



# The Museum of Newport Irish History MNIH

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## 5th and final talk of our 21st Annual Lecture Series

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### ***A Virtual Tour of Irish Newport: Connecting the Dots***

Special Guest Speaker: **Mike Slein**

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Wyndham Newport Hotel**

240 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, R.I. 02842

**and Live-Streamed via Zoom**

Mike Slein is the immediate past president of the board of directors of the Museum of Newport Irish History and served in that position for eight years. His final project prior to turning over the Museum reins to Deanna Conheeny was to develop three self-guided walking tours of “Irish Newport,” which are available as a set of three brochures. Each stroll is approximately 90 minutes in length, covering one to three miles, and was designed to highlight the presence and impact of the Irish in building our great city of Newport. This illustrated presentation will borrow stops from each of the three walks which share common themes and show connections between Ireland, Irish culture, and Newport history and its people.

Mike’s presentation is inspired by his abiding love of Ireland, its people and its culture, honed by more than 20 extended stays in the “old sod.” He has toured every county, from one-night stops on perimeter circumnavigation trips to month-long stays in country homes with family and friends. His appreciation and love of Newport, its history and its people are as deep as its Irish roots are at the heart. The personal connections between Newport and Ireland are many and deserve recognition.

The walking tours, a “virtual” version of which you will enjoy from the comfort of your chair, are a fine complement to the story told at the Museum’s Interpretive Center on Lower Thames Street. The Center spotlights the Irish immigrant working class who overcame 19<sup>th</sup>-century prejudices and persecution, and through their hard work, built the City of Newport and its surrounding towns. The walking tours are a confluence of both the working class and the wealthy, influential Irish who contributed to so many of the prominent buildings and institutions throughout our city.

Mike hopes that these tours will remain living documents that may grow and evolve as people provide ideas and additional sites for inclusion. Copies of each of the three tour brochures will be offered to each in-person attendee of this special presentation.

**Speaker Bio:** Please visit the “Lectures” page of our website to read Mike’s fascinating bio.

***A reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held following the lecture. Cash Bar***

#### **Reservations Required for In-Person and Zoom Participation**

To reserve: Visit [www.NewportIrishHistory.org](http://www.NewportIrishHistory.org), click “Lectures,” then the appropriate link to reserve under the Mar. 29 listing (In Person or Zoom). You will receive an e-confirmation. If you do *not* see this email, check your SPAM. The talk will be videotaped and a link to view will be available later, on our website’s “Lectures” page.

~ \$5 fee/donation payable at the door via cash or check to “MNIH.” No fee to participate via Zoom.

**Questions/Assistance with Registration?** Contact Ann Arnold at (401) 841-5493 or [tpm1@earthlink.net](mailto:tpm1@earthlink.net).