



# Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

*November 2023*

**Brother Hibernians**\_\_\_\_\_



It's hard to believe we are less than a week away from Thanksgiving, and we have a big weekend of events coming up. I am so appreciative and thankful when I look at all that we are doing as an organization, and how much effort you all put into what we do.

Our next division meeting is at the Hibernian House tonight, **Friday, November 17th at 8:00pm**. Aside from discussing the many upcoming events, we'll conduct nominations for Division Officers, as well as take nominations for our representatives to the Rockland St. Patrick's Day parade as Battalion Commander and Aide to the Grand Marshal.

Welcome to our newest members who were sworn in at our October meeting:

Daniel Aley (Pearl River)

John O'Hagan (Pearl River)

John Dowd (Pearl River)

Kevin Prunty (West Nyack)

Brian Mitchell (Blauvelt)

Thanks much to John Edwards and team for the "Halloween Howl" party – the Rummies sounded great and thanks to all who showed up for a great night.

We are looking forward to the Senior Luncheon and the first Pot Of Gold Drawing Party – both occurring this weekend. We always appreciate the volunteers who help run these tremendous events. And you still have time to get into this weekend's drawing if you buy that ticket!

We have a lot coming up over the next couple of months – whether you want Irish music, a good night out or a full day of skiing. See the full list under **Upcoming Events** and figure out where you want to get involved.

**Good & Welfare** – Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Brother, Tom Gerondel (Billy Gerondel's father) – may he rest in peace. Also, pray for both Dermot Moore (procedure) and Kevin Haugh (upcoming back surgery) for quick recoveries.

As always, we pray that you and your family are healthy and safe.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

**Chuck Parnow**

## Upcoming Events



Event	Timing	Details
Seniors Thanksgiving Lunch	Sat., 11/18, 12-2pm	See article
1 <sup>st</sup> Pot of Gold Party	Sun., 11/19, 2-6pm	See article
Dueling Pianos *	Fri., 12/8, 8pm	Tickets @ pub
Wreath Placement	Sat., 12/16, 9:30am	St. Anthony's Cemetery, Nanuet
Special Needs "Reverse" Christmas Parade	Sat., 12/16, 12-1pm	See article
2 <sup>nd</sup> Pot of Gold Party	Sun., 12/17, 2-6pm	See article
Wren Night	Tues; 12/26, 7-10pm	See article
Comedy Night *	Fri., 1/12 – 8pm	Tickets available in pub
Ski Trip	Sat., 2/10	Bus leaves 6am; see article
Bus Trip to Fink's BBQ *	Sat., 2/17	Finks in Suffern – a great outing
Murder Mystery Theater: "Top of the Mourning" *	Fri., 3/1	Tickets @ pub; questions

\* questions, call Dennis Madigan: (914) 714-8287

## Seniors' Luncheon



On Saturday, 11/18, noon to 2pm, Hibernian House - We are once again hosting this great day of food and Irish culture. Let those seniors in your family know, and as always, we will need volunteers, whether it be members or if you have teenagers who need community service hours, bring them along to help! Set up starts at 10am (or slightly earlier) with clean up done shortly after 2pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Larry DeGennaro at ldegenn931@aol.com.

## Pot of Gold



The first Pot of Gold drawing party is right around the corner on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm (\$2,000 of prizes will be awarded), so don't get left behind! There will be tickets behind the bar at the pub, and we'll have tickets available at our division meeting. Tickets are available to all, so please consider grabbing a few and selling them to friends, neighbors and your friends at work.

Tickets are \$100 dollars and not only give you the chance to win a variety of cash prizes including the grand prize of \$10,000, but the ticket affords you and a guest to two Sunday afternoon parties at the end of the year. The second party featuring the grand prize drawing will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm.

## Christmas Events



### **Special Needs “Reverse Parade – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, OMM Parking Lot:**

Anyone who helped at the parade in past years can tell you how rewarding it was to see the joy on our visitors' faces as they wound their way through the parking lot enjoying the goodies, costume characters, fire trucks, and Santa of course.

We need volunteers once again and ask that they arrive by 11am for set up, and the parade runs from noon to 1pm. This is an excellent time for the kids to earn community service hours. We also would appreciate it if anyone can lend us decorations and/or inflatable figures to help us turn the parking lot into a winter wonderland.

If you would like to volunteer or lend us Christmas decorations, please contact Dermot Moore at [dermotmoore@gmail.com](mailto:dermotmoore@gmail.com) or 646-302-5111.

**Traditional “Wren Night” – Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>:** Our Wren Night celebration is once again on this year. The day after Christmas, St. Stephen’s Day in Ireland, we will be getting together for some traditional Irish song, music, dance, and storytelling. This is a great evening of fun for the whole family upstairs at the Hibernian House. The day after Christmas, put the hecticness of the season behind you and come out for some great craic! Look for the fliers at the pub soon.

**Division 3 Ski Trip –** Not a Christmas event, but definitely a staple of winters past, the AOH Division 3 Ski Trip is currently being planned (we have reservations!). The all-day event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The trip includes a bus trip to/from, lift tickets, refreshments on the bus and much more. Be on the lookout for more info in the coming weeks!

## Veteran’s Corner



**“Wreaths Across America”** is a charitable effort intended to make sure every veteran has a wreath adorning their grave at Christmastime. This is a joint effort among the local chapters of the American Legion, AOH, Knights of Columbus and the Elks. We will be placing wreaths the morning of Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at St. Anthony’s Cemetery in Nanuet.

## Hibernian House



Our "NFL Day" that was held upstairs drew a great crowd – fans of the Giants and Jets thrilled to an overtime game and our chefs once more outdid themselves.

Do you work in a trade? We continue to do upgrades around the Hibernian House – both upstairs and downstairs. As Hibernian House President, Phil Lane would like to compile a list of members who make their living at a trade – when we have work that needs to be done, we'd always rather pay a member! If you'd like to 'be on the list' please send an email to [praoh3@gmail.com](mailto:praoh3@gmail.com) and we'll connect you with Phil.

***Don't forget our Advertisers and make sure to read through to the end for our Irish history article***

***support our advertisers ; they support our organization***



MLSMULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

### Mary Fitzgerald

NYS Licensed Real Estate Associate Broker

Better Homes & Gardens Rand Realty

19 E. Central Ave., Pearl River, NY

c. 845.536.9418

[marymfitz@aol.com](mailto:marymfitz@aol.com)

*Our greatest compliments are your referrals. Thank you!*



### ROCKLAND MATTRESS

*Family owned for over 40 years*

DAN MILLER

160 East Route 59  
Nanuet, NY 10954  
[RocklandMattress.com](http://RocklandMattress.com)

Phone: 845-623-3030  
Fax: 845-623-3160  
[rmattress@optimum.net](mailto:rmattress@optimum.net)

### RAYMOND SHERIDAN

INSURANCE &  
FINANCIAL SERVICES

19 E. WASHINGTON Ave., PEARL RIVER, NY 10965

PHONE (845) 735-8080

[WWW.RSHERIDAN.COM](http://WWW.RSHERIDAN.COM)

PERSONAL AUTO • HOMEOWNERS • LIFE • COMMERCIAL  
RESTAURANTS • CONTRACTORS • STRIP MALLS • RETAIL  
BUSINESS





# HIBERNIAN HOUSE RENTALS CALL 845-731-9697



## Pearl River Florist

45 EAST CENTRAL AVE. • PEARL RIVER, N. Y. 10965  
(845) 735-3366 • FAX (845) 735-8725  
www.pearlriverflorist.com

Maryann Walker  
Stephanie Walker



*"Committed to Service Excellence"*  
*Affordable Funerals & Cremations*  
*Independently Owned & Operated*

## Assumma-Shankey Funeral Home

*Our Family Serving Yours*

34 North Summit Street Pearl River, NY 10965 845-735-4849  
Fax 845-735-1377  
Assummashankey@gmail.com



## Volumetric Fund

Pearl River, New York

*Your Neighborly Mutual Fund*

- ❖ IRA Accounts
- ❖ Saving Accounts
- ❖ Monthly Investing Plans
- ❖ Business Accounts



(845) 623-7637

Web: volumetric.com ~ Email: info@volumetric.com



## AMERICAN LEGION

JOHN H. SECOR POST 329

30 Railroad Avenue, P.O. Box 205  
Pearl River, New York 10965

Phones: "Dug Out": (845) 735-7868  
(includes Hall rentals)



**Knights of  
Columbus**

**Daniel L. Hooker, CRPC, LUTCF, FICF, MDR**

Field Agent

Phone: 845-548-8350  
daniel.hooker@kofc.org  
License #LA-786102



**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance  
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance**  
*Protecting Catholic families since 1882.*



## ShopRite of Pearl River

Middletown Road, Pearl River, NY

**Joanne Winous, Manager**

(845) 735-4871

John Ovchinnikoff

Licensed and Insured  
HIL #: H-20-007854-28-00



## J & A MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

Specializing In All Types of Masonry

Block Foundations  
Brick Fireplaces  
Stone Concrete

26 Vermont Ave.  
Congers, NY 10920  
Ph: 845-268-0553  
Fax: 845-268-0112



Open 7 Days • Kitchen Open to 1:00am • Full Bar • Lunch & Dinner  
ALL sporting events via satellite on large screen TV's & 8 monitors  
(201) 391-9356

Kinderkamack Rd. & Grand Ave. • Montvale, New Jersey  
www.daveyspub.com

## MURTY'S PUBLIC HOUSE

*Restaurant & Pub*

(845) 620-7502

29 W. Central Avenue, Pearl River, NY 10965



DAVID FISHER  
CHRISTOPHER FISHER  
Directors

## Wyman Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.

100 HANKLIN AVENUE PEARL RIVER, NY 10965  
www.wymanfisher.com TEL (845) 735-2161  
FAX (845) 735-9123



**Neil T. O'Sullivan, CPA/PLLC**

38 South Main Street  
Pearl River, NY 10965  
T 845-735-9500

E neil@neilosullivancpa.com

## QUINTA STEAKHOUSE

**BEST STEAKHOUSE IN ROCKLAND!**

- Wide Selection of Prime Steak & Chops
- Fresh Seafood
- Daily Specials
- Homemade Desserts
- Specialty Coffees & Espresso
- Sidewalk Dining Now Available
- Extensive Wine Bar

**\$10.00**  
Prix Fix  
Lunch

Open 7 Days

24 East Central Ave, Pearl River, NY • 845-735-5565



**FOR  
HIBERNIAN  
HOUSE  
RENTALS  
CALL 845-731-9697**



**MORTGAGE MASTER INC.**  
THE LENDING EXPERTS

**MATTHEW REID**  
Senior Loan Consultant

520 White Plains Road  
Tarrytown, NY 10591

direct 914.586.1116

cell 201.953.1571

fax 914.509.5415

email mreid@mortgagemasterinc.com

NMLS # 9726/NY LIC # 9726 /NY Mortgage Banker B500773

*support our advertisers ; they support our organization*



# Theobald Wolf Tone



He was a member of the Protestant ascendancy of Ireland, the son of a Dublin coachmaker who had inherited property in Bordenstown, County Kildare. There were persistent rumors that he may have been the illegitimate son of the godfather for whom he was named, the cousin of Viscount Kilwarden and a prominent member of parliament. He was a member of the established Church of Ireland, college educated, and a member of the aristocracy. He was the most unlikely candidate to eventually earn the appellation of "The Father of Irish Republicanism." He was Theobald Wolf Tone.

Tone studied law at Trinity, and while eventually qualifying as a barrister, it was clear that a career in law would not be a match for his romantic and adventurous nature. He had narrowly avoided a duel over accusations of an affair with another man's wife and later impetuously eloped with another woman who would become his wife. At Trinity, he was more interested in Irish history and debating politics than his law studies. He was caught up in the fervor of the American and French revolutions and a firm believer in the rights of man espoused by writers such as Thomas

Paine. Looking at his own country, Tone concluded, *"the influence of England was the radical vice of our Government, and consequently that Ireland would never be either free, prosperous or happy until she was independent."*

Tone became a prolific writer in his country's cause. His first pamphlet (The Spanish War) was published in 1790 and argued for Irish neutrality and noninvolvement in Britain's wars. However, perhaps his most revolutionary pamphlet was addressed to his fellow Irish Protestants: *"An Argument on Behalf of the Catholics of Ireland,"* which urged their support for full civil rights for the majority of their fellow Irish people. Tone's purpose was revolutionary: *"To unite the whole people of Ireland, to abolish the memory of all past dissensions, and to substitute the common name of Irishman in place of the denominations of Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter."*

In 1790, Tone put his philosophy into action, becoming one of the founders of the Society of United Irishmen. Initially seeking government reforms and representation of all the Irish people in parliament, the Society soon saw that the cause of freedom for all the Irish people could only come by independence. England had maintained control over Ireland for hundreds of years by using the age-old principle of "divide and conquer"; the thought of "United Irishmen" was seen as an immediate threat to that control. England had seen waves of colonists be absorbed into Irish Society, to become "more Irish than the Irish themselves." They thought they had solved that issue by introducing religious sectarianism into Ireland by the planting of Protestant colonists. England's reaction was swift and predictable: to counter Tone and the United Irishman's call by again stoking the flames of sectarian hatred using organizations such as the newly formed Orange Order.

Tone's political activities eventually forced him into exile lest he be imprisoned or hung as a traitor to the Crown. Tone first immigrated to America but found that the American Revolution had not yet completely removed the prejudices of the old in the new world. Tone later traveled to Revolutionary France, where he successfully pleaded for French military intervention to help secure an independent Ireland.

On 12 December 1796, Tone was a member of a French invasion fleet of thirty-five ships that anchored in Bantry Bay, Co. Cork, with thousands of French soldiers cramming their decks, waiting to invade Ireland and, in conjunction with the United Irishman, gain Ireland's independence as the French had helped secure America's independence from Britain a generation before. However, strong winds caused the French acting commander to hesitate to wait for better landing

conditions. That hesitation proved fatal as the winds later became a gale, scattering the French fleet and canceling the invasion and what was likely Ireland's best chance for independence to date. Informers and the threat of arrest would lead to the premature rising of the United Irishmen in 1798. While the rebellion met with some initial success, problems in coordination of the uprising led to the undoing of the revolt and the United Irishmen. France did later land over a thousand French troops under General Humbert at Killala, County Mayo, but it was too little too late. Despite an overwhelming victory by the French and United Irishmen at Castlebar, they were eventually defeated.

Fate was not much kinder to Wolfe Tone than it had been to the Ireland he loved. On 16 September 1798, he sailed with a small fleet to Lough Swilly, where the British Navy intercepted it. Despite being offered a chance to escape by the French Admiral, Wolfe Tone refused and instead took command of a ship's battery; the French later commended him for his courage. Captured by the English and identified by a former friend, Wolfe Tone was tried and convicted of treason. Tone requested that he be shown the dignity of a soldier and be shot; his request was denied, and he was ordered to be hanged. Rather than give his enemies the satisfaction of this humiliation, Theobald Wolfe Tone committed suicide by cutting his throat in his prison.

The fight for Ireland's independence has always been a struggle for human rights fought by those of conscience, irrespective of faith. Sectarianism is not native to Ireland; it is an invasive weed, transplanted and carefully cultivated by Britain as an instrument of colonial control. When misinformed people fall victim to the British fostered myth that Ireland's continuing struggle for freedom is a "religious battle," let us point them to the example of Wolfe Tone.