

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

AOH SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1

October 2022



Ancient Order of
HIBERNIANS
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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th 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

If you have an interest in shaping the future of this organization and get more involved in a leadership position, "I Want You!" Let's bring our abilities and passions together to affect real change as we forge ahead while honoring our past. Please reach out to me by email if you have an interest.

Ryan Green

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President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

I wanted to notify you all that the next NJ Major Degree ceremony is planned for Saturday November 19th! If you have not completed your degree and have an interest in becoming more active in the division, this is a great way to learn about the history of the division and to become eligible for leadership positions within the AOH! The goal is to reach 10 candidates for Somerset Div 1!

2022 marks my last consecutive term to lead you all as Division President. November 2022 brings in new opportunities with a change in leadership. This month we will be focusing efforts to solicit interested candidates to fill open board positions.

We are not only seeking candidates for traditional board positions, but we have a number of committees including, but not limited to Veteran Affairs, Division Historian, Immigration, Political Education, Catholic Action, Freedom for all Ireland, etc, Depending on your interests, there are several areas of opportunity. Even if a committee has a current chairman, there may be an opportunity for you to participate as an understudy to learn and potentially lead the committee in the future. 2022 marks the year where there is a strong push to populate representation in all committees all the way down to the division level to help feed information back to the divisions from the National level as well as to represent the division within these committees at the State level.

NJAOH state board meeting



Our division has been chosen to host the next State Board meeting on Saturday October 22nd. We hope we can have a significant presence of our members. It's a great opportunity to meet our state officers and to learn about the issues and programs of concern in New Jersey. Brothers who attend should **be sure to bring their 2022 membership card.**

Thanksgiving Dinner Project

Planning for our annual Thanksgiving dinner project, where we purchase and distribute Thanksgiving meals for those in need is underway. See details in the flyer attached.

Irish Seisiun - Sunday 11/20

We have reserved Sunday November 20 at the KOC hall for our annual Irish Seisiun in support of the Thanksgiving Dinner Project. A flyer can be found in this newsletter

Major Degree - Saturday 11/19

An exemplification of the Major Degree will be performed by the Isle of Erin Major Degree Team on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Richard J. Rossiter Memorial Hall (home of Commodore John Barry Division #1, Gloucester County, NJ), 200

Columbia Boulevard, National Park, NJ, 08063. This event is open to all formally sworn-in members of the Order, who are in good standing with their division. All degreed AOH members are welcome and urged to join in and help us in welcoming our newly degreed members to the Order. All officers are required to be degreed members of the Order. Officers from newly established divisions are required to obtain their degree at the next available Major Degree ceremony to hold office.

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.

SHIP Donation Needs

Our brother Tom O'Leary has requested donations of the following items to support SHIP's mission to feed those in need.

Food donations and other commodities can be dropped off at:

SHIP's Safe Harbor
87 East High Street
Somerville, New Jersey 08876

Monday thru Friday
8:30 am to 4 pm

Chef Boy-R-Dee
Tuna
Vienna Sausage
Spam
Chicken
Soup Cans
Cases of water/drinks
Individual Snacks (chips, etc)

Ramen Noodles – instant, in containers
Parmalat/shelf stable milk
Chicken Stock
Pasta Sauce
Paper Towels

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

October Birthdays

Patrick Cline Jr.
Edwin Fisher
John Lynch
Brian Regan
Thomas Lenahan
Kenneth Greig
Ryan McInermey
Sean McLoughlin
Robert O'Donnell
Timothy Hyland
Kevin Murphy
Brian Reilly
James Gilroy
Paul Kirby

Somerset Co. AOH Presents...

An Irish Seisiun



Sunday November 20, 2022



'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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*****New Jersey State Board Meeting Notice*****

Division Presidents and Chairmen,

The New Jersey State Board will convene on:

Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the

Knights of Columbus clubhouse, 495 East Main Street, Somerville, NJ 08876
12 Noon.

This will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. All Divisions are required to have representation.

Zoom link & passcode:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88048392671?pwd=VmNmNjB0dXp4WnlUTm1XY0dkUGlJQT09> Passcode:
411650

Please have 2022 AOH membership cards ready for inspection prior to the meeting.

The New Jersey State Board

September 6, 2022

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<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdxysCZgUroGW.../viewform>

Times:

Check-in: 11:00 AM (Please have your AOH membership card ready for inspection upon arrival)

Meeting: 11:30 AM (Brief meeting prior to exemplification of Major Degree)

Major Degree: 12:00 PM

Buffet/reception and cash bar to follow

Cost:

Candidates: \$35

Observers: \$30

Observing with no admittance to the reception is free

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Ancient Order of Hibernians – Saint Patrick Division 1, Somerset Co., NJ

And

Knights of Columbus Somerville Council 1432

2022 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 21st)** before Thanksgiving. We are asking for your support in feeding the hungry and our needy neighbors this year.



Drop off Locations

Frozen Turkeys – Non-Perishable Holiday Pantry Items and Sides – Food Cards

- **Mannion's Pub and Restaurant During Regular Operating Hours**
- **Irish Sesiun and Afternoon Fellowship Gathering – Knights Of Columbus 495 E. Main Street**
 - **Sunday November 20th between the hours of 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM**
- **Distribution Day – Knights of Columbus 495 E. Main Street – Volunteers Needed for Assembling, Packing and Distributing**
 - **Monday November 21st between the hours of 10:00 AM and Noon**