

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

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



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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.

Major Degree - November 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.

AOH National Convention

4 members from our division attended the AOH National Convention in Pittsburgh in July. Key outcomes from the convention included:

- A rejection of the proposal to allow women into the AOH
- An approval to increase national dues from the current \$16 per member to \$20 per member effective in 2023.

Pro- Life News



**Join
Us! Take a
stand for
Life!**

What: A peaceful, prayerful gathering to give witness to the sacredness of all human life and pray for an end to abortion. Participants hold a sign with a life-affirming message while they stand quietly and pray. Signs will be available. Bring a chair if standing is difficult for you.

Where: Somerville, on Somerset Street to Mountain Avenue and continuing on Mountain Avenue to the corner at Altamont Place.

When: Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, 2:00 to 3:30 pm.
Distribution of signs and opening prayer at 1:45pm in front of Immaculate Conception Church on Mountain Ave. Questions: Call Immaculate Conception Church at (908) 725-1112.

Mission & Charities

At our September meeting, we raised money for the Center for Great Expectations. We raffled away several nice prizes. Thanks to Mike Donnellan and Marty Collins for their dedication to running this event each month !

Welfare of the Division

Please keep Dennis Smyth in your prayers on the loss of his wife Cathy. Also, Kenny Greig as he mourns the passing of his brother Steven.

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
Toilet Paper
Tissues
Powdered Coffee Mate creamer
Kitchen garbage bags
Coffee and Coffee Cups
Sugar

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.

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

September Birthdays

Sean Carew
 Kevin Barry
 Anthony Roberts
 David Carew
 James D'Amato
 David Lang
 Robert Noonan
 Michael Philbin
 James O'Donnell
 Sean Kenney
 William Malone III
 Patrick Kuffner
 Thomas Deignan
 Martin Gleeson
 Gary Adams
 James McDonough

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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