



Ancient Order of Hibernians

JOHN CARDINAL D'ALTON DIVISION 3

January 2024

Brother Hibernians _____



A belated Happy New Year to all!

I hope you were all able to enjoy the holiday season – both a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy start to the new year. As we get things underway, we anticipate a great amount of activity in the upcoming year, and there are a lot of opportunities to get involved. I look forward to seeing you at our next division meeting at the Hibernian House **this Friday, January 26th at 8:00pm**. Aside from discussing the upcoming events of 2024, we'll induct this year's slate of Division Officers.

Thank you and congratulations to Dermot Moore and team for pulling together a very lively Wren Night (St. Stephen's Day – December 26th). There are a couple of Traditional Irish Music nights in the planning for 2024 – stay tuned!

Special congratulations to Pete Dunne, Larry DeGennaro and the entire team who once again went above and beyond for the Christmas Family Fund. Thanks to all of you who supported the effort financially! Once again, we benefited over 24 families and 48 children.

As noted in a recent email, we weren't able to make the ski trip work this year. Next year, we'll work on earlier outreach –I know there are skiers out there who'd enjoy it!

Good & Welfare –Please say a prayer for Dermot Moore's brother, Thomas C. Moore, Hughie O'Brien's father, Hubert F. O'Brien, and Richard Caunitz, longtime Hibernian and AOH County officer (Division 1 member) and Joan Moore's sister, Susanne Hartmann – may they rest in peace. Also, please pray for the quick recovery of Bob Reers who had spinal surgery – hopefully he mends quickly!

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
NFL Conference Champ's	Sat., 1/28	Pub moving upstairs, food & football!
College Basketball upstairs	Fri., 2/16	Iona vs. Manhattan as the pub moves upstairs
Bus Trip to Fink's BBQ *	Sat., 2/17	Finks in Suffern – a great outing
Emerald Ball	Sat., 2/24	Pearl River Hilton
Murder Mystery Theater: "Top of the Mourning" *	Fri., 3/1	Tickets @ pub; questions, reach out to LAOH or Dennis
St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon	Sat., 3/9	As always, need lots of volunteers

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



Some pictures from the Wren Night – Another well attended event, with great music and lots of dancing enjoyed by all ages!

AOH Scholarships



The state scholarship competition is now open, and applications are due by February 23rd. See recently sent emails or for details email Dermot Moore at dermotmoore@gmail.com or call him at (646) 302-5111. Applications for the Division scholarship process use the same application with the same deadline. So, if you're interested in the Division scholarship, you should be filling out the state application (you only have to fill it out once for both). The link to the application as well as the study material and all instructions can be found on the NY state AOH website here: <https://www.nyaoh.com/aoh-scholarship-contest>.

Note, the Division 3 scholarship is limited to Division 3 members who are, themselves, high school seniors and to children of Division 3 members who have been members for at least three years. The state scholarship has broader eligibility, allowing grandchildren of members also and has no limit on length of membership. Please encourage your high school seniors to apply.

Emerald Ball



On Saturday, February 24th, 2024 the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold our annual Emerald Ball at the Pearl River Hilton. At this event, we honor those for their contributions to promoting our organization and for their accomplishments in their personal lives. This year's honorees are as follows:

- **Hibernian of the Year:** Terry McGeever
- **Businesspersons of the Year:** Ryan & Courtney Traynor, All Borough Flooring
- **Parade Commander:** Sergeant Nick Whelan, Orangetown P.D., USMC
- **Rockland County Grand Marshal:** Neil Cosgrove
- **Aide To the Grand Marshal, NYC:** Sean M. Walsh

Once again, we have several Division members being honored at this event. We should be there in numbers to support them, and take the opportunity to congratulate him through a journal ad. See the following link to the Rockland County AOH website for information on tickets and journal ads: <https://www.rocklandcountyaoh.com/>

Rockland Parade



The Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Parade will once again take place in Pearl River along the traditional route on Sunday, March 17th (yes, on the actual date!). As we get closer to the date, we'll organize our marching contingent. We want our turnout to be even better than last year as the largest AOH Division. More to come!

Hibernian House



We've got a number of special events coming up in the next month upstairs – see the "Special Events" listing above!

As announced in December, the Hibernian House has introduced a new fundraiser, "The Hibernian House Raffle" where any member or friend of a member is eligible to join for the 2024 year, which allows entry into twelve monthly drawings. Details follow:

Each monthly drawing has three prizes: **First Prize is \$1000 - Second Prize is \$250 - Third Prize is \$150.**

The format and cost are as follows:

- Entry in the Hibernian House Fundraising Raffle is \$120 for the year payable in advance
- Three numbers will be drawn on the fourth Friday of the month starting January 26th, 2024, picking the first, second and third prize winners (from those who entered – so three winners will be chosen).
- Each month's winning numbers will be returned to the pool for subsequent drawings – meaning, even if you win the first month, you are still entered in all remaining drawings
- All returning yearly participants will automatically retain the same number from the prior year unless otherwise indicated on the raffle application form available at the pub
- New members will be randomly assigned a number for the year
- If you did not make it into the January drawing, you can still join (throughout the year) on a prorated basis. In other words, it would cost you \$110 dollars by February 19th, but then you're in 11 monthly drawings in 2024, \$100 in March, and so on.
- There is no limit on the number of Hibernian House Raffles you can purchase
- This will be a major source of funding for the many improvements at the Hibernian House and we appreciate your participation in this endeavor

If you have any questions, please contact: Bill Boera at 845-596-9047 (wboera@gmail.com) OR Michael Mulcahy at 845-548-6013 (mookie2sba@aol.com).

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