

**Ancient Order of Hibernians  
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**AOH President's Message**

Many thanks to those members, both Ladies and Men, who stepped up to help make our Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast a great success. Special thanks to Vice-President and Chair of this special day Rick Connell for pushing for us to excel.

Next month we plan on bringing in a new class in memory of Arthur "The Iron Man" Griffin. The Golf outing in September will also be in Arthur's name.

Please note that we will be having our Scholarship Social on a Friday in June, date TBD.

It was encouraging to see the Church full this past Easter Sunday. I hope that we begin to see more and more Parishioners coming back to Church, especially during the Easter season.

Congratulations to the Ladies for a job well-done with their Scholarship benefit, the Watch City Cadillacs put on a great performance. The hall was filled to capacity, and everyone had a tremendous time.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank all the Men and Women of Division 14 for all the kind words of encouragement and support as I begin my new role as State President. I want to particularly thank those members that were at the State Convention in Hyannis, Division 14 was well represented. I'm sure everyone had a great time.

Lastly, please don't forget that we will once again be marching in the City's Memorial Day parade on May 29<sup>th</sup>, details included in this newsletter. Peter Hogan from Division 1 Holyoke will be bringing their float, so get ready to buckle up.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joe

## **LAOH President's Message**

Dear Sisters,

April Showers bring May flowers. We have certainly had our share of rain showers, but we have also received showers of blessings.

The Communion Mass and Breakfast was held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. What a wonderful turn out! It was great to have a procession of both the Men's and Lady's Divisions at Saint Patrick's church service. A delicious Irish breakfast, Irish dancing by the O'Shea Chaplin dance school, and guest speaker Eunan O'Halpin was enjoyed by all.

Let's not stop there. On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the "Watch City Cadillacs" performed to a sold-out show at the Hall. They were spectacular! The fifty-fifty raffle winner donated the prize money back to the LAOH Scholarship Fund. What a generous blessing. It was such a fun night.

The Scholarship Committee is in the process of reviewing applications. Stay tuned for the announcement of the winners and the scholarship award night.

The AOH/LAOH State Convention will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Wishing all attendees, a good convention.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 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.

**Your 2023 dues are past 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, Attention: Ellen Ridge, 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.



### **Please Remember Recently Deceased**

Fred Colman, the wake was this past Monday at MacDonald, Rockwell & MacDonald.

Edward Tolan, visitation will be held prior to the Funeral Tuesday May 16th, 10:00AM at MacDonald, Rockwell & MacDonald followed by Funeral Mass Saint Patrick's Church at 12:00 Noon.

More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

### **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.

Fred Colman will be returning home from the Hospital and will be under hospice care. Home is located at 34 Gleason St, Watertown, MA 02472.

**Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.**

## Political Education Chair Message

President Biden's 5-day visit to Ireland and Northern Ireland to celebrate the anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement was the biggest development this past month. His visit came after UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak achieved passage of the Windsor Framework, a revised deal for Northern Ireland's post-Brexit trading arrangements, in the British Parliament. Its passage was viewed as a face-saving way for the parties in Northern Ireland to form a functional government after the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) refused to form a power-sharing government in February 2022, in protest over post-Brexit trading arrangements.

Unfortunately, [the UK Independence Party \(UKIP\)](#), and more importantly, the DUP said the revised Framework was [insufficient and did not address key concerns](#). And the standoff continues.

Where do things stand today? Pressure continues to mount for the DUP to join the executive:

Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar, Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) Micheál Martin, and Sinn Féin party leader Mary Lou McDonald all call for Northern Ireland Executive to be restored this past week: see article "[Varadkar, McDonald and Martin call for Northern Ireland Executive to be restored](#)".

The pressure for the DUP to join the executive in Stormont came from a number of political leaders including the original GFA negotiators [George Mitchell and Gerry Adams](#), [Bill Clinton](#), who says it can be done easily, but sometimes it is easier to say no, as well as [Tony Blair](#), and [Rishi Sunak](#) himself. Rishi stated that if the DUP does not seize the initiative that the framework provides, they are likely to foster [more interest in a united Ireland](#).

On another important front, families of victims of the Troubles have [continued their protest against proposed legislation to deal with legacy issues in Northern Ireland](#). The protest on Monday (23-Apr) coincided with the Bill's next reading in the House of Lords in the UK, and despite the debate being rescheduled the protest went ahead. The Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill would provide amnesty for those who committed crimes during the Troubles if they co-operated with a new truth-recovery body.

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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. Last month I discussed efforts to increase membership. This month I want to stress the reason increasing membership is so important.

I'm certain that nothing I write will be new to you, but I ask that you please read this entire notice and keep these things in mind as you, **PLEASE**, promote membership to others you know.

The more members we have, the lighter the workload. The more members we have, the more events we can promote and thereby promote visibility of our organization. And simply put, the more members our local division has, the more representation we get at State and National A.O.H. conventions.

As I said previously, I recognize that none of this is news to our members, but I hope that by highlighting this information, it will help you to promote membership in the A.O.H. to others.

Reminder 1: We will be installing a new class at our June meeting. We encourage you to attend, especially if you have proposed one of the new members.

Reminder 2: The \$10 Late Fee for regular membership went into effect the day after St. Patrick's Day.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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# Memorial Day



This year the parade will begin at the old staging site on Grove Street. The Parade will step off beginning at 12:00 Noon and proceed down Mt. Auburn St. ending at City Hall. Please note Division 1 Holyoke members will be bringing the float again this year.

Cookout back at the Club after the parade.

Some pictures from the State Convention  
Courtesy of Rick Connell



<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Friday	<b>5-May-23</b>		<b>AOH/LAOH State Convention DoubleTree Hyannis, MA</b>
Monday	<b>8-May-23</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>11-May-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>14-May-23</b>		<b>Mother's Day</b>
Wednesday	<b>17-May-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>18-May-23</b>		<b>Ascension of Jesus</b>
Monday	<b>29-May-23</b>		<b>Memorial Day Parade/Cookout</b>
Thursday	<b>8-Jun-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Monday	<b>12-Jun-23</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>14-Jun-23</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>18-Jun-23</b>		<b>Father's Day</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)

**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

