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AOH President's Message

Well we are officially in the Fall season, shorter days, cooler nights, football, basketball and hockey. I hope we can begin to see more members heading back to the Club for indoor tailgates and Patriot games on Sunday afternoons.

We somehow got in about a half loop for the State/ Division Golf Outing this past Friday. A special thanks to all the players that endured the inclement weather to support the State and our Division Scholarship. On behalf of the membership I would like to thank those individuals that worked hard to make the golf outing and Memorial dinner a success; Dan Daly, Bob and Noelle Daly, Jim and Doreen Daly, Janice Connolly, Carol Stockdale, Laura Gaspa, Dick Thompson, Bob McLaughlin and Tom Lydon. If I missed anyone apologies. There will be a lot of Division/Club sponsored events coming up over the next few months, the details of which are included in this Newsletter. The Ladies will be having their annual Craft Fair on October 28, 2023.

We are coming up on our busiest time of year and the work is just beginning. Please reference the calendar of events and flyers enclosed. Attendance is mandatory for those wishing to have some fun and in the process espouse our Division's charitable causes.

As we continue to settle into this new normal now is the time for resolve and commitment to keep pushing to get past this post pandemic and all the backlash that came with this terrible virus.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joe

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the rosary.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, at 7 PM, which we will have a pizza social. It is also our annual baby shower program to collect supplies that expectant mothers need to welcome their babies and give them a healthy start in life. A separate email will be sent with the wish list from the Archdiocese Pro Life office for the Pregnancy Help resource center.

Applications are available for the National Irish History Contest. All applications are to be sent to our Historian, Deborah Johnson, at her email address – laohdivision14@gmail.com no later than November 15, 2023. Please feel free to share the information and reach out to Deb with any questions.

Saturday, October 28, is our 3rd annual craft. Janice Aucoin and her committee have been working hard to organize this event. This will be a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping!

Would you like to be more involved? Are you interested in volunteering for a committee or helping at an event? Let me know. 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.

2023 dues are now past due. Ellen Ridge, our Financial Secretary, has done an outstanding job reaching out and notifying delinquent members. If you still have not paid your dues, please make checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to LAOH Division 14, Attention: Ellen Ridge, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471. Better yet, come to a meeting and enjoy the company of your fellow members. The dues are \$30 up to and including age 64 and \$25 for ages 65 and over. ***Please note the change of address to mail your dues.**

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.

AOH New Class

This month of October before the Division Meeting.

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.

Steve Haggerty recently had elective surgery and is now home recuperating. Home is located at 115 Boylston St. Watertown, MA 02472.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

Political Education Chair Message

Earlier this month, the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill cleared the UK parliament and received royal assent on September 18th.

The UK perspective is exemplified by former commando captain and veterans MP Johnny Mercer who spoke of his pride in delivering a new law that protects ex-servicemen from prosecution. He hoped the bill would “..bring comfort to those who have had their lives destroyed simply because they served this nation in Northern Ireland.”

The new law was pushed through despite overwhelming opposition from all political parties in Northern Ireland, the Irish Government, victims of the Troubles and their families, Amnesty International and other human rights organisations. It also attracted criticism from UN senior representatives, the Council of Europe, and the US Congress. At the time of writing some 16 separate challenges to the Act have been lodged in Belfast’s High Court. One problem facing the litigants is that judges in the UK cannot invalidate an Act of Parliament. They can only declare one or more of its provisions to be incompatible with Convention rights. If that occurs the government must then decide how to respond to the declaration and may take years to do so.

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar said he spoke with US president Joe Biden about the controversial British government plans for dealing with Troubles’ legacy issues during the recent UN Assembly in New York. He said Mr Biden was very well appraised of Irish affairs and wanted to know if there was any way in which he could help. The Irish government said it has requested legal advice as it considers taking a case against the UK to the European Court of Human Rights. Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris said he hopes the Irish government will do all it can to support a new legacy body established to examine hundreds of unresolved Troubles deaths.

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Rick Connell
Vice-President & Political Education Chair www.AOHDIV14.com
<https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14>

Financial Secretary Notes October 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'll highlight a couple new tools available to help us with increasing membership.

Direct link to a local application: Until recently if a prospective member were to fill out an on-line membership application the process was slow and inconsistent. The person would fill out the form online, it would go to the National Secretaries office. The National Secretary would forward the application info to the State Board and then, based on the zip code of the applicant, it was supposed to be forwarded to the appropriate Division. This process often did not work and when it did, it often took many months for an application to get to the correct division. By the time it came to the division the contact information could be incorrect or the applicant had lost interest.

Thanks to the work of Ed Falter and an outside consultant there have been a number of upgrades to our website (aohdiv14.com) and one is that there is now on-line application that goes directly to me as the Division 14 Financial Secretary.

A different link provides for an Application to the Watertown LAOH to be sent to me so I can forward it to the LAOH (the cost for software that would allow an LAOH application to be forwarded to a different email address is prohibitive).

New QR Codes: The upgraded website also contains new QR codes which can be copied onto other websites and documents which link directly to the Applications mentioned above.

The QR Codes are shown below: Men's in green, Ladies in blue



Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy

Financial Secretary

Membership.AOHDiv14@gmail.com

(617) 575-9585



**Ancient Order of Hibernians
Blood Drive**



Division 14 - Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472



**Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: AOH to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/together



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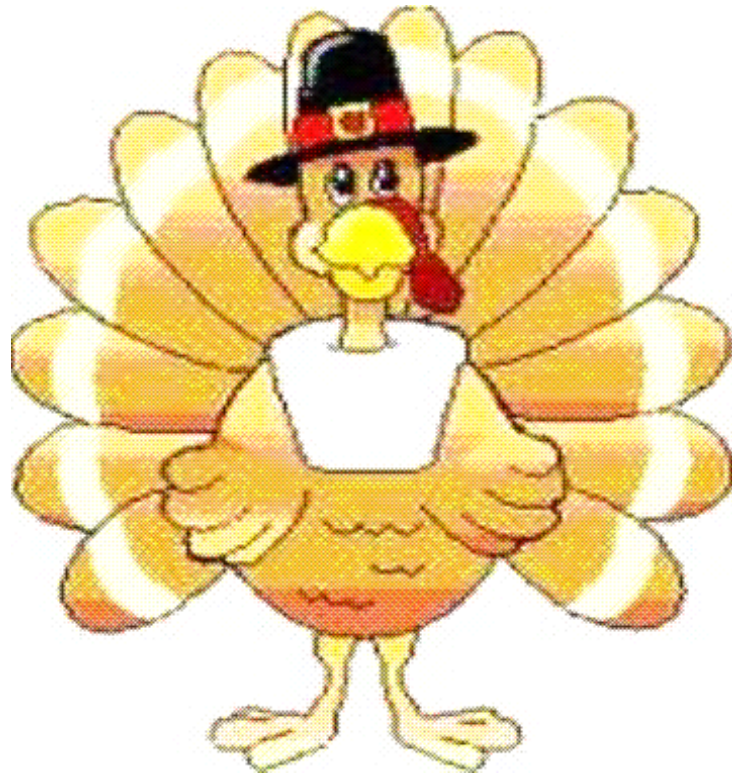


LAOH 3rd Annual

FALL CRAFT FAIR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10-3**
**HOMEMADE FOOD
HOMEMADE CRAFTS RAFFLES
PLENTY OF PARKING**
**HIBERNIAN HALL
151 WATERTOWN ST
WATERTOWN, MA**

Contact Mdsaucoin@hotmail.com to apply



AOH DIVISION 14
151 WATERTOWN ST. WATERTOWN
ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2023
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM (**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**)
CASH BAR
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SONNY
WHOOLEY FUND
HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON

Arthur Griffin Class night



Three Generations of Hibernians

Irish Heritage Day at Fenway



Back at Rick's place (nice view)



Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Thursday	11-Oct-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Saturday	14-Oct-23	9:00 AM	Blood and Book Drive
Monday	16-Oct-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	18-Oct-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	28-Oct-23	11:00 AM	LAOH Annual Craft Faire
Thursday	9-Nov-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	13-Nov-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	15-Nov-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Friday	17-Nov-23	6:30 PM	Turkey Shoot
Sunday	10-Dec-23	1:00 PM	Childrens Christmas Party
Monday	11-Dec-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	14-Dec-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	20-Dec-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Monday	25-Dec-23		Christmas Day

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



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OR
SPARE


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If interested, please contact Bobby McLaughlin
at
617.448.3400

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

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BostonIrishDance.com
osheachaplin@hotmail.com



Beginner Irish dance classes for children age 4 and up are held at Division 14 every Tuesday beginning 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

