

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	5 yrs
Brick Alley Pub	10+ yrs	Newport County Bar Association	5 yrs
Behan Brothers Construction	10+ yrs	Remax Reality	5 yrs
J. J. Web, Inc.	10+ yrs	Aquidneck Island Drywall	4 yrs
McLaughlin & Moran, Inc	10+ yrs	Buskers	4 yrs
Newport City Council	10+ yrs	Citizens Bank	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.	9 yrs	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 Realty	1 yr
		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
 Patrick McGrath
 Robert O'Neill
 Dennis Reddy
 Daniel P. Titus

Grand Marshal Roast

HONORING
 LEO F. DOWNEY



Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

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.

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**

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.

