. Food and refreshments compliments of the Division will be served after the Meeting. The Winners of Our Fundraiser will be drawn. Winner needs not to be present.

AUGUST

Sunday August 24th (tentative) Noon-6pm. ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC. Eagles Picnic Grounds, 350 Woodside "Lawn, Bridgewater, NJ. Bring your Friends & Family. Entertainment TBD

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday September 17th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING: Nominations for our Divisions Officers will be sought. Those interested in running for any Board Positions should submit their interest to the Nominating Committee prior.

OCTOBER

Tuesday October 15th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING: Election & Swearing in of Newly Elected Officers. Complementary Food & Beverages after the meeting to celebrate the Installation of Officers.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday November 19th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING. Be Thankful that you are a Hibernian. General Meeting followed by a Social Hour.

Sunday November 24th: 10th Annual Thanksgiving Music Seisiun In Memory of Mike Berry:

KOC Hall, 495 E. Main St. Somerville, NJ. All Musicians and those who enjoy listening to Irish Music are invited. All attendees are encouraged to bring food or monetary donations in support of our Turkey Drive.

Monday November 25th: Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. KOC Hall, 495 E. Main St. Somerville, NJ.

Assembling and Distributing of the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive.

DECEMBER

Tuesday December 17th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING. General Meeting followed by a social hour. Food and beverages will be provided compliments of the Division after the Meeting.

Please visit our:

Website, www.AOHSomerset.com

Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/AOHSomerset

Twitter Account www.Twitter.com/AOHSomerset

For updates and current information

Feel Free to contact any of the Division Officers with any concerns.