

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

Each year I start my December message by thanking those who helped out with our Annual Needy Family Fundraiser and for good reason. We had another great turnout for our annual Turkey Shoot in support of needy families. Special thanks to all the folks who came out and especially to our volunteers; Janice, Carol, Gussie, Janine, Sandra, Sue, Jim, Bob, Mike, Tom, Dick and all the kids who did all the running.

We are planning to sponsor another coffee after the 10:00AM Mass at St. Patrick's on December 29th and are trying to reach out to support the collaborative of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's. It is important that we try to do more to support and advocate for our Mother the Church and hope that more members commit to this cause.

As we enter the season of Advent we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Most of us will light an Advent wreath symbolizing (for some) Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Nollaig Shona Dhuit – Merry Christmas

Ireland's Christmas is more a time of religious observance than a time of fun. Lighted candles are placed in windows on Christmas Eve as a symbol of welcome to Joseph and Mary. The candle also indicated a safe place for Priests to perform Mass, as during Penal Times this was not allowed.

Christmas in Ireland lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6, known as Little Christmas. In Ireland, Little Christmas is also called Women's Christmas (Nollaig na mBan). Traditionally Women get the day off and men do the housework and cooking! Have fun ladies!

Some Christmas traditions in Ireland include a Christmas morning swim at The Forty Foot in Sandycove, Co. Dublin or on St Stephen's Day, the day after Christmas, when they have the Wren Boys Procession, horse racing or partaking in a pint or two at the local pub while watching the matches.

As we prepare for Christmas let us be mindful of the true meaning of this Holy Day and pray for those that are no longer with us to celebrate Christ's Mass.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

As we enter the Christmas season, let us always keep in mind those who are alone or who are experiencing loss or hardship. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps check in on them every now and again. A card or a phone call can go a long way to let someone know they are not alone. Practice random acts of kindness. You'll feel better and so will they.

Our annual Children's Christmas party will be held this Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 pm. Thanks to Heidi Monroy & Leo Falter for always putting on a great party for the kids! You guys are awesome!! You do a great job with the party and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Our annual Christmas Service Project (FLEECE NAVIDAD!!) is set for Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the large hall. No experience needed! Just bring yourself and some sharp scissors! We have the supplies to make about 15-16 blankets so come on down and lend a hand! Please bring your own water/soft drinks, etc. We will supply the pizza. Blankets will be distributed to a local nursing facility.

LAOH State Board meeting has been postponed until Sunday, January 5th starting at 11:00 am. All officers and members are invited to attend. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Our final meeting of 2019 will be held on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. After this we will break for two months and will meet again on Monday, March. I want to thank Peggy Walsh for taking the time to send out a survey to each and every member to see about changing our meeting nights from Mondays at 7:00 to Tuesdays at 8:00 as was brought up for discussion at a recent meeting. Peggy drafted a brief survey which went out to all the members. Here are the results: 100 members were polled (83 emails/17 USPS) from which we received 35 responses. They were: Monday/22 votes; Tuesday/7 votes; and No Preference/6 votes. Thank you to all who took the time to respond to this survey. At this time there is not enough compelling evidence to indicate that changing the meeting night would result in a higher attendance at our division meetings so the meetings will remain on the second Monday at 7:00. The only exception to this rule occurs in the month of October. Since the second Monday is ALWAYS a holiday, we will meet on that Tuesday instead. The dates for our 2020 meetings are as follows: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8 (ice cream social), September 14 (fall social/membership drive), Tuesday, October 13 (baby shower), November 9, and December 14 (holiday party/Yankee Swap). Please mark your calendars accordingly

LAOH President's Message (cont'd)

Dues for the 2020 year are due on January first. Any checks that are submitted early will not be processed before January 1st to allow for the completion of our year-end reports. Please remit your dues to Sue McCallum at 214 Warren Street, Waltham, MA 02453. For those people who do not use email, please remember to use the "buddy system". Please set yourself up with a sister who will notify you of division news, updates and monthly newsletters as they are emailed out.

In closing I wish you all the joys of the Christmas season and a happy and prosperous new year.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Maureen Foley, President

Club Inc. President's Message

December 2019

I think I jinxed us last month, so no more comments about the weather.

December promises to be another busy month at the Club. Holiday parties, Patriots, Bruins, and Celtics games, college football and hockey, all make for good reasons to come down and enjoy the fun.

The Patriots are fighting hard for a playoff berth. Their remaining schedule is;

Sunday Dec. 8 @ 430pm vs. Kansas City

Sunday Dec. 15 @ 1pm at Cincinnati

SATURDAY Dec 21 @ 430pm vs. Buffalo

Sunday Dec. 29 @1pm vs. Miami

Come on down and watch a game with us, you'll have fun and possibly meet some new people or to keep in touch with existing friends.

Our Capital Campaign is up and running! Read about it further along in this bulletin. If you can fit in a donation of any size we'd really appreciate it.

Our annual stockholder meeting will be held in January 2020. Please keep an eye on your mail and email for a notice with the specific date. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. We will elect 5 members to the Club Board that same evening, so if you want a say about how your club is run, make sure to come down and be heard.

Members in good standing can rent the member's lounge for smaller parties. The lounge is suitable for family and friends get togethers, birthday parties, fantasy league drafts, card parties, and the like. Inquire with the Rental Agent (Paul Connolly) for details. The Club executive board runs the member's lounge and maintains the building facilities on behalf of the membership. Please feel free to contact me or any other member of the board with any questions about or issues with the building.

Keep in touch with us via this bulletin and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/aohdiv14.

Club Inc. President Bob Casey

UPDATES and NOTICES

AOH Membership Notice

Time to start thinking about dues for 2020. Regular Division Members pay \$55.00, Senior Division 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. Any Member that has not paid his dues for 2019 has had his cardkey shutoff.

Please see the insert below relative to incentives to pay early and/or on time. Please note that there will also be penalties for late payment.

New Class

We brought in a new class of seven (7) new members this past month in memory of Past Division President Paul Kelly.

LAOH Membership Notice

2019 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 mail your checks to LAOH, c/o S. McCallum, 214 Warren St., Waltham MA 02453. Contact information is 781.899.9423 email is stusuemc@msn.com.

Division Scholarships

Nothing to report at this time.

Sick Members and/or shut-in

Contact Joe McCusker at 508.386.6438. For the LAOH please contact Eileen Waldron at 781.642.9250.

<i>Regular Members who pay before Jan 1st can pay \$50 (vs \$55)</i>	<i>Regular Members who pay before March 17th pay \$55</i>	<i>Regular Members pay \$55 + \$10 to activate membership</i>	<i>Regular Members pay \$55 + \$25 to reinstate Membership with National, county & state</i>	<i>Regular Members pay \$55 + \$25 + \$55 to reinstate membership & pay next years dues</i>
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Membership card deactivated

PLEASE REMEMBER RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBER



O'BRIEN, Joseph P. Sr. Of North Cambridge, passed peacefully on November 26, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of the late Lolly O'Brien (Fagan). Loving father of Joseph O'Brien, Jr. of Cambridge, Kathleen O'Brien of Singapore, Patricia Taylor and her husband Michael of Billerica, Ellen O'Brien and Robert Carney of Dorchester, John O'Brien and his wife Christine of Arlington, and Daniel O'Brien of Cambridge. Proud "Grampy" of Kelli Touloupoulos and her husband William, Sean O'Brien and his wife Mary, Ryan Taylor and his fiancée Michelle Golden, and Brendan, Devan and Cameron Taylor, and Jacqueline, David, Gus, and Jonah O'Brien. Great-grandfather of Brady, Audrey, and Roland Touloupuolos, and Broghan O'Brien. Dear brother of George O'Brien and the late Glea of Hull, and the late Francis and Ruth O'Brien. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Late Navy, Air Force, and Army Veteran. Longtime employee of the US Postal Service. Lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Singing Grandpops. Longtime Navy-trained photographer.

Known Members currently in constant care/recovery

Margaret Winston and Mary Ryan are 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.

Arthur Griffin is presently residing at the Brigham House which is located at 341 Mt Auburn St Watertown, MA 02472.

Donald Morrison is presently recovering at Meadow Green Rehabilitation and Nursing Center which is located at 45 Woburn St. Waltham, MA 02452.

Ed Tolan is currently residing at The Residence at Watertown Square 20 Summer St. Apt 321 Watertown, MA 02472.

Patrick Hanlon, Sr. will be undergoing hernia surgery, additionally he will be having a procedure to remove his gallbladder and have a stint removed related to the gallbladder.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 2019 DIVISION 14
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

WHERE: Hibernian Hall 151 Watertown St.

WHEN: Sunday December 15th 2019

TIME: Starting at 1:00 PM

Snacks, games and entertainment until 3:00 PM

Santa arrives at 4:00 PM for presents (youngest to oldest)

SIGN-UP:

In the Member's Lounge

Email hfalter@hotmail.com

Call Leo Falter at 617.926.3315

**PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN BY
NOVEMBER 29TH
SO THAT SANTA MAY BE PREPARED FOR
THEM**



2019 Capital Campaign for the Hibernian Hall and Member's Lounge

The Directors of the Hibernian Club of Watertown invite you to participate in our 2019 Capital Campaign. We need to raise funds for several improvement projects in the hall and in the member's lounge. These projects include:

- New carpet in the hall
- Paper, paint, and general repairs in the hall, including the bar area and machinery
- Electrical and lighting updates
- Basement and foundation work under the member's lounge
- Game room updates
- Etc.

The Hibernian Hall requires regular repairs and maintenance, which we do as needed. These projects are a little different. These projects are larger and more complex efforts, requiring lots of work done in a short amount of time by licensed professionals.

We are offering the following levels of sponsorship for our 2019 Capital Campaign (see below). A plaque in recognition of your sponsorship will be placed in a prominent location, still to be determined.

Platinum - \$1,000

Gold - \$500

Silver - \$250

Bronze - \$100

To contribute to our campaign please send a check, made payable to the Hibernian Club of Watertown, to

Hibernian Club of Watertown
Attn: Joe McCusker 2019 Capital Campaign Chair
P.O. Box 11
Watertown, MA 02472.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Joe McCusker, our campaign director, or any other member of the Club Board (listed below).

Bob Casey

Dick Thompson Jr.

Bob Sanchez

Dennis Murphy

Pat Breen

Paul Connolly

Jim Daly

Harry Danis

John Feeney

Bill Gildea

Mike King

Dan McElroy

Bob McLaughlin

Mike Morash

Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Monday	9-Dec-19	7:00 PM	LAOH Division Meeting
Thursday	12-Dec-19	7:30 PM	AOH Division Meeting
Sunday	15-Dec-19	1:00 PM	Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday	18-Dec-19	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Wednesday	25-Dec-19		Merry Christmas
Sunday	5-Jan-20	11:00 AM	LAOH State Board Meeting
Thursday	9-Jan-20	7:30 PM	AOH Division Meeting
Wednesday	15-Jan-20	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Thursday	13-Feb-20	7:30 PM	AOH Division Meeting
Wednesday	19-Feb-20	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Monday	9-Mar-20	7:00 PM	LAOH Division Meeting
Thursday	12-Mar-20	7:30 PM	AOH Division Meeting
Sunday	15-Mar-20	2:30 PM	St. Patrick's Day dinner & Entertainment (Joe Glynn)
Wednesday	18-Mar-20	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	4-Apr-20	7:00 PM	Club Inc. Comedy Night (more info to follow)

Please remember when renting the hall as a member you must be a member in good standing (dues must be paid in full prior to reserving the hall and/or the Members Lounge for rent), pay with your own check and you must be at the function. We have had a few people ask about these requirements for the member's rate, so we wanted to help clarify these requirements. 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, Paul Connolly, at 617-710-8680. Also check out our web pages for photos of the Hall:

www.aohdiv14.com

Please note that if a member is intending to rent the hall or lounge for a friend at the member's rate the member must be in full attendance throughout the function.

CALENDAR PROGRAM 2020

CALENDAR PROGRAM 2020. Please note that we have our calendars in to start the Calendar program for 2020. 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 ...

Calendars may be purchased for \$50

You will have a 3 digit number on your calendar

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

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





This past year we did receive a Customer Choice Award from Watertown Savings Bank. We would not have received a Customer Choice Award without your votes and support. Please find below all the information you will need to vote for the AOH Division 14 Watertown to receive an award for calendar year 2019. If you are receiving this newsletter via email please follow the link below. If you are a WSB Bank Customer and cannot vote on-line please make sure to place your vote next time you go to the Bank. Just ask someone at the Bank and I'm sure they will help you with your vote. Please note, that for your convenience, we also have voting slips in the members lounge, if you cannot make it to the bank.

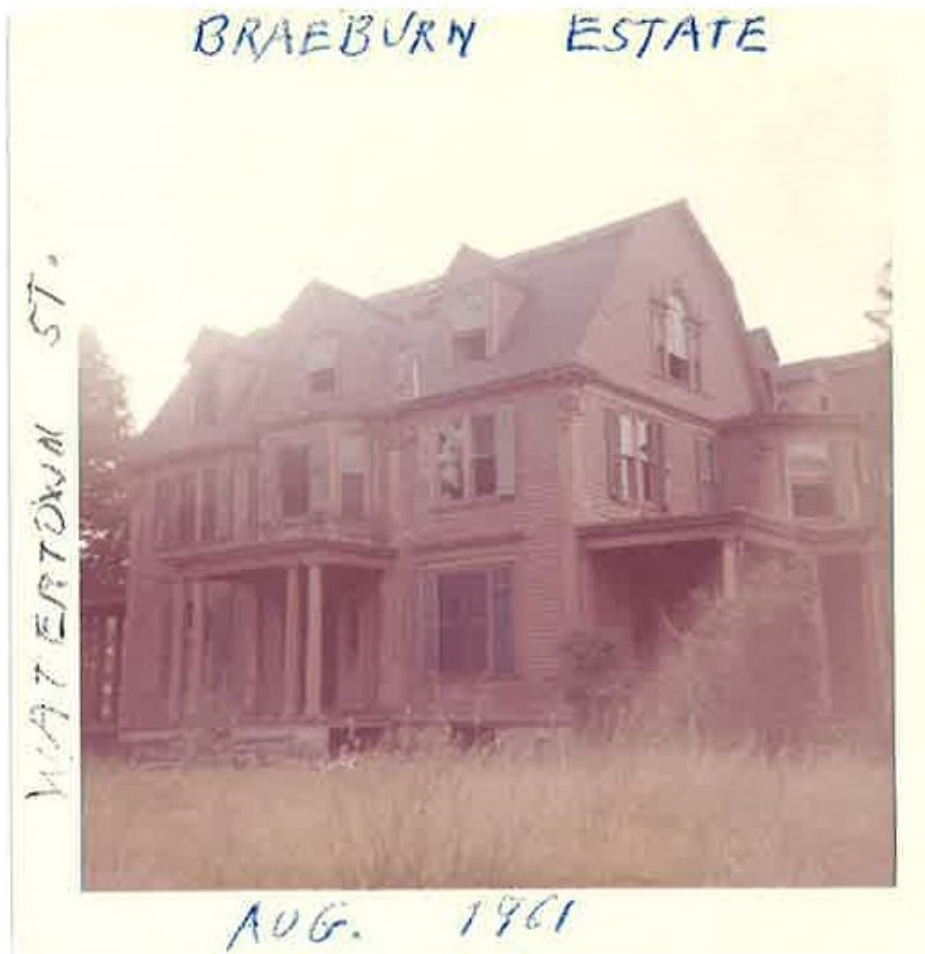
This year Watertown Savings Bank will set aside \$150,000 to distribute to non-profits through the Customer Choice Awards.

The program provides customers with the opportunity to influence how the bank distributes funds in the community.

The deadline to vote is December 31, 2019.

Please follow this link below.

<https://www.watertownsavings.com/community/customer-choice-awards>



This house stood where the Hibernian's car park is on Watertown St.

Photo courtesy of Seamus Trainor.




Can anyone identify this young Lad?

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



**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

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

