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**AOH President's Message**

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year and we're already into the second month of 2023. As we begin this new year, I look forward to hopefully seeing more members getting involved in Division business. As I have stated in previous messages, we have a core group of members that tend to do all the work. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work."

Things are going to hit fast as we move closer to the month of March. We will have Joe Glynn performing the weekend before St. Patrick's Day. We will be having our Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast in April. The Scholarship Award night will be sometime in May. Lastly, we have the State Convention scheduled to be at the Doubletree Hyannis on the first weekend in May.

I know that we are still feeling the lingering effects of COVID. For some reason I don't think the Media, at large, wants the news of the Pandemic to go away. It is my belief that the fear-mongering messages that the Media keeps putting out there is not mentally healthy for the public, especially those that are susceptible to such. I hope that cooler heads will prevail and as we continue to go about living our daily lives, we take all the necessary common-sense precautions to help keep ourselves and families safe.

For those that may, or may not know, I am now in my sixth term eleventh year as Division President. I never expected to be staying on this long. I hope that I'm not getting stale and that the newsletters and messages that I try to get out in a timely fashion still resonate with membership. I cannot possibly succeed without the support and encouragement from you all. Thanks for the support.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Joe McCusker

### LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

February 1<sup>st</sup> is The Feast of St. Brigid and celebrates the arrival of longer, warmer days and the early signs of Spring. Due to Brigid being the only female patron saint of Ireland and a powerful woman with multiple talents, St. Brigid's Day has become associated with the celebration of womanhood in Ireland and women's talent and creativity across the globe. This year, Ireland will honor St. Brigid's Feast Day with a state holiday to be held each year on the Monday closest to February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Blessed St. Brigid of Ireland, Mother of the Church of Erin,  
Holy St. Brigid of Kildare, patroness of our race,  
wherever their lot may be cast,  
be our guide in the paths of virtue,  
protect us amid temptation,  
shield us from danger.

Dear St. Brigid of Ireland,  
our brilliant star whose flame of spirit has never forsaken us,  
I look up to you, call upon your name and grace and holy place in heaven  
and humbly, most humbly offer to you in hopeful prayer:

[Mention your need here...]

Saint Brigid of Kildare,  
Pray for me .... Amen

The next State Board meeting will be held in Holyoke, not Watertown, on Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please let me know so that we can organize carpooling. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, at 7 PM.

Our State Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, in Hyannis, MA, on May 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to attend. I will email the details under separate cover, including the early deadline to purchase tickets. It would be wonderful to have a representation of Division 14 in attendance.

Mark your calendars - April 29<sup>th</sup> for the "Watch City Cadillacs Doo Wop Band". Tickets will be available soon!

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, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471. 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 Maureen Foley, 130 Spruce St. Watertown MA 02472.

**Joe Glynn will be performing on Friday March 10, 2023**

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance Saturday March 11, 2023**

At St. Patrick's Church Hall  
Date: Saturday March 11, 2023  
Time: Doors open at 6:30PM  
Dinner: Served promptly at 7:00PM  
Music: The Black Velvet Band  
Ticket Price: \$40/person  
Contact: Janice Aucoin (617.733.4356)

**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

In terms of Political Education and FFAI fronts, January was a busy month: The National AOH sent a request for members to contact their congressman/congresswoman and ask them to join the Irish Caucus. By clicking on [the link provided](#), you simply enter your name, address, phone number and zip code, and the email or letter will be fabricated automatically. You then just hit send. If your congressman/congresswoman is already a member of the caucus, they will receive a thank you note. Otherwise, they will get a request to join the caucus on behalf of their constituents.

- At our monthly, divisional meeting on 8-Jan, a laptop was provided to aid members to further lower the barrier to contribute. Nine new letters were sent because of that effort.

Note: a politician does not have to be of Irish descent to join the caucus, but having a congressman or congresswoman agree to join the caucus is a way for them to signal their support of issues of interest to their constituents. It also gets them emotionally engaged in issues related to Ireland.

[The EU and UK are set to continue to negotiate over the Northern Ireland protocol](#), as both sides try to reach an agreement ahead of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Good Friday agreement (April 7, 2023). The talks are aimed at resolving three key issues:

- Checks on trade between Northern Ireland and Great Britain
- The role of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) on settling disputes related to Northern Ireland),
- The application of EU law in Northern Ireland.

Finally, a reminder that Irish American pressure is powerfully effective. As the article [‘Once Again, America Choses Ireland over the UK’](#) noted, the dispute over the Protocol is proof that the Irish-US bond is stronger than ever. Two recent examples illustrate this:

- Part of the renewed interest to agree to a revised Brexit deal relating to Northern Ireland is the decision by President Biden to travel to Ireland on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement *if a deal is struck*. This is adding additional pressure for Prime Minister Sunak to reach a deal his party members can agree to before 7-April.
- At the end of last week, twenty-seven members of the US House of Representatives signed a letter, addressed to Rishi Sunak, expressing “grave concern” about the UK government’s proposals for conditional amnesties for crimes committed by both terrorists and state forces between 1969 and 1998, during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Rick Connell  
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## Financial Secretary Notes February 2023

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As your Financial Secretary it is my responsibility to keep track of membership, distribute annual membership 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 I would like to stress the importance of keeping your contact information up to date and ask for your help.

While our monthly bulletin highlights most of the official scheduled activities going on at our club, email is a much more effective way to let you know about informal events such as tailgate parties, unplanned activities such as a funeral, or rescheduled activities. Email is also a more efficient method to issue notices regarding dues payments or inquire as to why a paper mailing got returned as "address unknown" or something similar. As of January 22, 2023 the price to mail a standard envelope will increase to 63 cents and to send a post card will go up to 48 cents. This may not sound like much, but with close to 300 members the costs add up quickly.

In addition to your physical mailing address and your email address it is also important to have your phone number.

With this in mind, **I need your help!** Listed below are the names of members for whom I do not have email addresses or phone numbers. I believe that some of the members listed may already get their monthly newsletter via email but that may indicate that there is a disconnect between the member name and the email address.

If you know the email address or phone number for anyone on this list, please email that information to me at [Razzlema9@yahoo.com](mailto:Razzlema9@yahoo.com) or write a note and leave it in the mailbox beside the bar.

David Barth	John Calden	Thomas Corsi	Kevin Cosby
Barry Dunn	Richard Furlan	John Glynn	Richard T Johnson
Peter Koutoujian	Wayne MacDonald		William Oates
Joseph O'Grady	Paul O'Keefe		Bryan Platt
Neil Ryan	David Stone	Joseph Stone	Robert Stone
Thomas Thibaut	George Thompson		John McDermott (Naples FL)

Reminder 1: Membership dues were payable on January 2023. The \$10 late payment penalty goes into effect for any payments not made by St. Patrick's Day.

Reminder 2: We will be initiating a new membership class during our February meeting, please consider attending the meeting, say hello to our new members, and grab a slice of pizza.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy

Letter from the Club Inc. Steward

The Club has been slowly getting back to normal. We had excellent turnouts for many of the Patriots games this Season. The playoffs and Conference Championship games were especially lively. We have also been busy for many of the Bruins games. Go B's! We will be open all day/night for Super Bowl 57, come on in and enjoy the game and some brotherhood. There will be plenty of food and Craic.



Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.  
Bobby McLaughlin



**ANCIENT ORDER of HIBERNIANS DIVISION 14**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Friday March 10, 2023

An Evening with Joe Glynn

Joe will be begin performing at 7:30PM

Tickets will be sold in advance for \$10



Thursday March 17, 2023

Hibernian Member's Lounge 151 Watertown St

Irish music will be streaming all day

## CALENDAR PROGRAM 2023

1. CALENDAR PROGRAM 2023. Please note that we have our calendars in to start the Calendar program for 2023. The Calendar program is one of the ways we generate much needed funds for the Division to cover expenses and provide for donations to charities, etc. Please consider buying a calendar (many members give them as Christmas gifts) as it is a great way to support the Division and in the process have a chance to win some \$\$\$. The way the Calendar (Mass State Lottery) program works ...
  - a. Calendars may be purchased for \$50
  - b. You will have a 3 digit number on your calendar
  - c. If the 3 digit number on your calendar is the same as the first 3 digits of the evening daily number (exact order) you will win the prize allocated for that day (you have a chance to win every day). No need to call to receive your prize, we reconcile all the winners at the end of each month and automatically mail payments out typically within 10 business days.
    - i. The prize money for Monday – Friday is \$50
    - ii. The prize money for Saturday and Sunday is \$75
    - iii. The prize money for Holidays will vary and are identified on the calendar
  - d. You can purchase a calendar at the Members lounge – If you can't make it to the lounge you can mail a check in the amount of \$50 to Joe McCusker and I will send the calendar to your return address, details below.

- i. Joe McCusker  
P.O. Box 11  
Watertown, MA 02471

Note: make the check payable to A.O.H. Division 14 – remember to include your return address



<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Thursday	<b>9-Feb-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>12-Feb-23</b>		<b>Super Bowl party in the lounge</b>
Wednesday	<b>15-Feb-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>9-Mar-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Friday	<b>10-Mar-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Joe Glynn performing</b>
			<b>St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance</b>
Saturday	<b>11-Mar-23</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church Hall</b>
			<b>information contained in</b>
			<b>Updates and Notices</b>
Monday	<b>13-Mar-23</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>15-Mar-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>23-Apr-23</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Division Memorial Mass and</b>
			<b>Communion Breakfast</b>

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](http://www.aohdiv14.com)



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# **BARTENDERS NEEDED!**

*No Experience Necessary!*

*We Will Train!*

If interested please Contact Bob McLaughlin


617.448.3400

**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*



The beginner classes for children ages four and up are held at AOH Division 14 in Watertown every Tuesday night beginning at 5:15PM.  
For more information email [osheachaplin@hotmail.com](mailto:osheachaplin@hotmail.com)

**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

West St. Grill  
7 West St.  
Newton, MA  
617-795-0883

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

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

