

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

Welcome back from a long rainy and summer. Summer is near the end, and we are three weeks away from calendar Fall. I guess the good news is that College football has already started, and Pro football is less than a week away. College and Pro hockey is right around the corner.

During our summer break we had our State Convention on the Cape at the DoubleTree Hyannis, MA. I was duly elected as your State President that weekend. I would like to thank all the members from Division 14 that were there in support of my nomination and election. I am honored to be able to carry on the legacy of Division 14. Subsequent to the Convention Division 14 hosted the annual AOH Mass State Board John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Mass, organized by National Director Dick Thompson. After Mass we gathered back at Division 14 for lunch and had our follow up meeting on the Convention.

Please note that we will begin having our regular Division meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting September 14, 2023. The Division Golf Outing that supports our Scholarship Fund is coming up this month, if you cannot play, please consider sponsoring a hole. 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.

It is my unfortunate duty to inform you that over the summer we lost two legacy members, Terry McAdam and Bob Hunter. Please keep these members and their families in your prayers.

As we continue to settle into this new normal now is the time for resolve and commitment to keep pushing to get past this 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,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to the upcoming events for the Fall season. We start with the joint AOH/LAOH State Board meeting hosted by the Watertown Division on Sunday, September 10, and our monthly meeting on Monday, September 11.

Did you buy tickets for the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day with The McMurphy's? What are you waiting for? Let's show our support to the Club and enjoy a fun night with good friends on Saturday, September 16th. Our fun Fall classic is happening on Saturday, October 28, we will host our 3rd annual Craft Fair.

As always, please keep our brother and sister Hibernians in your prayers who are dealing with illness or hardship. We especially pray for the soul of Terry McAdam, who passed recently. 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. All dues were to be paid no later than our June 12th meeting. 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

Nothing scheduled at the moment.

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 Our Recently Deceased



Mrs. Theresa M. 'Terry' (Clynes) McAdam, of Waltham, died Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. She was 89. Born on January 6, 1934, she was a daughter of the late Martin and Anne (Maxwell) Clynes. Raised in Watertown, she was a graduate of Watertown High School. A resident of Brighton for thirty-five years following her marriage to Donald A. McAdam, the pair made Waltham their home in 1989. Terry was a longtime member of the Ladies of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, Division 14, in Watertown and American Legion Post No. 440 Ladies Auxiliary in Newton.



HUNTER, Robert J., a lifelong resident of Cambridge, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2023. Beloved husband of 66 years to the late Mary E. (McDougall) Hunter. Retired MDC Police Officer, Longtime member of the French Club in Cambridge, Retired Men's Club in Arlington, and the Hibernian Club in Watertown. Late Korean Conflict Army Veteran.

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

The “Legacy and Reconciliation Bill” (click [this link](#) for context) continues to advance. The House of Lords (like our US Senate) voted to strip out offering immunity from prosecution to those who committed crimes during the Troubles if they co-operate with a new truth-recovery body. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Chris Heaton-Harris, said [the British government cannot accept the amendment to remove the clause](#) offering conditional immunity from prosecution. He insisted the British government’s proposed legacy Bill “will finally provide answers” for many victims, survivors and families bereaved during the Troubles in the North. When the versions from the House of Lords and House of Commons went to committee, when the MPs voted 292 to 200, majority 92, to disagree with this change and to restore the measures. Full summary [here](#).

After the vote, Heaton-Harris indicated in July that [he was confident](#) controversial Bill would receive royal assent. The Bill [is expected to gain Royal Assent this autumn](#) despite being opposed by all major Stormont parties, the Irish Government and victims’ campaign groups.

The pushback on this egregious act and committee action drew pushback from all fronts.

Sixteen members of the *United States House of Representatives*, from both parties, [wrote to British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak](#), Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris, and the British Ambassador to the US, Karen Pierce, raising profound concern over the Legacy Bill.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH: us) continued its critical opposition against the bill.

In a statement this week, AOH National President Daniel O’Connell said that Chris Heaton-Harris had stated that the U.K. Government plans to continue its “ill advised pursuit” of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill, restoring to the bill provisions that would provide an amnesty for murder and torture, halt current and future investigations, and deny victims access to the courts. Read full article [here](#).

AOH National FFAI chair Martin Galvin who published a letter in this week’s IRISH NEWS, the largest selling daily paper in the six counties of Northern Ireland to an article submitted by Trevor Ringland who served as a British Government Special Envoy to the US. Martin’s full letter [is here](#) and [on this Facebook page](#) (for easier forwarding to your division membership via Facebook) .

Declan Morgan, the retired judge who will head the commission investigating the legacy issues, said the task of dealing with the legacy of the Troubles in Northern Ireland has been avoided due to lack of will. [This informative article](#) recounts the initial work in 1998 (when the Good Friday Agreement was signed), the attempt in 2009 through Eames/Bradley to do something about it, which also foundered, and the Stormont House Agreement 2014 which never come into force.

Rick Connell

Vice-President & Political Education Chair www.AOHDIV14.com

<https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14>

Financial Secretary Notes September 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 some upcoming opportunities to promote our membership.

Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day: I'm looking forward to attending the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day event on September 16 and it will be a great way to introduce your friends to the fun part of being a member. When you order your tickets, don't forget to get a couple extra for some friends that aren't already members.

Faire on the Square: We will be hosting a table at the Watertown "Faire on the Square" Saturday September 23rd. Stop by the table to say hi; maybe a story you share with another passerby will be what gets them to decide to sign up. We will be taking applications and offering discounts to people that fill out an application. If your friend that you brought to the "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" event (you DID bring someone right?) tells you he had a great time and wants to join, this will be a great opportunity to save a few bucks at the same time.

Bloody Book Drive: On Saturday October 14, just a couple weeks before Halloween) Hibernian Hall will be hosting a Blood Drive AND a Book Drive. The Book Drive will benefit an organization called "More Than Words" a non-profit organization that helps at risk youths including foster children by collecting Books, as well as DVD's and CD's (in original cases) to resell at their, youth run stores in Waltham and Boston. Tell your friends about the event, they can get rid of some old media and/or donate some blood and talk to us about joining the AOH.

Attending Church: Even Hibernians sometimes get so busy during the summer that we don't always go to Mass, and even if you do, lots of church's don't have as many group activities after Mass. Now that Fall has arrived you may be running into more of your Catholic friends that aren't AOH members. Use it as an opportunity to chat up the AOH.

Reminder 1: Some members STILL haven't paid dues for 2023. To continue as a member in good standing those members owe \$55 for 2023, \$25 to reinstate the membership and \$50 for 2024.

Reminder 2: We are ready to start collecting dues for 2024. There is a \$5 discount (\$50 instead of \$55) for Regular and Associate members that pay before January 2nd.

Reminder 3: We plan to have an initiation ceremony at our October meeting. Applications submitted prior to the September meeting (or during the "Faire on the Square") may be able to get reviewed by the membership committee for initiation in October.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy

Financial Secretary





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ARTHUR “THE IRON MAN” GRIFFIN CLASS JUNE 2023

Upcoming Division/Club Inc. Events

 <p>SAT, SEP 16 AT 6:30 PM Irish Music: The McMurphys 151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA 02472-2571, U...</p>	 <p>SAT, SEP 23 AT 11 AM Faire in the Square Saltonstall Park</p>
 <p>SUN, SEP 24 AT 1 PM Red Sox Outing "Irish Celebration" Fenway Park</p>	 <p>SAT, OCT 14 AT 9 AM AOH Blood Drive 151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA 02472-2571, U...</p>

Link for the blood drive [this link](#)

Book Drive link [More Than Words](#)



Joseph P. McCusker Sr.
Trophy

**ANNUAL AOH DIV-14 MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF
ARTHUR "THE IRON MAN" GRIFFIN**



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

TO BENEFIT THE AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Where: Wayland Country Club
121 Old Sudbury Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Golf fee: Includes greens fee, cart, player gift, dinner and two (2)
complimentary drinks
\$140/person if paid on time (the due date is September 15th)
\$150/person if paid after the due date

1:00 P.M. Shotgun start
Format is Scramble

Contact: Joe McCusker 617.924.7507

POST TOURNAMENT PARTY
At the Club after golf is complete
Donation of \$30 per person is suggested for non-golfers

Ancient Order of Hibernians
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472



Checks made payable to the AOH DIV-14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND





**AOH MASS STATE/DIV-14 MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF
ARTHUR "THE IRON MAN" GRIFFIN**



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

TO BENEFIT THE AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sponsorship Information:

Platinum - \$1,000 (includes signage, golf for 4 and invitation to the post tournament party)

Gold - \$500 (includes signage, golf for 2 and invitation to the post tournament party)

Silver - \$250 (includes signage, golf for 1 and invitation to the post tournament party)

Bronze - \$100 (includes signage and invitation to the post tournament party)

Please send this tax-deductible donation made out to AOH DIV-14. Mail to AOH Division 14, P.O. Box 11, Watertown MA 02471 along with the following information:

Name of Hole Sponsor:

Brief Description of Services / or Message:

Website or Phone Number:

Contact: Joe McCusker - 617.924.7507

Checks made payable to the AOH DIV-14



Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Sunday	10-Sep-23	10:30 AM	State Board Meeting at Division 14
Monday	11-Sep-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	14-Sep-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Saturday	16-Sep-23	6:30 PM	Irish Music: The McMurphys
Wednesday	20-Sep-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	23-Sep-23	11:00 AM	Faire in the Square
Sunday	24-Sep-23	1:30 PM	Red Sox game (Irish Celebration Day)
Friday	29-Sep-23	1:00 PM	Division Scholarship Golf Outing
Monday	9-Oct-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	12-Oct-23	7:30 PM	AOH 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

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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at
617.448.3400

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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

