

# HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

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



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**HIBERNIANS**  
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## Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 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

## President's Message

Brothers,

Happy New Year! It was great seeing everyone that made it to our December meeting!

The Chairman of the Standing Committees, Tom Lenahan is still working through some medical challenges, but says the prayers are working. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. Also please keep Scotty Morrissey recovering from a fall in your prayers.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hillsborough Manville Elks. Festivities will start at 7 PM. If you can help, please contact Neil or myself. The Band of Rogues will be the band for the event again this year! Please see the additional information elsewhere in the newsletter.

It is our pleasure to announce that the event will honor Tom Lenahan, our Hibernian of the Year for 2024!

I attended the AOH Presidents' Call put on by National on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They went over some of the activities National is involved with. They went over the St. Patrick's Centre Ambassador Program,

Hibernian Hunger Project, St. Patrick Seminary Support, Irish Way and Study Abroad Scholarship & Project St. Patrick. For additional information please check the National AOH Website. The next AOH Presidents' call is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Any articles for the National Hibernian Digest are due before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Again, thanks for all your help and look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting this Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember our general meetings are typically the third Tuesday of every month through June. We are looking for volunteers for our Irish Night and Picnic events. Lastly, I would like to thank Tommy Burns for his hard work publishing these newsletters.

Sincerely,

Pat Mulrooney,

Division President

## 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:

Somerset County AOH  
St. Patrick Division 1  
PO Box 123  
Martinsville, NJ 08836

## State AOH

Next state meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup> in Fair Haven,  
Monmouth County NJ

### Attendance Raffle

Our monthly attendance raffle has reached **\$250**. You could win this amount if you attend the January meeting and your Member ID number is drawn.

### 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](mailto:tbl63@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

## 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>

## Somerville St Patrick's Day Parade



Save the Date – Sunday March 10th for the Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade



## Per Capita Taxes

The National AOH raised the dues from **\$16** (with a \$4 discount if paid by February 15) to **\$20** (with a \$4 discount if paid by February 15). The State dues will remain at **\$7**. Our members should be aware that out of your \$50 in dues, almost half is being submitted to National and State organizations. We urge you to be as generous as possible in your charitable giving to continue the support we provide locally.

## 2023 Charity Donations

Our final Charity Donations for 2023, including \$2,000 to support the parade, was **\$15,298.72**...an all-time high over the past 5 years !!

## 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)



## Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 2 – Irish Night

Friday, March 8 – Grand Marshall Reception 6 PM, KOC

Sunday, March 10 – Somerville Saint Patrick’s Day Parade

Saturday, mid-April – AOH Memorial Mass (Bruce, Tom Lenahan, and Pat working of locking down the exact date)

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES YOU TO: COMEDY KNIGHT**

Dinner-Show Package  
Bring your own appetizers!

TICKETS ONLY \$50!

FROM THE BORGATA COMEDY CLUB  
**TOMMY GOOCH**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER  
**HILBY**  
THE SKINNY GERMAN JUGGLE BOY

AS SEEN ON SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE  
**TIM HAYES**

DOORS OPEN 6 PM  
DINNER 7 PM  
SHOW BEGINS 8PM

FOR TICKETS:  
CALL RON (908) 884-7038

**JOIN US SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

FUNDRAISER FOR  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
495 MAIN ST, SOMERVILLE, NJ

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:  
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## 2024 Officers



*Front row (l-r): Mike Criscitiello, Ryan McInerny, Pat Mulrooney, Jack McCullagh  
Back Row: Billy Malone, Tom Lenahan, Neil Mahoney and Msgr Seamus Brennan*

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:

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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