

**Ancient Order of Hibernians  
151 Watertown Street  
PO Box 11  
Watertown, MA 02471**

**MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER**

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### AOH President's Message

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh.

As we begin the month of March, we should be mindful of the sacrifices of those that came before us as well as the sacrifices we have made ourselves. March is a time to not only to celebrate being of Irish birth or descent but also to reflect on our love of music, closeness of family, fondness for a party, sense of justice, ambition (willingness to work) and last but not least; strength in our Catholic Faith.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we have entertainment planned for Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> in the member's lounge, information included in this newsletter. Of course, Irish music will be playing in the lounge all day on St. Patrick's Day.

The AOH/LAOH 2023 State Convention will be coming up this May in Hyannis. I hope that we all are looking forward to a rewarding and enjoyable couple of days down on the Cape.

As we move closer to the Spring it is sure good to see the sun coming up earlier in the morning and not setting until later in the day. For most this is the best time of year, the spring is holding off for a while but in the meantime, we have our sports, Professional and College hockey, and basketball playoffs, the Frozen Four and March Madness.

Time to start thinking about another Blood and Food Drive. I've been receiving messages that there is a blood supply shortage and I know the WCC Food Pantry could use more canned goods, etc.

In closing, as we begin our time of reflection and prayer during this Lenten season, 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,

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.

The Ham-O-Rama is coming up on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the first round starts at 6:00 PM. We need many hands to make light work!

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. The details were emailed under separate cover, including the early deadline of March 3<sup>rd</sup> to purchase meal plan tickets. April 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to reserve your hotel room. 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 are available now! The flyer is attached in this newsletter.

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 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

Friends,

With minds concentrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Good Friday Agreement (10 April 1998), some developments took place this month related to the conflict over Northern Ireland (NI) Protocol.

**Development #1:** UK and EU appear to be on brink of new Brexit deal. According [to reports](#), UK Prime Minister Sunak and EU Commission president Ursula von der Leyen spoke by telephone on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and Downing Street said the prime minister had made "good progress". Meanwhile, UK Foreign Secretary James Cleverly has pulled out of a long-planned trip to the Middle East: raising expectations that a formal announcement from the UK and Brussels could be days away.

- Today, a single channel exists for goods traded between the UK & NI and all items must go through a customs check. In the new plan, the green channel would allow good intended only for NI to go through without checks, while a red channel would be used for items intended for further import into the EU from NI.
- No news on the second controversial point of the NI Protocol: the role of the European Court of Justice in resolving disputes. That will be a trickier point for politicians to finesse.

**Development #2:** Further pushing the UK to negotiate, the UK Supreme Court ruled on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> that [the NI Protocol is lawful](#). As part of the Brexit deal, the NI protocol creates a trade border between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. The unionist case against the protocol asserted three aspects:

The court unanimously rejected their appeal on all grounds. It had previously been rejected by the High Court and Court of Appeal.

Rick Connell  
MA AOH Political Education Committee  
Watertown Division #14  
860-867-7866,  
[rconnellsr@gmail.com](mailto:rconnellsr@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14>

## Financial Secretary Notes March 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 I would like to discuss a couple steps that we have taken to improve communication and hopefully, over time, drive up membership.

Our Division Vice-President Rich Connell has created a small poster with a QR Code that can be scanned with a cellphone and open a link to a membership application. The posters, just 8 1/2" x 11" will soon be posted in the pool room and out by the ATM. Our hope is to be given permission to put more of these posters up in local taverns, church halls, and other locations where potential new members are likely to be present. If you know of a location where you believe you could get permission to hang a poster please let me or Rick Connell know and we'll give you a copy.

Also, to make the membership posters appear more professional, the email address referenced in the poster is the new email address, [Membership.AOHDiv14@gmail.com](mailto:Membership.AOHDiv14@gmail.com)

This also the new preferred email address to communicate with me as the Division Financial Secretary. In addition, I now have a new phone number specifically for AOH communication. That new number is (617) 575-9585.

Remember, we are ALWAYS looking for new members so if you think someone might be interested, please give them my new contact info or give them an application (there are copies by the mailbox under the TV in the lounge) [the application fee is \$25].

Reminder 1: If you haven't paid your 2023 membership dues yet, you should do so ASAP to avoid the \$10 late fee which goes into effect the day after St. Patrick's Day.

Reminder 2: In order for a new member to be initiated at our June meeting applications should be submitted in time to be presented to the board at our April meeting so they can be approved at the May meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy  
Financial Secretary

**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





### 7 Surprising Facts about St. Patrick's Day

1. The real St. Patrick was born in Britain. It is believed that at age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in the North. He later escaped back to Britain eventually returning back to Ireland as a Christian missionary.
2. There were no snakes around for St. Patrick to banish from Ireland.
3. Leprechauns are likely based on Celtic belief in fairies. The original name for these figures is lobaircin, meaning small-bodied fellow.
4. The shamrock was considered a Sacred plant called a seamroy by the Celts.
5. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in America. Records indicate that the first parade was held on 17 March 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida.
6. The Irish were once scorned in America. Note really new to us.
7. Corned beef and cabbage is an American innovation. While ham and cabbage are the staple in Ireland.



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ham-O-Rama

**Free admission!**

You will have the opportunity to go home with the makings for an entire Easter Dinner.

**Saturday  
April 1, 2023  
Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**What can you win?**

**160 chances to win!  
40 prizes each round!**

**Ham, vegetables,  
dessert and other  
prizes will be  
included in each  
round!**

**Raffles, raffles,  
raffles!**

**Bring your own snacks!**



**Don't miss out on the fun!**

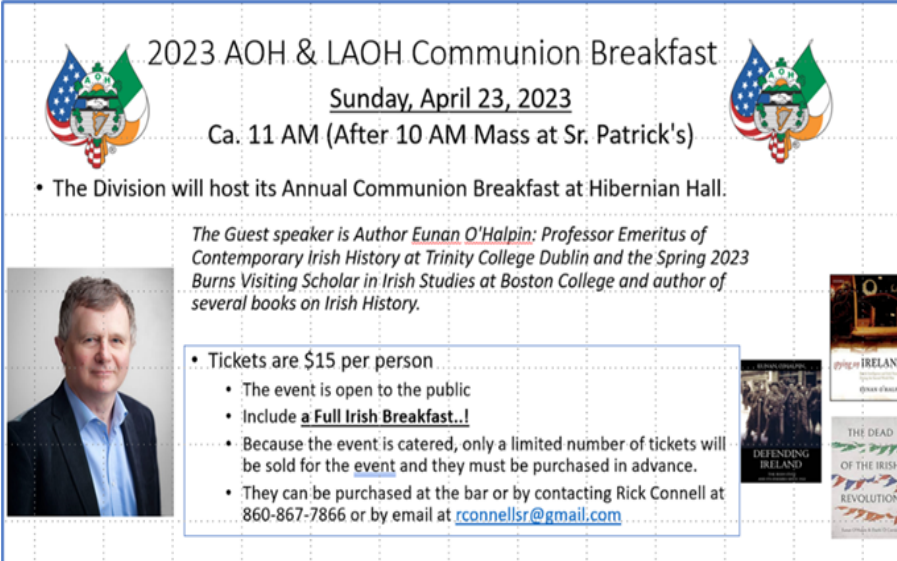
**Rounds start at 6:00 pm**

**Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Please join us for this fun event and help us contribute to our  
2022 charitable giving!!!**

Location: Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall  
151 Watertown St. Watertown, MA 02471

Our Division is hosting the annual Communion Breakfast on 23-April to commemorate the Division Hibernians who have passed. The event is open to all, and a full Irish Breakfast will be served. Tickets for the event will be sold in advance, are \$15. Contact Rick Connell (860-867-7866) or [rconnellsr@gmail.com](mailto:rconnellsr@gmail.com) for tickets.

Mass will be at St. Patrick's Church (10AM) with the breakfast to follow.



The poster features a grid background with two circular emblems at the top corners, each containing the flags of the United States and Ireland. The central text reads: "2023 AOH & LAOH Communion Breakfast", "Sunday, April 23, 2023", and "Ca. 11 AM (After 10 AM Mass at Sr. Patrick's)". A bullet point states: "The Division will host its Annual Communion Breakfast at Hibernian Hall." Below this, a paragraph introduces the guest speaker: "The Guest speaker is Author 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." To the left of this text is a portrait of Eunan O'Halpin. To the right are three book covers: "Ireland: A History" by Eunan O'Halpin, "Defending Ireland" by Eunan O'Halpin, and "The Dead of the Irish Revolution" by Eunan O'Halpin. A blue-bordered box on the right contains a list of ticket details: "Tickets are \$15 per person", "The event is open to the public", "Include a **Full Irish Breakfast..!**", "Because the event is catered, only a limited number of tickets will be sold for the event and they must be purchased in advance.", and "They can be purchased at the bar or by contacting Rick Connell at 860-867-7866 or by email at [rconnellsr@gmail.com](mailto:rconnellsr@gmail.com)".

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*A Night of Live Music  
“Back to the 50’s”*

To benefit the  
LAOH Scholarship Fund  
Saturday April 29, 2023

*DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM*



The Watch City Cadillacs  
B.Y.O. snacks - Cash Bar  
\$20 donation - Doors open at 6:15PM  
Hibernian Hall  
151 Watertown St. Watertown, MA

To purchase tickets Contact:  
Janice Aucoin - 617.733.4356  
Noelle Daly - 781.864.3698  
Rita Stacy - 617.230.7408

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Thursday	9-Mar-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Friday	10-Mar-23	7:30 PM	Joe Glynn performing
Saturday	11-Mar-23	6:30 PM	St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance St. Patrick's Church Hall information contained in Updates and Notices
Monday	13-Mar-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	15-Mar-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	1-Apr-23	5:30 PM	Ham-O-Rama
Thursday	6-Apr-23		Holy Thursday (Club closed)
Friday	7-Apr-23		Good Friday (Club closed)
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

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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*Instagram/osheachaplin*  
*BostonIrishDance.com*  
*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

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

