

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ – ST. PATRICK DIVISION

November 2021



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS
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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th. 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

For those who choose not to attend in person, you can attend virtually using a Zoom meeting invitation that we sent out in advance of the meeting.

Irish Seisiun - Sunday 11/21

We have reserved *Sunday November 21* at the KOC hall for our annual Irish Seisiun in support of the Thanksgiving Dinner Project.

This event has been a great opportunity to enjoy music and friendship while supporting a much needed charitable effort.

A flyer can be found in this newsletter

AOH Storytellers

Calling all Somerset 1 division historians,

We have a special event scheduled for you. On November 21st, we have the Knights of Columbus Hall reserved at 12:00PM to do a recording session for the division. Our 2021 Irish Seisiun is scheduled the same day. Anyone interested in joining has the opportunity to tell a story, sing a song, tell a joke or anything else you are interested in preserving for the division. There are great stories out there that we should get recorded. Some examples include the efforts to commemorate the canal workers, the early years with the division founding fathers, or any of efforts that have been made to make a difference in our community. Your participation is encouraged. This is your chance to get our history preserved to be enjoyed for generations to come. Please submit all ideas in advance to ryancgreen@msn.com so that we can plan accordingly for scheduling purposes.

Thank you,
Ryan Green
President

Thanksgiving Dinner Project

Our chairmen have done a great job arranging for turkeys from Kings Supermarkets and groceries from Flemington Shoprite. We are now counting on our members and friends to contribute turkeys, groceries and ShopRite gift cards to make this event as successful as years past. (*Smaller turkeys 12-14 lb are greatly desired*) Food will be delivered on Monday morning 11/22 and volunteers are always needed. A flyer can be found in this newsletter.

Mission & Charities

At our September meeting, Our meeting raffle to raise money for SHIP in Somerville who are in desperate need after the impact of Tropical Storm Ida on their operations. We raffled away several nice prizes. On-line participants were able to buy tickets via Venmo. We raised over \$550 for SHIP. Thanks to Mike Donnellan and Marty Collins for their dedication to running this event !

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.

2021 Dues

There remains a small number (~7) of members who have yet to pay their 2021 dues. Our dues remain @ \$50. Please be aware that any non-paying member will be removed from our membership in November so as to avoid paying State and National dues on them.

If you have questions regarding your dues or have not received an invoice, 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.

Thank You

- To our Division's Executive Board for all their efforts on our behalf throughout the year.
- To the Knights of Columbus for the use of their Hall for our regular monthly meetings,

Dia dhuit! (God be with you)

Division Officers

President	Ryan Green
Vice-President	Ryan McInerney
Financial Secretary	Bob McCann
Treasurer	Neil Mahoney
Recording Secretary	Tom Lardner
Marshal	John Kelly IV
Chairman of Standing Committee	Tom Lenahan
Sentinel	Barry Kirby

November Birthdays



Jack McCullagh
 Kevin Donovan
 Rev. Kenneth Kolibas
 Larry Doyle
 Patrick Frain
 Daniel Carew
 Michael Lenahan
 Thomas Burns
 Robert Zansitis

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



ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1 AOH
SOMERSET COUNTY PRESENTS:

OPEN MIC

Interviews Will Be
Recorded to Preserve
Our Heritage

A Fun Afternoon Sharing the Stories of Our Past

A chance to digitally preserve our history and
celebrate it for generations to come!

Submit all story ideas no later than 11/7/2021

SUNDAY 11/21/2021
12:00PM

Knights of Columbus Hall
495 E Main St Somerville, NJ

SUBMIT YOUR STORY IDEA TO
RYANGREEN@MSN.COM

AOH STORY TELLERS

Somerset Co. AOH Presents...

An Irish Seisiun



Sunday November 21, 2021



'Keeping the Tradition Alive'
In Honor of Mike Berry

Music for the Soul, Food for those in Need

Join us for an afternoon of Irish music featuring local musicians.
Singers, musicians and dancers are welcome !!

Attendees are encouraged to bring food or gift cards for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Project which provides food to needy families and organizations in the Central Jersey area.
(Examples: Canned goods, potatoes, pasta, stuffing and frozen turkeys)

At
Somerville Knights of Columbus
495 E. Main Street
Somerville, NJ 08844
3pm - 7pm

Free Admission
Cash Bar

For More Information contact
Tom Burns - (908) 295-7231



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2021 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER PROJECT

Each Thanksgiving, the St. Patrick Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and the Knights of Columbus Somerville Council 1432 (KOC) purchase turkeys and all the fixings for groups and families in need throughout Somerset County. We package and deliver between 60 – 80 baskets of food to needy families on the **Monday (Nov 22rd)** before Thanksgiving. We are asking for your support in feeding the hungry and our needy neighbors this year. Last year, recipients included S.H.I.P., Agape House, Binnacle House, Anderson House, Franklin Food Bank, Center for Great Expectations, Visions and Pathways, The Food Bank of Somerset County, Elijah's Promise, Centerbridge Senior Living and various Churches and Parishes.

How you can help

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:

Our standard baskets contain: Stove Top stuffing, cranberry jelly, boxes of Jello, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.), and canned gravy. Of course, all types of canned goods or non-perishable food are appreciated.

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS and NON-PERISHABLE PANTRY ITEMS

Every basket starts with a Frozen Turkey. Storage space is not available, so please drop off your frozen turkeys either Sunday's Irish Seisiun at the **Knight of Columbus (Nov 21st)** between **2 PM - 5 PM, Mannion's Pub & Restaurant** or **Monday morning (Nov 22nd)** between **9 AM - 10AM** at the **Knights of Columbus, 495 E. Main Street, Somerville.**

CASH DONATIONS

We do purchase the turkeys and food for approximately 60-80 baskets. Your cash and check donations assist us in defraying the cost and increasing the number of baskets we deliver. Make checks payable to **AOH St. Patrick Division I** and mail to: Tom Lenahan, 1389 Plymouth Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

VOLUNTEER TO PICK UP FOOD

We need help picking up pantry food items from the supermarkets on Saturday (Nov 20th) and Monday morning Nov 22nd and delivering frozen turkeys to the KOC hall. 1 – 2 volunteers are appreciated; particularly those with vans and pickup trucks.

VOLUNTEER TO ASSEMBLE AND DELIVER FOOD BASKETS

Deliveries are performed on **Monday morning (Nov 22nd)** from **9 AM – 10 AM** from the KOC hall to the needy families and charities. All volunteers are appreciated; particularly those with vans and pickup trucks.

Drop off locations for Frozen Turkeys and Non Perishable food:

Mannion's Pub & Restaurant – Somerville
KOC, 495 E Main St. Somerville
KOC, 495 E Main St. Somerville

Mention AOH Food Bank during regular hours
Sunday afternoon Seisiun Nov 21st, 2 PM - 7 PM
Monday morning, Nov 22nd 9 AM – 10 AM

Please call Tom Lenahan (908 218-3001) to discuss how you may be able to support us.