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**AOH President's Message**

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas with family and loved ones. I know that for some Christmas time can be difficult because of the loss of a loved one or someone couldn't make it home for Christmas. Please embrace those that you can and enjoy every moment.

My take-away from this past year is that can we look back and say that despite the challenges put before us we persevered! I'm proud to say that Division-14 didn't not stop the doing the work of The Order. We continue to move forward year after year. The main reason that we can continue to support local charities, needy families, Blood Drives, the WCC Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart Churches and Division Scholarships is because of the work of a core group of members, both men and ladies. My hope is that this core group of men and ladies continues to grow. I can only imagine what more we could do if more members got involved with the work we do for the Community at large.

We recently had some changes on the AOH Division Board. Leo Falter is stepping down as Vice President and Tomas Hernon is stepping down as Marshall. I would like to thank Tom for his years of service as our Division Marshall and look forward to all Division members to support Bob Daly in his new role. We thank Leo for his many years of service to the Division, in various capacities, and know that he won't be going very far. Please welcome Rick Connell in as your new Vice President.

All those members that are that are homebound and/or in constant care please know that we are thinking about you. We had tentatively planned on visitations around Christmas time but based on the current increase of flus/virus in our area it was decided to hold off at this time.

Lastly, I pray that as we come together in this New Year that all stay healthy and safe. "The greatest wealth is health."

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Joe McCusker

### LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I pray this newsletter finds you and your family being strengthened in prayer and surrounded by the love of God. As we enter upon 2023, I'm excited about new opportunities and prospects the year has to offer. I look forward to bringing in new members, sharing ideas, and expanding our ministries.

Here are our new officers elected at the December meeting:

President - DeeDee Walsh\*  
Vice President - VACANT  
Recording Secretary - Janice Aucoin\*  
Treasurer – Barbara Poirier\*  
Financial Secretary-elect - Ellen Ridge  
Sentinel-elect – Denise McLaughlin  
Historian-elect – Deborah Johnson  
Missions & Charities - Rita Stacy\*  
Mistress-at-Arms - Caitlin Donovan\*  
Good-and-Welfare - Eileen Waldron\*

\*Currently serving in this office and has been previously sworn in.  
Please stay tuned for news on the date of the installation of our new officers.

At our December meeting, we installed a new member. A warm welcome to Cathleen Hegarty Morrison. We made donations to the Marine Corp Toys for Tots, the Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal (FFAI), and LAOH National Board FUNdraising Campaign to purchase calendar raffle tickets. We were awarded \$500 from the State Board to use towards a charity of our choice. Therefore, we chose to give the money to the Watertown Food Pantry and the Collaborative Food Pantry for \$250 each.

Mark your calendars. We will host the next State Board meeting in Watertown on Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 PM. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, at 7 PM.

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. We especially would like to pray for Joyce Burgess, our State President who passed away on Christmas Day.

**Do not forget to keep your dues up to date.** You can pay your 2023 dues by check. 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.

Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

*DeeDee*

## Political Education Chair Message

Two bits of news as we close our 2022

1. Joe Kennedy III [was named as US economic envoy to Northern Ireland](#). The 42-year-old scion of one of America's most famous political families, has agreed to serve as the special envoy to Northern Ireland for economic affairs, the US state department announced on Monday.

The former Massachusetts congressman and grandson of US attorney general Robert F Kennedy is replacing Mick Mulvaney, a former White House chief of staff under Donald Trump, who stepped down from the role last year.

Kennedy's appointment comes at a moment of elevated tensions between Washington and London over the implementation of the Northern Ireland protocol that dictates post-Brexit trade regulations in the UK province, and it comes ahead of the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday agreement next year which aimed to end nearly 30 years of political violence in Northern Ireland known as The Troubles.

2. More than one million people have applied for an Irish passport since 2016 [according to an article in the Irish Independent](#). Key points raised in the article include:

- Ireland overtook the UK this year in the Passport Index to become the joint third most powerful passport in the world, alongside nations such as the US, Norway, and New Zealand.
- Non-Irish applicants whose grandparents were born in Ireland or whose parents were Irish citizens at the time of their birth can apply to become Irish citizens through foreign birth registration.
- US applications went from over 14,600 to over 20,200 to date this year, while Canadian applications nearly doubled from just over 2,500 in 2016 to over 4,100 to date.
- Ireland's neutrality is also thought to be one of the reasons why citizenship is seen to be a valuable rite of passage around the world.

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### Financial Secretary Notes January 2023

As your Financial Secretary it is my responsibility to keep track of membership and manage the creation, distribution, and if necessary, deactivation of the key-cards used to gain entry into our members lounge. Each month I will use this space to highlight a different topic related to those duties. This month I will address key cards.

As most of you know, over the last two years there were multiple issues related to the key-card system. We have replaced the laptop used to run the software, had the database restored, been provided with the required instructions, and replaced the hardware in the building. Finally, the system seems to be up and running.

There are generally four possibilities relating to keycard problems; either you never got one, you got one but have lost it, you have one that doesn't work (old/broken), or you have a card that has been deactivated.

I believe I have issued key cards to every member but I may have missed someone. If there is anyone that has never been provided with a key card, please leave a note in the financial secretary mailbox with your name, current mailing address, and your membership number. I will then issue you a key-card.

If you have lost your key-card, leave a note in the financial secretary mailbox with your information and the \$10 card replacement fee. As long as your account is current, I will deactivate the old card and issue you a replacement card.

If you have a card that is not working AND you have paid your 2022 dues then put the card into that same mailbox along with same information. I will issue a replacement card. Returning the card that doesn't work lets you avoid the \$10 replacement fee.

If you haven't paid your 2022 dues the card will be deactivated until your account is current. Please pay your 2022 dues (\$55), the \$25 late fee, and your 2023 dues (\$55) [total of \$135] and then I will re-activate your card (usually within 10 days of receiving the payment).

As always, if you are suffering a financial hardship, please let us know and we may waive some or all of the fees and, if appropriate, possibly provide other assistance.

One reminder, 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  
Financial Secretary

Letter from the Acting President of the Board of Directors

My I start off with a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New year wish to my Brothers, Sisters, and all their families.

I hope everyone had a Happy Christmas and New Year's celebrating with family and loved ones.

It's been a long and continuing fight back from The Covid19 shut down. I'd like to thank all of our Board Members and especially their families for the time they have devoted to the Club and mostly the time sacrificed from their personal and family lives.

Each Board Member gives at a minimum of (9) hour of volunteer hours a year to the Club Inc.

I'm asking each member to keep that in thought when making their New Year's resolutions. I wonder if I could ask every non senior member to make a (4) hour per year of volunteering hours to the club as one of their resolutions? No offence to the senior members. Most to All of you have done your time, but we would never refuse your help. We won't be keeping track of those who can or can't find the time. As always, family first. It's a long year. (4) hours is a fraction of it. Please reach out to Brother Bob Daly (VP of the Building) for maintenance/repair type volunteering. Brother Bob McLaughlin (VP Steward) for Lounge volunteering. Brother Mike Morash (Acting President) for function volunteering.

It's my understanding that one of our members had words with one of our rental clients. This included stating negative business opinions falsely on behalf of the Club Inc. I ask any member that has to react with a renter (a business client of the Club Inc.) do so through the Rental Agent. If unhappy with the outcome? Reach out to a Board Member to pursue it.

Keep in mind. We are a business, established in this small community, and well liked. Word travels fast. Negative words travel faster. LOSS of business, especially a multiple renter per year, can cause a very hurtful ripple effect on our business. No one person has the right to make a statement for the Club Inc. including myself.

It is my intentions to try and offer some type of entertainment and/or function per month to be offered to the Club and friends, without conflicting with any Division activities. My goal is to turn this back into a club (the second family we grew up with). Prevent it turning into a Club House with underpriced lavations.

In brotherhood and devotion,  
Mike Morash

P.S. Brendan Toye will be starting up a Monday night dart league. Please look for posting in the lounge.

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.

**AOH Stockholders Meeting**

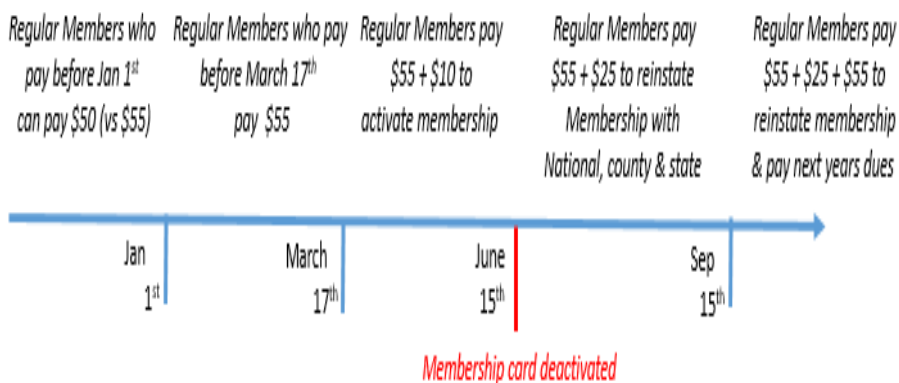
Please note that the Annual Stockholders Meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday this Month, January 18th. Positions on the Club Inc. Board are open for nominations up until the time we have the elections that night.

**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.



## **Please Remember Recently Deceased**



Retired Watertown Fire Department Captain & Past President of the Professional Fire Fighters of MA Robert B. McCarthy of Watertown, passed away on December 6, 2022, at the age of 77.

Beloved husband of Dorothy F. (Maurer) McCarthy. Loving father of State Trooper Robert B. McCarthy, Jr & his wife Jane of Framingham, Sandra E. MacInnis of Framingham, and Suzanne T. McCarthy of Watertown. Devoted son of the late Joseph, Sr. & Doris (Gildea) McCarthy. Dear brother of Carol O'Grady & her husband Michael of Framingham, Paul McCarthy of Lexington, Edward McCarthy & his wife Janice of Billerica, and the late Joseph McCarthy, Jr & his surviving wife Jeanette, and the late Dianne McCarthy McKinnon. Loving grandfather of Matthew & Kevin McCarthy, Joey, Sean, & Avery MacInnis. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and firefighters throughout the country.

United States Navy Veteran, Vietnam.

Retired Captain from the Watertown Fire Department. He was appointed to the department in October 1967, and retired October 2001 after 34 years.

From August 1987 to present he has been the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, representing over 12,000 paid professional union fire fighters in nearly 200 locals across the Commonwealth.

His professional affiliations included Massachusetts State Representative for the International Association of Fire Fighters, Board of Directors for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Jobs for Massachusetts, Trustee of Fitchburg State College from 1990 to 1999, Trustee of the University of Massachusetts from 1999 to present, Vice President of Massachusetts AFL/CIO, and Chairman of Federation of State & Provincial Professional Fire Fighters Association.

### **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.**



## 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>12-Jan-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>18-Jan-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>9-Feb-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>15-Feb-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>9-Mar-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</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>

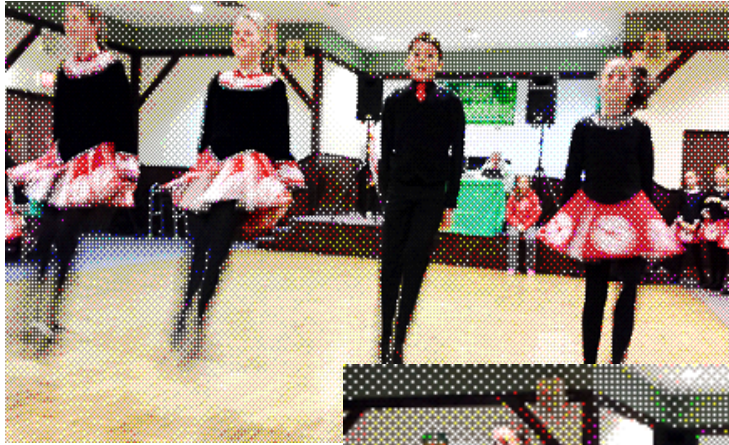

Please remember when renting the hall or Lounge as a member you must be a member in good standing (dues must be paid in full), pay with your own check and you must be at the function. The Members Lounge may be used for up to forty (40) people. For more than forty (40) the Big Hall is available. We love 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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*BostonIrishDance.com*  
*osheachaplin@hotmail.com*



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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

