

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ
ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1
May 2022



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HIBERNIANS
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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th. We will have a brief business meeting 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

We greatly encourage in-person attendance as we are discontinuing our parallel Zoom meeting.

Attendance Raffle Changes

After discussion and voting from members, our division has made the following changes to our attendance raffle:

- 1 - The fee is now \$2
- 2 - 100% of the collection will go to the ultimate winner (versus the 50% previously)

Annual Picnic – August 27th



Our Picnic Committee has selected **Saturday August 27th** as the date for our Division's Annual Picnic. Please complete the ticket order form (attached) before August 13 so we can plan accordingly. Our committee will be seeking volunteers that are essential for making this a successful event. Please contact Ryan McInerney with questions or to volunteer.

National Grant Award

The AOH National Board has awarded a total of \$10,000 to Divisions who have developed Hibernian Hunger Projects that help to eliminate hunger in their communities. The award for First Prize is \$1,000, and there were also additional Second Prizes of \$500 each.

We are pleased to report that our division's application submission of the work we all do during our Thanksgiving and Easter food drives has earned our division a \$500 Grant by the National AOH Hibernian Hunger Committee. This \$500 grant will be applied to the food drive account which will allow our good works to continue as we live our motto: *Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity*.

We thank William J. Sullivan, National Chairman, Hibernian Hunger Projects and the National Selection Committee for recognizing the great works of Saint Patrick Division 1 – Somerset, NJ.

Save the Date – Patriots Game



The Somerset Patriots will be celebrating Irish Night on September 17th and we plan on reserving a block of tickets. More information in attached flyer

Immaculate Conception Events

“Ziti for the Needy” *To benefit SHIP*

May 22 tray distribution

May 29 collection of frozen casseroles

Tom Lardner will bring empty trays to our meeting on 5/17 for any Hibernians who wish to make a tray.

Volunteers needed to cover some Masses on May 21/22 and May 28/29.

AOH Apparel



EmbroidMe in Raritan has our division's logo and can provide our members with items such as polos, caps, T-shirts and jackets.

Mission & Charities

At our April meeting, we raised money \$400 for Center for Great Expectations. We raffled away several nice prizes. On-line participants were able to buy tickets via Venmo. Thanks to Mike Donnellan and Marty Collins for their dedication to running this event each month !


Welfare of the Division

Our condolences and prayers for Brother Mike Donnellan on the passing of his mother, Celeste.

Congratulation to Mike Griffin on his recent marriage to Katlyn ! Katlyn is from Virginia and will be moving to NJ with Mike with a church wedding planned in August.

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.



**JUBILEE OF
MSGR. SEAMUS BRENNAN'S
ORDINATION**

Monsignor Seamus F. Brennan
who served 18 years of his priesthood at our parish will observe the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this June. He will celebrate this special event at a 3:30pm Mass on Sunday, June 5th here in Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome to participate in this special anniversary Mass followed by a light reception in the ICS cafeteria. Please RSVP to jpeppe@icsomerville.org by Sunday, May 15th.

Pro-Life Update

The Catholic Bishops of New Jersey expressed their sadness and outrage to Governor Murphy's announcement concerning proposed legislation that would radically expand access to abortion.

If enacted into law the proposed legislation would:

- Compel health insurers in New Jersey to pay 100% of the cost for abortions;
- Codify into law the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners 2021 regulations that permits non-physicians to perform abortions; and
- Establish the taxpayer funded "Reproductive Health Fund" to provide any woman in the state access to abortion services.

In the statement the bishops say, "**This proposed legislation is a direct attack on the dignity and sanctity of life and is further evidence that we have failed as a society when a mother feels her only option is to end the life of her child.**"

2022 Dues

If you have questions regarding your dues, please contact Bob McCann at (908) 433-1524 or email him at bobmick28@gmail.com.

Irish on the Radio

The Voice of Ireland radio program is on the air every Sunday from 5 to 7 pm at WRSU 88.7 FM. Brothers **Tommy Burns** and **Jack McCullagh** and their friends 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 from anywhere in the world. Join their group on Facebook as well.



May Birthdays

Brian Brennan
Kevin Leary
Terence Ryan
James Doherty
Mike Griffin

Submissions or feedback on the newsletter can be sent to tommyb_67@yahoo.com

Photos from our Annual Mass

Thanks to our committee – Bruce VanArsdale, Pat Mulrooney and Tom Lenahan



Somerset County AOH Division 1 hosts....

Annual Family Picnic



Saturday August 27,
2022

Noon - 6p

Eagles Aerie,

350 Woodside Lane

Bridgewater

(Rain or Shine)



Family Picnic



Michael Craig Band



Kids Activities



Face Painting



Irish Dancers



Pipes & Drums

Ticket price include beer, soda, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, and watermelon

-----TICKET ORDER FORM-----

Tickets	Price	Number of Tickets	Amount Due
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1 Adult	\$30/\$35 (after 8/13)	-----	-----
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1 Child Under 18	\$7/\$10 (after 8/13)	-----	-----
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(Under 3 free)

No cash sales at the gate, checks only.

Total Amount Enclosed: _____
Make check payable to 'AOH'

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mail order form and check to: Somerset AOH Div 1, PO Box 6181 Hillsborough NJ 08844

Putting the AOH Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity into Practice



ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1 AOH
SOMERSET COUNTY PRESENTS:

Irish Heritage Night at the Somerset Patriots

Come and join the AOH for a baseball game and a celebration of Irish heritage!

IRISH MUSIC | STEP DANCERS | FARE | FIREWORKS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

GAME VS PORTLAND SEA DOGS

GATES OPEN 5:30PM, GAME START 6:35PM

TICKETS \$12.50 per person through AOH

Contact Ryan Green for Tickets

Cell: 908-752-3667

Tickets must be purchased by August 19, 2022

Cash, Check (payable to AOH) or Venmo: @Patricia-Green-103
w/Note for Patriots Irish Game



PREGAME TAILGATE AT THE COLUMBUS CLUB

KOC Hall, 495 E. Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

Meet up pregame to share a pint and coordinate car pooling

Parking at event costs \$5 per car, \$8 per van

