

**Ancient Order of Hibernians
151 Watertown Street
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APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

Happy Easter. I hope that everyone is having a productive and Spiritual Lenten Season. As we inch closer to Easter let's be mindful of those less fortunate than us that are currently enduring hardships.

This past month for St. Patrick's Day we were able to have Joe Glynn perform in the member's lounge the Saturday prior. The attendance was sparse but by all accounts, all in attendance had a good time. On St. Patrick's Day there was a very good showing in the lounge enjoying Irish music while snacking on corned beef sandwiches.

Spring is in full swing, buds are beginning to pop, and shrubs are starting to flower. The Red Sox are already a couple of games into their schedule. The Final Four Championship game is tonight and the Frozen Four starts up this coming Thursday, in Tampa.

Please note that the Scholarship applications need to be submitted by no later than Friday April 21, 2022. Applications are included in this newsletter.

Upcoming events at the club are included in the Calendar section of the newsletter. Please be mindful that tickets need to be purchased at least one week in advance for the Communion Breakfast so we can have a proper headcount for the caterer. In addition to membership events at the Club we will be pushing out notices of Irish cultural events in the area.

You will see in the Financial Secretary's message the reformation of the Membership Committee. Rick Stacy and Paul Connolly will be taking the lead and will be looking for others to step up.

As always and in closing, please keep the Pastoral Collaborative of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's in your prayers. Thanks to the membership for all the support we have provided to the WCC and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joe

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Thank you to everyone that helped with Ham-O-Rama on Saturday, April 1st. The raffle table was spectacular! There were so many beautiful baskets created by our talented members.

Saturday, April 8th, there will be a movie matinee at 3 PM in the member's lounge. The movie is The Quiet Man. Bring your own snacks.

The Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 23rd 10:00 AM. Mass with the breakfast to follow. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance due to needing a head count by the caterer.

On Saturday, April 29th the "Watch City Cadillacs Doo Wop Band" will be playing in the hall. Tickets have already sold out!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, at 7 PM.

The LAOH Scholarship application is available and included in this newsletter. Scholarships are limited to children or grandchildren of LAOH Division 14 members (living or deceased) who have been members in good standing for the Past Three Years. Applicants must be high school or prep school seniors of current year's graduating class. Applications must be received by Friday, April 21, 2023 (no exceptions) Please mail to: LAOH c/o DeeDee Walsh, P.O. Box 11 Watertown, MA 02471.

As always, please keep our brother and sister Hibernians in your prayers who are dealing with illness or hardship. If you know of a member who is not well, please reach out to me and Eileen Waldron so she can send a card and check in with that person.

Your 2023 dues are now due. *Please note the change of address to mail your dues. Please make checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to LAOH Division 14, 151 Watertown Street, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02472. The dues are \$30 up to and including age 64 and \$25 for ages 65 and over.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
DeeDee

UPDATES and NOTICES

AOH Membership Notice 2023 DUES

Regular Members pay \$55.00, Senior Members (age 65 plus and a member in good standing for at least 10 consecutive years) pay \$30.00. All Associate Members regardless of age pay \$55.00. You can mail your checks to A.O.H. Div. 14 c/o Rick Stacy, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471. **Please see the insert *below* relative to incentives to pay early and/or on time. There will be penalties for late payment.**

LAOH Membership Notice 2023 DUES

2023 dues are payable NOW. When sending your dues please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail. This will provide us with an up-to-date listing. There are only two prices for dues, Members age 64 and below - \$30, 65 and over - \$25. You can make your checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to Ellen Ridge, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, 02471.

Bartenders needed

Anyone interested in helping out as a bartender please contact Bobby McLaughlin, Vice-President/Steward, 617.448.3400.

Sick Members and/or shut-in

Contact Joe McCusker at 508.386.6438. For the LAOH please contact Eileen Waldron at 781.642.9250.



Known Members currently in constant care/recovery

Margaret Winston is presently getting constant care at Benchmark Senior Living at Waltham Crossings which is located at 126 Smith St. Waltham, MA 02451.

Mary Flanagan is currently being cared for at Meadow Green Rehab and Nursing Center which is located at 45 Woburn St. Waltham, MA 02452.

June Callahan is currently being cared for at Benchmark Senior Living at Waltham Crossings which is located at 126 Smith St. Waltham, MA 02451.

Ed Tolan is currently being cared for at Belmont Manor which is located at 34 Agassiz Ave. Belmont, MA 02478.

Bob Hunter is currently getting constant care at Santa Maria Nursing Facility 799 Concord Ave. Cambridge, MA 02138.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

Political Education Chair Message

Friends,

The big news this month was [the approval by the British Government of the revised Brexit deal](#) vote - despite Tory rebellion and DUP anger. The [Guardian notes](#) that the framework received backing from the majority of MPs, with only the DUP and 22 Conservative rebels – including former PMs Boris Johnson and Liz Truss – voting against it.

DUP leader Jeffrey Donaldson [listed five areas of concern](#), including the harm done to Northern Ireland's union with the rest of the United Kingdom, its place in the UK's internal market, the role of EU law, the workings of a "green lane" for imports from Britain and the "democratic deficit" around the imposition of EU laws. The [Orange Order also announced](#) it will not support the agreement unless changed. It noted that the Framework “continues to treat Northern Ireland as a place apart” from the UK.

President Joe Biden is expected to visit to mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement next month. Ahead of his visit, Britain has [raised the domestic threat level for Northern Ireland](#) to 'severe'. Severe is the second-highest rung on a five-point scale and means an attack is considered highly likely. The threat had stood one notch lower at “substantial” for the past year.

Q. What are the Good Friday Agreements or GFAs?

A. [According to Wikipedia, the GFA](#) (signed on 10 April 1998), restored self-government to Northern Ireland on the basis of "power sharing" and it included acceptance of the principle of consent, commitment to civil and political rights, cultural parity of esteem, police reform, paramilitary disarmament and early release of paramilitary prisoners, followed by demilitarization.

Paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland laid down their arms after the 1998 Good Friday peace accord largely ended three decades of violent conflict between Irish republican and British loyalist groups and U.K. security forces that killed more than 3,600 people. But small Irish Republican Army splinter groups have continued to launch sporadic attacks on security forces.

Rick Connell
Vice-President & Political Education Chair
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Financial Secretary Notes April 2023

As your Financial Secretary it is my responsibility to keep track of membership, distribute travel cards, and manage the key-cards used to gain entry into our member's lounge.

Each month I use this space to highlight a different topic related to those duties. This month is all about driving up membership.

Last month I mentioned the new membership promotional posters that division vice-President Richard Connell created. Digital copies of those posters will be emailed to all members on our mailing list and you are encouraged to find a public place where you can post one. If you don't have a color printer, there will be extra copies available in the members lounge.

I also encourage you to visit the AOH Division 14 Facebook page, become a follower of the page so updates to the page get automatically sent to your Facebook account, share the posts on your page, and, perhaps most importantly, use the option on the page to invite others you know to join the page. A strong social media presence is an important part of maintaining a vibrant community.

The Division 14 Membership Committee is being reactivated and, we hope, re-invigorated. Our focus will be to find ways to promote increased membership and encourage active participation. If anyone is interested in helping out or if you have any ideas, please contact Joe McCusker, Rick Connell, or myself.

I've been told that past efforts at The Faire on the Square were not fruitful, but maybe there's a way to make that work; I've considered a joint food/clothing/membership drive but would need help to make it work; hopefully others have more ideas. Please give us your thoughts!

Remember, we are ALWAYS looking for new members so if you think someone might be interested, please give them my contact info or give them an application (there are copies by the mailbox under the TV in the lounge).

Reminder 1: If you haven't paid your 2023 membership dues yet, they are LATE. The \$10 Late Fee for regular membership went into effect the day after St. Patrick's Day.

Reminder 2: Your membership must be paid in order to attend the State Convention in May.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy
Financial Secretary

Legacy members Patrick Hanlon and Dick Thompson
enjoying a drink and some corned beef sandwiches at the
Club on St. Patrick's Day.



SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH @ 3PM

THE QUIET MAN

**** MEMBERS ONLY ****

**LOUNGE
MOVIE NIGHT
MATINEE**

***** BAR OPENS @ 1PM *****

***** BRING YOUR OWN FOOD/SNACKS *****





Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.
Division 14 – Watertown, MA
Scholarship Application

Scholarship Details

1. Scholarship is limited to children or grandchildren of LAOH Division 14 members (living or deceased) who have been members in good standing for the Past Three Years.
2. Scholarship is not restricted to four-year colleges. It is available to anyone that is furthering his/her education.
3. Applicants must be high school or prep school seniors of current year's graduating class.
4. Applicants must submit the following:
 - a. A completed L.A.O.H. scholarship application
 - b. Record of grades for four years
 - c. A letter from the applicant stating why he/she feels deserving of this scholarship including information on extra-curricular activities.
 - d. A letter from either a teacher or a guidance counselor
 - e. SAT scores (where applicable)
 - f. Scholarships will be awarded date **TBD**.

Applications must be received by Friday April 21, 2023 (no exceptions)
Please mail to: LAOH c/o DeeDee Walsh, P.O. Box 11 Watertown, MA
02471

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

School currently enrolled in (including city & state): _____

Expected high school graduation date: _____

Schools you have applied to: _____

Name of mother or grandmother (Div. 14 member): _____



*TOMAS CARDINAL O'FIAICH DIVISION 14
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

1. Limited to sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters active or deceased members (in good standing) of Tomas Cardinal O'Fiaich AOH Division 14. Current Members in good standing are also eligible.
2. Must be a High School or Prep School senior when applying.
3. Recipient must attend an accredited college, business or vocational school. This includes 2 – 3 year schools such as nursing, health professions, art and counseling.
4. All applications with scores, transcripts, letter of recommendation and extra-curricular activities must be **received (not postmarked)** by Friday April 21, 2023. Please note that if you do not complete all the requirements of the application, said application will not be considered for review by the Committee.
5. Scholarships will be formally awarded date **TBD**.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Hibernian member's name _____

Relationship to member _____

I am a senior currently attending _____

I plan on attending _____

Return application to:
Joe McCusker, Scholarship Chairman
AOH Division #14
P.O. Box 11
Watertown, MA 02471



*MIDDLESEX COUNTY
AL MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

1. Limited to sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters active or deceased members (in good standing) of the AOH Middlesex County Hibernians. Current Members in good standing are also eligible.
2. Must be High School or Prep School senior when applying.
3. Recipient must attend an accredited college, business or vocational school. This includes 2 – 3 year schools such as nursing, health professions, art and counseling.
4. All applications must include school marks, College Board scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities. Please note that if you do not complete all the requirements of the application, said application will not be considered for review by the Committee.
5. All applications must be **received** by April 21, 2023 (**NOT postmarked**).
6. Scholarships will be formally presented on a date **TBD** at the home of Division 14 Watertown, MA.
7. Please return the application to: Joe McCusker, Scholarship Chairman, C.O. AOH Division 14, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Hibernian member's Name and Division _____

Relationship to applicant _____

I am a senior currently attending _____

I plan on attending _____



2023 Communion Breakfast

11 AM, April 23, 2023

Hibernian Hall, Watertown

Tickets are \$15

Buy at AOH Hall bar in advance..!



The Event includes..

- Full Irish Breakfast..! (catered by Donohue's of Watertown),
- Remembering the AOH and LAOH members who passed away,
- Traditional Irish Dancing from the O'Shea Chaplin School of Dance,
- Reading of The Proclamation to commemorate the 1916 Rising, and
- An invited talk by Author Eunan O'Halpin



The Guest speaker is Eunan O'Halpin: Professor Emeritus of Contemporary Irish History at Trinity College Dublin and the Spring 2023 Burns Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies at Boston College and author of several books on Irish History.

Tickets are only \$15
per person: must be
ordered in advance

- Because the event is catered, Tickets must be purchased, and headcount finalized a week in advance to allow Donohue to plan the food needed based on the number of attendees.
- The event is open to the public and is a good way to (re) introduce family and friends to their Irish Heritage
- Tickets can be purchased at the bar or by contacting Rick Connell at 860-867-7866 or by email at rconnellsr@gmail.com

Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Thursday	6-Apr-23		Holy Thursday (Club closed)
Friday	7-Apr-23		Good Friday (Club closed)
Saturday	8-Apr-23	3:00 PM	Movie Matinee "The Quiet Man"
Sunday	9-Apr-23		Easter (Club closed)
Monday	10-Apr-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	13-Apr-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	19-Apr-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Sunday	23-Apr-23	10:00 AM	Division Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast
Saturday	29-Apr-23	6:15 PM	Benefit - Watch City Cadillacs
Friday	5-May-23		AOH/LAOH State Convention DoubleTree Hyannis, MA
Monday	8-May-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	11-May-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	17-May-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting


Please remember when renting the hall or Lounge as a member you must be a member in good standing (dues must be paid in full), pay with your own check and you must be at the function. The Members Lounge may be used for up to forty (40) people. For more than forty (40) the Big Hall is available. We love to see members renting the hall for all their family functions. For more information please contact the Rental Agent at 617-710-8680. Also check out our web pages for photos of the Hall: www.aohdiv14.com

FÁILTE!

We have classes for boys and girls age 4+ in your area!

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Facebook/osheachaplin
Instagram/osheachaplin
BostonIrishDance.com
osheachaplin@hotmail.com



Beginner Irish dance classes for children age 4 and up are held at Division 14 every Thursday at 5:15PM. For more information contact Lisa at the email address above.

**Please support these establishments
who have supported the Hibernians!**

Paddy's Pub
95 Elm St.
West Newton, MA
617-965-6444

Devlin's Restaurant
332 Washington St.
Brighton, MA
617-779-8822

Donohue's
87 Bigelow Ave.
Watertown, MA
617-924-4900

Copper House
380 Winter St.
Waltham, MA
781-890-8989

The Warren Tavern
2 Pleasant St.
Charlestown, MA
617-241-8142

O'Hara's Pub
1185 Walnut St.
Newton, MA
617-965-6785

Fit Z's Bar & Grille
451 Main St.
Watertown, MA
617-923-3969

Deveney & Sons
Monuments
Waltham, MA
781-891-9876

