

HIBERNIAN NEWSLETTER

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



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Regular AOH Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 8pm. Our meeting will be followed by some friendship 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

Attendance Raffle

The December meeting the attendance raffle proceeds were \$592 and it would have been won by Mike Criscitiello if he was present. The January 21 meeting attendance fee will be even higher and you can win it if your member # is picked and you are present.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 21 – General Meeting, 8 PM, KOC
Saturday January 25th – NJAOH State Board
Meeting at KOC, Somerville

2025 Division Officers

President	Patrick Mulrooney
Vice-President	Tom Lenahan
Financial Secretary	Tom Lardner
Treasurer	Neil Mahoney
Recording Secretary	Billy Malone
Marshal	Mike Criscitiello
Chair of Standing Committee	Scott Morrissey
Sentinel	Jack McCullagh

2025 Hibernian of the Year



The executive board is pleased to announce our Hibernian of the year is Dan Esposito. Dan has been a Hibernian since 2010 and has been a chairman of our Thanksgiving and Easter food drives which have provided holiday meals for hundreds of families throughout our area for the past decade. Dan will be our guest of honor at our Irish Night event on March 1st.

2025 Somerville Parade Grand Marshal

We are thrilled that our brother **Marty Collins** has been chosen as this year's Somerville Parade Grand Marshal ! Marty is a long-time Hibernian and received the Ancient Order of Hibernians' Award for Outstanding Service in 1998,

Photo (L-R) Jim Walsh (RIP), Dennis Smyth and Marty Collins.



NJAOH State Board Meeting



The NJAOH Board meeting will be held at our KOC hall on Saturday January 25. Doors open at 10am and meeting starts at 12 noon. Bagels and coffee served in the morning and sandwiches afterwards. Please let President Pat Mulrooney know if you plan to attend and bring your current member card.

2025 Dues Mailing - January

Keep your eyes out for your 2025 dues notice arriving in January. 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:

Thomas Lardner, Fin Sec.
18 W Main Street
Mendham NJ 07945-1214

Irish Night



Order your tickets !!!

Flyer attached.



Somerville St Patrick's Parade



Financial Report

The Division set a record in 2024 for charitable donations with **\$18,800.67** given out overall. The major donations were as follows:

Food Drive contributions	\$9,381
SHIP	\$3,400
Center for Great Expectations	\$2,430
St. Patrick's Parade	\$2,000
All Other	\$1,589

Thank you to all who contributed both financially and physically in helping out people in need and supporting Irish culture in the Somerset area.

Call for Volunteers

SHIP is looking for Holiday van drivers (NO CDL required) to pick up folks to bring to the Holiday Food seating for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter between the hours of 11 AM and 3:00 PM on those Holidays. (Using Immaculata Vans provided by Monsignor). If interested, contact Tom Lenahan tbl63@optonline.net



Welfare of the Division

We ask that you continue to remember all our sick, deceased members, their families, and our friends in your prayers. Please keep in your prayers Billy Malone, Tricia Green (Ryan's wife), Tom O'Leary, and Vince and Sue Reh.

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, **Scott Morrissey** @ 908-938-7158 or email him at Scottm1432@comcast.net so that a card or other suitable acknowledgement can be sent

President's Message

Brothers,

I hope this note finds you well and everyone had a great Christmas and New Years Holiday!

We are happy to announce our own Dan Esposito is our 2025 Hibernian of the Year. Dan has provided extraordinary help with our charitable works and is well deserving of the honor. He will be honored at Irish Night on March 1st at the Manville Elks. Please come join us for some fun! Consider getting a table! See the attached flyer for more information and to sign up. Please pass along a copy to family and friends. If you are willing/able to help, please let me or Neil know.

On January 25th we have a NJ AOH State Board meeting in Somerville at the Columbus Club (KOC) Hall. Doors open at 10am. The meeting will begin promptly at noon. Bagels will be served before, and sandwiches will be served after. The State meetings happen infrequently in Somerset County, so please consider joining us, if you can.

Also please keep in your prayers Billy Malone, Tricia Green (Ryan's wife), Jack McCullagh, Tom O'Leary, and Vince and Sue Reh. If you have anyone else, we should be praying for, please contact Scott Morrissey.

Again, I want to welcome the new Board in for 2025. They are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. If anyone is willing and able to take over Secretary duties, that would be great. Billy Malone will take this year off to concentrate on his medical challenges.

I just wanted to pass along some activities that will be going on for the next two months:

Ryan McNerney is finalizing a list of Brothers to work the SHIP truck one Wednesday a month. Please reach out to him to help distribute food if willing and able. John from SHIP was also in search of CDL drivers to drive the Immaculata band bus on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter to collect folks from neighboring churches and bring them to Immaculata's gym, where SHIP hosts their holiday dinners. If you can help with this, please contact me. I have one volunteer already !



We are having a watch party for the College Football finals featuring Notre Dame and Ohio State on Monday night, January 20. Doors open at 7. Game starts at 7:30p.

Our next general meeting is this Tuesday night 8 PM January 21th at the Columbus Club (KOC) Hall on Main Street in Somerville. I hope to see you there!

And finally, I would like to thank Tommy Burns for his hard work publishing these newsletters.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Pat Mulrooney

Division President

Somerset County AOH Division I hosts....

Irish Night

Saturday March 1st, 2025

7PM–Midnight

Hillsborough-Manville Elks

1500 Brooks Blvd

Hillsborough NJ 08844



\$60* per person

Groups of 8 tickets bought at the same time are guaranteed to be seated together

*Tickets requested after 2/16 will be \$65 each

Honoring our 2025 Hibernian of the Year



Dan Esposito



Includes: • BEER & WINE • BUFFET DINNER • LIVE MUSIC



Special Appearance by



Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir
Soda, Water, Coffee and Tea • Corned Beef & Cabbage



----- ✂ Cut here to mail in reservation -----

Name: _____ Number of tickets: _____

Address: _____

Please include a phone number or an email address for ticket confirmation:

Ticket Information:

Neil Mahoney • (908) 672-3636 • neilmahoneynyc@yahoo.com • 36 Newland Ct. Bridgewater NJ 08807

Please make checks payable to "Somerset AOH". • NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. NO EXCEPTIONS

Somerset Co. Div 1 AOH
Somerville
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday March 16, 2025



Events of the Day

- 9a Mass at Immaculate Conception church honoring the Parade Grand Marshal and our Hibernian of the Year - Dan Esposito
- 10:30a Irish flag raising at Somerville Public Library
West End Ave and Somerset Street
- 1:00p Somerset Division 1 assembles near intersection of Main and Grove Streets. Members families and friends are welcome to march with us and carry our Irish county flags.
(Please dress respectfully)
- 1:30p Parade begins
- 3p Post-parade party at the Columbus Club - 495 E. Main Street
Free admission, cash bar, hot dogs, snacks, and music.



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ST. PATRICK DIVISION 1, SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2025

General Meetings 8pm (3rd Tuesday of Every Month, Except July & August)

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

January 21	June 17
February 18	September 16
March 18	October 21
April 15	November 18
May 20	December 16

JANUARY

Saturday January 25th Noon. NJ State AOH Meeting: The Division is honored to have the State Meeting at the Columbus Club (KOC) hall. Please come & see how the State Meetings are run & meet your State Officers. Please come early. Some bagels will be provided before the meeting. Some lunch choices will be available after the meeting.

MARCH

SATURDAY March 1st 7pm-Midnight: ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT. Hillsborough-Manville Elks, 1500 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough, NJ. Our Annual Dinner Dance celebrating our Irish Heritage in Somerset County.

Friday, March 14th – Somerville St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshall Reception 7 PM, KOC Hall

Sunday March 16th 9am: Parade Day Mass. Immaculate Conception Church, Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ. Celebrate Our Faith together as we honor our Heritage.

Sunday March 16th after Mass: Irish Flag Raising. Somerville Borough Hall, 25 West End Avenue Somerville, NJ. Celebrate our Heritage.

Sunday March 16th 1pm: Somerville 27th Annual St. Patrick's Parade. Main Street, Somerville, NJ. Please line-up at 1pm at the corner of Main and Grove so we can be ready to march at 1:30pm.

Sunday March 16th After the Parade: POST PARADE PARTY. KOC Hall, 495 E. Main St. Somerville NJ. Join us after the parade to celebrate with the KOC.

Tuesday March 18th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING: Review of March Events. The General Meeting will be followed by a Social Hour. Complementary Beverages will be provided after the meeting.

APRIL

Sunday, April 13th 2-5 pm (Palm Sunday)– Easter food drop-off event at Mannion's

Tuesday April 15th 8pm. GENERAL MEETING. Attend our Monthly Meeting and meet your Hibernian Brothers. We will finalize the logistics & planning stages of our Annual Easter Food Drive. The General Meeting followed by a Social Hour. As usual, complementary beverages will be provided after the meeting.

Friday, April 18th: 9:30 am (Good Friday) ANNUAL EASTER FOOD DRIVE (Hamsgiving): Division Hosts a Food Drive Assembling and Distributing to help those in need celebrate Easter.