



## THE CHARLESTON CELTIC CRIER

Monthly Newsletter of Msgr. John L Manning Div  
Ancient Order Hibernians



## November 2021 Newsletter

**AOH Next Meeting:  
11 November 2021  
Location: TBD**

[www.aohcharleston.com](http://www.aohcharleston.com)

### Division Officers:

President	Louis Herns	<a href="mailto:louis@milliganlawfirm.com">louis@milliganlawfirm.com</a>
Vice President		
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	Kelly Kanapaux	<a href="mailto:kelly.kanapaux@gmail.com">kelly.kanapaux@gmail.com</a>
Recording Secretary	Andrew Wilson	<a href="mailto:ajw.manager@me.com">ajw.manager@me.com</a>
Standing Committee	Bill Hart	<a href="mailto:billhart45@homesc.com">billhart45@homesc.com</a>
Marshall		
Sentinel	John Seignious	<a href="mailto:johnfiii@bellsouth.net">johnfiii@bellsouth.net</a>
Chaplain	TBD	

Brothers, good to see many of you again at our October meeting. Hard to believe we are into the fall season here in the Lowcountry, and the year is rapidly winding down. We have some things on our calendar, and are keeping our website updated with events for our Division. We'll have our November meeting, then it is already time for the Christmas Toast!

Speaking of events, we most certainly must do our best to make a push for more new (and young blooded) membership. Some details of what we discussed from our meeting included below, and will also link to an article from the HIBERNIAN DIGEST on ways to attract new members. Some applications are in now, and some good ideas out there on how to bring in some more.

Additionally, we really need some folks to step into officers' roles for the upcoming two year term. Brothers HERN & HART have graciously agreed to step into a Co-President role, but we could really use a Recording Secretary and a Financial Secretary (someone that can use Quickbooks would be able to do this quite readily) moving forward. Please let President HERN know of your interest, or if you feel someone would make for a great candidate.

## Recruitment

By Ed Halligan

I had a request to share some ideas as to how successful Divisions recruit. One of the most important tools are websites. So many websites are not current. How are you advertising who you are and what you are doing? This tool is vital if you want to attract younger members. Put your events on social media, invite the community to participate and then share your results. Use the advertising that National has produced. Refer to the AOH YouTube events.

Contact the Pastors in your area. Let them know who you are and what you do. Talk with their secretaries or office managers about advertising in their parish bulletin. If you can't gain access to the bulletin, ask if you can say a few words after Mass or hand out AOH pamphlets after Mass. If affordable, offer coffee, orange juice and donuts after Mass. Take pictures of your charitable activities. Include in the caption how to contact the Division. Read the Hibernian Digest from cover to cover. See what other Divisions are doing throughout the country. Some of the Divisions in my territory have road bowling, some have given sweatsuits to vets, some have established their own food bank for the

community, some have tank pulls to raise money for Catholic schools, some have food drives and then distribute the food to local charities, some do essay contests and award monetary scholarships for Catholic High School tuitions. Use your imagination. Make sure you get names and contacts if someone is interested. Follow up and keep following up. Don't let them get away.

21 October 2021 – AOH, Msgr. John L. Manning Division One

## Meeting Minutes

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Number of Members Present: 17

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

- Roll Call of Officers:

- Louis Hems, President. PRESENT
- Vice President
- Andrew Wilson, Recording Secretary. PRESENT
- Kelly Kanapaux, Treasurer/Financial Secretary
- Bill Hart, Standing Committee. PRESENT
- Marshal
- John Seignious, Sentinel

### 2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Copies of the minutes from the September 9, 2021, meeting were circulated by Brother Hart.

- Move that the minutes be approved: APPROVED

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Bill Hart reported the following numbers in our accounts:

- Business Checking:     \$14,794.13

- Charity Account: 1,248.89
- Savings (Bldg.) Acct: 25,678.21

Dues: 83 members @\$25 = \$ 2,075

- Meeting Expenses; \$8,735.18

1/2 Way Raffle: 205 tx @ \$50= \$10,250

- Expenses: \$4,415.26
- Net: 5,834.74

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#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- Brother Shannon Hurley – Any news concerning SC Irish Historical Society activities?
- Brother Shannon Hurley – Would like to extend an invitation to the Brother Hibernians in our Division to attend the next meeting of the Charleston Serra Club (a Catholic organization that strives earnestly to promote and support priestly and related vocations) on Thursday, October 28th, 2021, @ 6:30 PM, @ Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church's Father McCarthy (Parish) Hall on Savannah Highway (U.S. Highway 17 South, between the Church proper and Blessed Sacrament School) in Charleston's West Ashley area.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Committee for the Sick

Denny O'Brien was recently hospitalized with double pneumonia; he is at home on the road to recovery; keep Brother Denny in your prayers.

##### State AOH Convention Call

Brother Jim Nettles reported on the convention that was held on September 25, 2021 over Zoom.

### \*Parade Committee Report

- Brother Jimmy Finnegan advised as to the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Patrick's Day parade. As always, we need help with ad sponsors for the souvenir parade book (prices remain the same this year). You can find the letter and price list on our AOH website: <https://www.aohcharleston.com/>

Patrick Tivnan has organized the first annual Irish Season Kickoff. Please email him for tickets: [charlestonsirishseasonkickoff@yahoo.com](mailto:charlestonsirishseasonkickoff@yahoo.com)

Tickets are only \$10 & include complimentary local beer provided by Bumpa's Restaurant. Details can be found here: <https://www.aohcharleston.com/calendar-of-events/charlestons-irish-season-kickoff>

### \*Project St. Patrick

Activities have been tabled until next year.

L. Herns will attempt to spearhead our efforts in this matter.

St. John's in Summerville had a successful collection recently.

They did an envelope campaign.

### \*HalfWay Raffle

- Thanks to Bill Hart for his hard work on the HalfWay Raffle.

I think everyone had a great time.

Brother Bill Hart to report regarding the raffle.

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### \*Charities

Need to be more charitable. We held a healthy debate over whether the AOH is technically a charitable organization or not. Bill Ferrara suggested that we are technically a 501C8 organization.

### \*Turkey Day Run

#### AOH Volunteers - 2021 Turkey Day Run

Division members and friends are encouraged to volunteer to help/support the the KC 704 Turkey Day Run. The race is about 4 weeks away and volunteer opportunities are available for all race expo shifts shifts on the Wednesday before the race and both shifts on Thanksgiving.Day.

Volunteers should register via the internet at <https://raceroster.com/events/2021/51078/volunteer-turkey-day-run-and-gobble-wobble-5k/register>

Shift times and available volunteer spots are listed below:

#### I. Expo: Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Expo Shift 1 (8:00am - 12:00pm) (38 spots remaining) Options: Packet Pick Up, Onsite Registration, Greeter, Directional Assistance, Misc.

Expo Shift 2 (11:30am - 3:30pm) (37 spots remaining) Options: Packet Pick Up, Onsite Registration, Greeter, Directional Assistance, Misc.

Expo Shift 3 (3:00pm - 7:00pm) (49 spots remaining) Options: Packet Pick Up, Onsite Registration, Greeter, Directional Assistance, Misc.

#### II. Race Day: Thursday, November 25, 2021

Race Day Shift 1 (6:30am - 10:30am) (267 spots remaining) Options: Volunteer check in, Start and Finish Line Set Up, Late registration, Packet Pick Up, Set Up, Start Line, Set Up Finish Line, Set Up/Work Food Tent, ID check station, Course water stop, Turkey Mascot Escort, Start Line Monitors, Start Line Crowd Control, Race Course Monitor, Finish Line Shoot Pusher, Finish Line Crowd Control, Beer Garden, Kid's Run (24 BE kids), Awards, Floater/Misc.

Race Day Shift 2 (10:00am - 2:00pm) (74 spots remaining) Clean Up

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Bill Ferrara at email [ferrara\\_bill@yahoo.com](mailto:ferrara_bill@yahoo.com) or cell phone 843.452.5743.

\*Meeting Location

We are in need of a new meeting spot, as St. Mary's is about to undergo renovations, and St. Patrick's was cost prohibitive.

L. Hens to contact Tom Fressilli about The Charleston Rifle Club.

End of Rutledge Dr.

St. Lawrence Cemetery is on the opposite side of the peninsula. 2221 Heriot Street.

Daughters of St. Paul?

Nativity?

American Legion?

\*Applicants

Louis Hens to call all applicants. November meeting.

Is anyone aware of any others that want to join?

We need to make a push for younger membership. Brothers Finnegan & Tivnan brought up allocating some of our funds to new membership drives.

Newman Club is a good spot to recruit new members.

Martin McNulty

1655 Red Tide Road

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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Previous AOH Member.

Timothy French (Jim Nettles)

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Charleston, SC 29407

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(843) 906-5280 (C)

Sean O'Keefe

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Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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Captain Bill Karitis

(US Navy Retired)

(301) 758-8970

1457 Oakhurst Dr.

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

He is Irish on his mother's side.

John Joseph McArdle (John Weed)

8430 Creekstone Dr.

N. Charleston, SC 29406

(803) 320-4383

Gregory Buehner (website)

2065 Utsey Street

Johns Island SC 29455

843.568.6820



\*Membership Report

Motion to increase the dues next year back to \$50.00. APPROVED

Is there any reason to keep any of the following members on our membership roll?

Patrick Finneran (BE Principal - shows no interest in our Organization unless we are presenting the School with a check)

Deane Scully

Michael Hengler (moved away)

Richard Heiterer (deceased)

Travis Blackwell (never met the man!)

Deac. Dan Powers (retired to FL)

Fr. Patrick Allen

David Browning

Daniel Forsberg

Timothy Hyland

ALL WILL BE REMOVED EXCEPT FATHER ALLEN.

Motion to make John R. Bolchoz a Lifetime Member. He was an original member and now lives in Columbia. APPROVED

Also, Bernard McLaughlin, Jim Brady and Walter Bruen?

7. New Business:

New Slate of Officers

Please let me know if you are interested in serving.

- Co-Presidents - Louis Hems/Bill Hart
- Vice President - Andrew Wilson

- Recording Secretary -
- Treasurer/Financial Secretary -
- Standing Committee - Jim Nettles
- Marshal - John Seignious
- Sentinel - George Young

Next Meeting - Thursday, November, 2021. Place TBD.

- December 9, 2021 - Christmas Toast. TBD

St. Patrick's no. Money.

St. Joseph's no. Money.

- Scottish Highland Games in November; staff a table?
  - Date - Saturday, November 6, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Location - Riverfront Park by the Riverdogs Stadium.
  - Is there interest to man a tent?
  - Louis cannot as he will be out of town.
  - Patrick Tivnan & Al Stiles will both be there.
  - Cost - \$20.00 in advance.
  - 15 days away.
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- Other New Business/Good of the Order

#### CLERGY:

Michael Tracy

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St. Mary's Seminary

Houston, TX.

Paul Sizemore

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St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

Boynton Beach, Florida

Paul T. Sizemore, KHS

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Belvedere, SC 29841

Father Gabe Smith

Blessed Sacrament

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

Send your news items to:

Andrew Wilson, Recording Secretary [ajw.manager@me.com](mailto:ajw.manager@me.com)

We should not forget the men who have served as Presidents of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and should remember and pray for our deceased members.

Past Presidents

Jimmy Finnegan	1997-1999	James P Nettles, Jr	2009-2011
Martin Fosberry	1999-2001	Al Stiles, Jr.	2011-2014
Wm. "Billy" Clarey	2001-2003	Bill Ferrara	2014-2015
Stephen J White Sr	2003-2007	Bud Wham	2015-2017
Brian Davis	2007-2009	Bill Hart	2017-2019

Deceased Members

Msgr. Robert Kelly	2004	Timmy McLaughlin	2011
Martin Kennedy	2008	Michael Power	2014
Edward W. Duffy	2009	John McDonough	2014
Eugene Fosberry	2010	Malcolm Coffey	2015
Joseph Doherty, Jr.	2010	James Seignious	2015
David Heisser	2010	Tom McLoughlin	2016
Wm. "Billy" Clarey	2010	Fr. James Parker	2016
James "Jimmy" Wells	2010	Walter Duane	2017
Raphael M. O'Jones	2011	John M. Fahey	2018
Msgr. Joseph Roth	2011	Ruford Bolchoz	2018

Billy Murphy, Jr.	2018	Richard Heiterer	2020
Nolan Paul Welborn	2019	Gerry Baldwin	2020
Joseph Clair	2019	Brian Davis	2021
Francis "Bevo" Clair	2019		
William "Billy" Adams	2020		

Keep the Faith,

Andrew J. Wilson

Editor,

Msgr. John L Manning Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians