## A CLUB 1% CLUB

The following businesses each individually paid for one percent of the cost of the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade. For their dedication and support we extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation. **THANK YOU!** 

Ancient Order of Hibernians	10+ yrs	Houlihan, Managhan, & Klye Newport County Bar Association	5 yrs 5 yrs
Brick Alley Pub	10+ yrs	Remax Reality	5 yrs
Behan Brothers Construction	10+ yrs	Aquidneck Island Drywall	4 yrs
J. J. Web, Inc.	10+ yrs	Buskers	4 yrs
McLaughlin & Moran, Inc	10+ yrs	Citizens Bank	•
Newport City Council	10+ yrs		3 yrs
NCCVB	10+ yrs	Ladies A.O.H.	3 yrs
Newport Irish Heritage Assoc.	10+ yrs	Liberty Tax	3 yrs
O'Brien's Pub	10+ yrs	Town of Middletown	3 yrs
O'Neil-Hayes Funeral Home	10+ yrs	Buckley Heating & Cooling	2 yr
One Pelham East	10+ yrs	Finnegan Contracting, Inc.	2 yr
Sardella's Restaurant	10+ yrs	Hotel Viking	2 yr
Newport Firefighters	10+ yrs	LaForge Casino Restaurant	2 yr
Custom Plumbing & Heating Co	2	Specs	2 yr
Irish-American Athletic Club	9 yrs	WBRU 95.5 FM	2 yr
J. S. Consultants, Inc.	9 yrs	Aidan's Pub	1 yr
Rhode Island Quahog Company	8 yrs	Bristol County Dodge	1 yr
IHOP	7 yrs	Courtyard Marriott	1 yr
Celtica	6 yrs	Fast Net Pub	1 yr
Newport Gulls	6 yrs	Keller Williams Reality	1 yr
110wport Guils	0 y13	Kirwin Brothers, Inc.	1 yr
		NewportFed	1 yr

# Special thanks to these individuals and business for donating to the roast.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Citizens Bank

Coastal Extreme Brewing Company

Colleen McGrath

Father McNulty

**IHOP** 

James Mahoney

Karen & Bill Cardinal

Kathlene & Erica O'Neill

Kiki Finn

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Martin Family

Newport Irish Heritage Association

Newport Vineyards

Rick & Joan Kelly

### **Parade Committee**

#### Dennis P. Sullivan, Chair

Glen Cardinal

Skip Carter

Chas Donovan

**David Downes** 

Charlie Masterson

Patrick McAuliffe

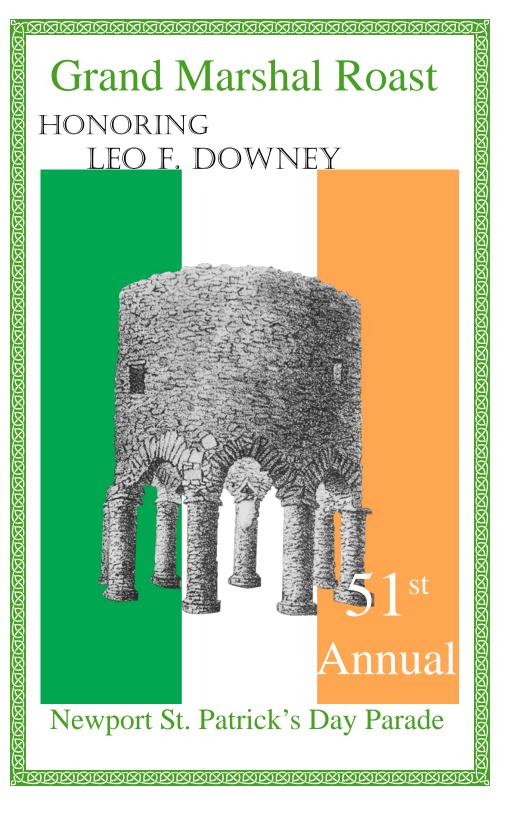
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Robert O'Neill

Dennis Reddy

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## 2007 Parade Grand Marshal Leo F. Downey



Leo F. Downey was born in Newport in 1933 to Michael F. and Helen A. Sullivan Downey, who are both deceased. He was one of four children, the other 3 being sisters who currently all reside in Newport; Marion Galvin, Pauline Fahey, and Grace Curran. He grew up on Grafton Street in Newport's Fifth Ward section as a child and still resides on Grafton Street, but at a different address than the house he grew up in. He is a parishioner of Saint Augustin Church.

In 1962 Leo married Diane Homer. Together they have four children; Mary Beth Vierra, Michael Downey, Nicolle Icart, and Jamie Downey.

Leo attended De La Salle Academy than worked at the Irish American Athletic Club, Sully's, and Shamrock Cliff bartending after he finished his schooling. He was hired by Raytheon Corporation where he worked for thirty years before retiring and being rewarded with a gold watch.

Leo has been active with the Dennis E. Collins Ancient Order of Hibernians for over 30 years. He is a Life member and served as the Steward of the local Hall at one time. Numerous dinners have been put on for AOH and Ladies AOH fundraisers by Leo Downey.

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## **ROAST SCHEDULE**

1:30 – 2:30 Social Hour and Hors d'oeuvres

2:30 – 3:30 Buffet Dinner

3:30 – On Roast:

Roast Master Call to Order

Opening Comments: Dennis Sullivan, Parade Chair

Presentation of Black Thorn Walking Stick:

**Parade Committee, David Downes** 

Roast Master Comments

**Roaster Jamie Downey** 

Roaster Chad Donnelly

Official Proclamations

Floor Open to Roasters: Be Brief Please

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He also put on fundraising dinners for a vocational technical scholarship that was given out by the AOH for a number of years. Leo has put on many memorable dinners, including the annual Ladies AOH Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Cigar Night, and the traditional Celtic Night Dinner. Anyone who has been fortunate to have experienced one of his extravagant dinners knows the work that went into both its preparation and presentation. He has worked tirelessly in his fundraising efforts throughout the years.

Leo was very humbled in being selected the Grand Marshal of the 51st Annual Newport Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He epitomizes the Irish American fabric of the traditional "old Fifth Ward" Irish.

