

### 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	Island Cemetery Corporation	6 yrs
Brick Alley Pub	10+ yrs	Newport National Golf	6 yrs
Behan Brothers Construction	10+ yrs	Frosty Freeze	4 yrs
Custom Plumbing & Heating Co.	10+ yrs	Newport Rugby	4 yrs
Irish-American Athletic Club	10+ yrs	Pour Judgment	4 yrs
McLaughlin & Moran, Inc	10+ yrs	RI Council 94, Local 911	4 yrs
Newport City Council	10+ yrs	The Speakeasy	4 yrs
Newport Firefighters	10+ yrs	HomeDepot	3 yrs
Newport Irish Heritage Assoc.	10+ yrs	Newport Rugby	3 yrs
O'Brien's Pub	10+ yrs	Sani-Kan	3 yrs
O'Neil-Hayes Funeral Home	10+ yrs	Sardellas Restaurant	3 yrs
One Pelham East	10+ yrs	Aarvark Antiques	2 yrs
IHOP	10+ yrs	Bistro 162	2 yrs
Celtica	10+ yrs	Coddington Brewing Co.	2 yrs
Buskers	10+ yrs	Knights of Columbus #256	2 yrs
Ladies A.O.H.	10 yrs	Malt Restaurant & Bar	2 yrs
LaForge Casino Restaurant	9 yrs	Four Season Lawn & Home Care	1 yr
Clare Dodge Chrysler Jeep	8 yrs	Glorioss Affairs	1 yr
Courtyard Marriott	8 yrs	Jimmy's Salon	1 yr
Fastnet Pub	8 yrs	Midtown Oyster Bar	1 yr
Savings Institute Bank & Trust	8 yrs	Newport Biodiesel	1 yr
Christopher Behan Attorney at Law	7 yrs	Orange Cab	1 yr
Gas Light Grille	7 yrs	PJS Plumbing & Heating	1 yr
		Wellington Resort	1 yr

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

Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians  
A.O.H. Pipes & Drums  
Coastal Extreme Brewing Company  
Father McNulty  
IHOP  
Karen & Bill Cardinal  
Newport City Council  
Newport Irish Heritage Association  
Newport Vineyards  
O'Brien's Pub  
Our Roasters  
Sister Josephine St. Leger  
Tucky & Jimmy Mahoney  
Savings Institute Bank & Trust  
Fishing with Finnegan

#### Parade Committee

**Dennis P. Sullivan, Chair**  
Glen Cardinal  
Chaz Donovan  
David Downes  
John Fletcher  
Michael Henlyshyn  
Patrick McAuliffe  
Robert O'Neill  
Joseph Titus  
Daniel P. Titus

# Grand Marshal Roast

## HONORING

### ROBERT O'NEILL

58TH ANNUAL NEWPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



SATURDAY MARCH 15TH, 2014

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58<sup>th</sup>

## Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

## 2014 Parade Grand Marshal Robert O'Neill



Robert was born in Newport, Rhode Island on December 20, 1939 to Robert & Jennie (Ripa) O'Neill. "Bobby", as he was known, grew up on Dearborn Street, which at the time was an Italian neighborhood. This was a great upbringing for a little redhead with Italian relatives. He used to hang around the Newport wharves, The Hut, Murphy Field and uptown at Sam's Ice Cream shop; where he made many friends. Through his early

years he held many jobs: paper boy, shoe shine boy, usher, pin setter, lobstering, Jamestown Ferry deckhand, Newport Beach alley boy, laborer, carpenter and printer at City Hall. His early education was at Lenthal, Carey and John Clarke schools. From there he went to Rogers High School where he graduated class of 1959.

Bobby attended Roger Williams Junior College studying electromechanical engineering. There he met his future wife Jeannette Dupere. In 1964 he married Jeannette in St. Mary's Church with Fr. George McCarthy officiating. Together they had three daughters, Kristine, Kelly and Kathlene. In 1965 he went to work at Raytheon as a print machine operator and was later promoted to a technical writer. He began working for the U.S. Postal Service in 1970 as a clerk/carrier and held many positions before retiring in 2001. It was at the post office that he obtained the nickname "Rooster". Between his red hair and the red face he would get when arguing with management while representing the American Postal Workers Union local as president, his co-workers would say "There goes the rooster crowing again!"

## ROAST SCHEDULE

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|  | 1:30 – 2:30 | Social Hour   |
|  | 2:30 – 3:15 | Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  |
|  | 3:15 – On   | Roast:  |
|  |             | <b>Emcee Call to Order~ Michael Henlyshyn</b>                   |
|  |             | <b>Roasters ~ Dick Davis &amp; Jim Aguiar</b>                   |
|  |             | <b>Roaster ~ Jeff Smith</b>                                     |
|  |             | <b>Proclamation from the State or Rhode Island</b>              |
|  |             | <b>Proclamation from the City</b>                               |
|  |             | <b>Words of Advice ~ George Jones <i>Past Grand Marshal</i></b> |
|  |             | <b>Presentation of Black Thorn Walking Stick ~</b>              |
|  |             | <b>Parade Committee, David Downes</b>                           |
|  |             | <b>Floor Open to Roasters: <u><i>Be Brief Please</i></u></b>    |

In addition to being involved with the local APWU, Bobby was the State president of the organization, volunteered with the Newport County Mental Health outreach program, has been a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus #256 Middletown, is Vice-President of the Island Cemetery and a member of Montaup Country Club. In 1966, Robert joined the Dennis E. Collins division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He helped out with many events and duties over the years as needed. For the last 15 years has been on the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade committee. Every year he pounds the pavement going door to door to businesses asking for donations to keep the parade going. He most recently was nominated and elected to the position of Vice-President of the State of RI Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Upon retiring in 2001, he worked with Jeannette at their deli, Mrs. O's Kitchen, on Broadway until they sold the business in 2003. These days you can find Bobby working at Memorial Funeral Home as a Funeral Assistant, golfing, selling 50/50 tickets at the hall or spending time with his family and friends; especially his four grandchildren: Erica, Simone, Douglas and Tara.