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#### AOH President's Message

Let me first start by congratulating Dick Thompson as your new National Director. Also, awesome news John and Aimee have a new baby boy, congratulations!

As we continue to manage through this pandemic I trust that most, if not all, are doing as well as can be expected. I have been encouraged, for the most part, by the way the New England area has been able to keep the number of positives down. Obviously this has come at a cost; no dining out, no theatre, no sports, no socializing, no Church and unfortunately some their lives. People have lost their way of life, some losing their businesses, some their jobs, others their ability to simply be with family members (to conduct appropriate rituals and/or celebrations).

As we slowly navigate back to some sense of normalcy I take solace in the fact that, as long as we adhere to the protocols, we can get back to some form of the social aspects of our life. Restaurants, movie theatres and yes Church are open; all at set capacities.

We are moving forward with trying to find the best way to reopen the lounge and hall. The Club Inc. Board voted to proceed with applying for the appropriate license in order to open the doors. That said, it most likely will be a while before we can operate at the set capacities (Members only) mandated by the Commonwealth.

We will be conducting Division business in the hall this month and in the following months until further notice. It is my desire and goal to continue to conduct the business of the Division to the best of my abilities, as I have been charged to do so. This is a time where complacency is a recipe for disaster. I have been emboldened by the show of support by my fellow brothers and sisters, as witnessed first-hand this past Memorial Day, when we had the food drive for the WCC food pantry.

Please know that the churches of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's are open for Mass, all they ask is that you sign-up ahead of time. If you are planning to attend one of the Masses, please contact the office during normal business hours (9:00AM – 4:00PM) by NLT 10:00AM the Friday before. The office number is 617.926.9680.

Please feel free to contact me if you may be in need of any assistance. We will endeavor to help out in any way we can. Be good to yourself but more importantly to be good to others. God Bless.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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#### LAOH President's Message

Dears Sisters,

I hope this finds you all safe and well. This sure has been a very different and at times, challenging year. If you are experiencing any difficulties at all, please reach out to me and we will get you the help you need.

As I look back on 2020 and all the things that didn't happen, I want to focus on the things that WILL happen. Here is an update of what we have coming up:

Our next Division meeting will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the club at 7:00 pm with social distancing. Masks will be required. Please bring your own waters/coffees, etc.

Nominations of Officers will be held at our <u>October</u> meeting (date to be announced). The term for the current slate of officers will come to an end in December when we swear in our new officers. It is then that I will step aside as President to allow for continued growth. It is my firm belief that you need to regularly rotate the officers through the chairs in order to keep fresh new ideas coming in which fosters continued growth within the Division. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President for the past four years and as your Recording Secretary before that. I want to thank each and every one of you for your confidence in me to do the job. I plan to accept the nomination for Mistress-at-Arms so I will continue to be in attendance at meetings and will serve on the board in an advisory capacity.

With that said, the current officers held a meeting several months ago to determine who will be stepping aside and who will be continuing on as officers. This gave us a general idea of where we need to look for replacements. I want to make one thing perfectly clear and that is that ANY sister can be nominated for ANY position on the board. This is not pre-selected. If any sister is interested in serving on the board, please speak directly to me or with any current officer to express your interest and ask any questions you may have. In particular, we are looking to fill the positions of Financial Secretary and Treasurer. We do realize that people are busy. I want everyone to understand that we don't expect everyone to attend EVERY meeting. We understand when life gets in the way. Please don't let that stop you from considering.

#### LAOH President's Message (cont'd)

A discussion on the nominations will be on the agenda for the September meeting. There will be an in-depth discussion on the protocols for electing new officers. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, please reach out to one of us to get more information.

The nominations will be held at the October meeting and if there is a need, an election would be held at the November meeting. Our Installation of Officers will take place at the December meeting.

I will be sending an email next week to every sister. Please be on the lookout for that which will contain important information from out State President along with details for the September meeting as well as information for attending the State Board meeting via Zoom.

Before I close, it is with great sadness that I report to you on the sudden and unexpected passing of Michael Walsh. Michael was the son of our sister Joanie Walsh and the brother of our sister Kathy Malone. He was pre-deceased by his father Ed Senior and his brother Ed Walsh, Jr. Please keep Joanie and Kathy and the entire Walsh family as they mourn yet another tragic loss.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again in person very soon. Until then, stay well.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Maureen

# Hibernian Club Inc. President's Message

Hello to all, I hope you and yours are all healthy and safe, and have enjoyed the summer.

Since our last update, the State delayed the opening of establishments such as ours until there is a vaccine or other treatment. Pursuant to this delay notice, we are working on solutions for opening the Club. This process will not be quick, so I ask for your continued support and understanding while we navigate uncharted waters.

Keep in touch with us via this bulletin and on our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/aohdiv14.

Regards, President Bob Casey

## A note from your New National Director

Brothers & Sisters.

It is a great honor to have been elected as a National Director to this great Order. Although it may be seen as a great personal accomplishment, I do not see it that way. If it were not for the Brothers and Sisters of Division 14 here in Watertown none of this would have been possible. The support I have had over the many years as a Division and State Officer has led me to the position I hold today. The guidance and teachings about Hibernianism that I have received from so many Brothers and Sisters over the many years is what makes Division 14 so special. Many of those individuals that were great examples of what it is to be a Hibernian are no longer with us today, but live on in our memories. I am not the first Brother to step outside the Division to seek higher office in our Order. I believe that the reason for that is you need a strong Division that has the foundation that Division 14 provides. A foundation that was laid down by those members that came before us. There a reason Division 14 has had three National Presidents, along with many others that have served at the National level. It is the strength of this Division. I am just adding to the legacy of this Division and paying tribute to those who came before me and paved the way. I will do the job of National Director to best of my ability and not forget that I'm representing Division 14 Watertown.

**Dick Thompson** 

### UPDATES and NOTICES

## **AOH Membership Notice**

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. Please include your membership number when paying as it will help Rick expedite the process. Any Member that has not paid his dues for 2019 has had his cardkey shutoff. Please note that if your dues are not paid by June 15, 2020 the payment will go up by \$25 to reinstate membership with National, State and County. After the date of September 15, 2020 the payment will be your regular dues plus the \$25 for reinstatement and the regular dues payment for the following year (2021). The example of a regular member is;

- After March 17th but before June 15th \$65 (\$55 + \$10)
- After June 15th but before September 15th \$80 (\$55 + \$25)
- After September 15th \$135 (\$55 + \$25 + \$55)

#### New Class

Will be discussed at our upcoming meeting in the hall on Thursday September 10, 2020 at 7:30PM.

## New Member

We have a new member, welcome **Sean Michael Feeney**, John and Aimee's new pride and joy.

## 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**

Scholarships have been awarded. The Division Scholarship Golf Outing has been cancelled for this year and will be rescheduled for next year. Date and time TBD.

### 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 MEMBER



RYAN, Mary B. (O'Brien) Of Watertown, MA, passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord on July 7, 2020. Longtime resident of Watertown, and devoted Catholic, Marv B. Ryan was born in Dorchester, MA on November 23, 1934 and raised in Arlington, MA. She attended St. Agnes school in Arlington, MA, Matignon High School in Cambridge, MA, Emmanuel College in Boston, MA. She was predeceased by the love of her life and husband George J., her daughter Joy Roberta, and her parents Robert F. and Margaret M O'Brien. She is survived by her brother Robert and sister-in-law Cheri O'Brien of Belmont, MA. Devoted mother to her children Michael P. and girlfriend Kim Raposo of Cape Cod, MA, Kevin F. and his wife Sharyn of Watertown, MA, Mark R. Pettersen and his wife Olga of Bryant, AR, Laura J. Sullivan and her wife Kim of Barnstable, MA, Nancy M. Kelemen and her husband Joe of Bartlett, NH, daughter -in-law Cathy Ryan of Kernersville, NC, daughter-in-law Angela Pettersen of Cabot, AR. Loving grandmother of Thomas, Stephanie, Colleen, Robert, Leah, Jamie, Amber, Deena, Makela, and Nicholas, and great-grandchildren Taylyn, Landon and Owen, and many nieces and nephews, and dear friends from around the world. Mary was the Principal Accounting clerk of the Treasurer's Office, Town of Watertown for many years. She was past president of the Ladies Ancient Order of the Hibernians Division 14 and member for over 50 years, past Board member of the Watertown Credit Union, member of the Watertown Women's club, member of Club 50 at the Watertown Savings bank, member of the Watertown Senior Center, member of the St. Patrick's family players, active in St Patrick's parish and Parish council, member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. Mary was known to enjoy traveling the planet, driving the RV across the United States, marching and riding in many parades, sampling cuisine from any restaurant, and there was never a rollercoaster she didn't ride.

## 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.

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

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

Patrick Hanlon, Sr. has completed all his procedures and is on well on his way to full recovery.

Billy Gildea is resting at home after an elongated stay in the hospital.

Jim Daly recently had knee replacement surgery and is presently recovering under the constant care of his wife, Doreen.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.



More information will be provided with the pertinent details of how to sign-up etc. Please look for a future email in the coming week.



## ANNUAL AOH DIV-14 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF PAUL KELLY



 The tournament has been cancelled for this year and will be played next year. The date and times are TBD.

 TO BENEFIT THE AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

 Where: Wayland Country Club

 121 Old Sudbury Road

 Wayland, MA 01778

Golf fee: \$130/person if paid on time (the due date is TBD) \$150/person if paid after the due date

> 1:30 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 \$25 per person is suggested for non-golfers

> Ancient Order of Hibernians 151 Watertown Street Watertown, MA 02472



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Checks made payable to the AOH DIV-14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

AOH Division 14 Club Inc. Presents A Night of Fun and Comedy <u>Rescheduled</u> to Saturday September 10, 2021 Hibernian Hall 151 Watertown St. Watertown, MA Doors open at 6:30PM and the Show starts promptly at 7:30PM Ticket donation \$20/person, table of 8 for \$120 Please Contact Joe McCusker 508.386.6438 The night will feature

Hypnotist Steve Marino



Steve Marino's Hilarious Comedy Stage Hypnosis Show will fill your event with laughter and amazement!

Comedian Jeff Koen



Jeff Koen is a comedian and actor who stars in the cult classic independent film Heavy Times. Koen performs standup in and around the Boston area, and has toured New England theaters opening for many national headliners. Koen also recently won \$10,000 on America's Funniest Home Video's.

Comedian Paul Nardizzi



Paul Nardizzi has made numerous appearances on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, Comedy Central, NESN Comedy All Stars. Paul also won the Boston Comedy Festival Competition and is one of the most requested acts on XM Satellite Radio. As a top stand-up comedian in Boston and the New England Area, he is known for his rapid-fire comedy, ability to engage the crowd, and tailor material to audiences. Paul can be seen performing in clubs nationwide in addition to providing corporate entertainment and working at charity events and parties.

Day of the			
week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Thursday	10-Sep-20	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	14-Sep-20	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	16-Sep-20	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	26-Sep-20	8:00 AM	Blood Drive (see insert)
Sunday	27-Sep-20	8:00 AM	Blood Drive (see insert)
Thursday	8-Oct-20	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
TBD	October	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	14-Oct-20	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Friday	10-Sep-21	6:30 PM	Club Inc. Comedy Night (yes 2021)

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, 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.





# Please support these establishments who have supported the Hibernians!

Paddy's Pub Devlin's Restaurant 95 Elm St. 332 Washington St. Brighton, MA West Newton, MA 617-965-6444 617-779-8822 West St. Grill Copper House 380 Winter St. 7 West St. Newton, MA Waltham, MA 617-795-0883 781-890-8989 The Warren Tavern O'Hara's Pub 2 Pleasant St. 1185 Walnut St. Charlestown, MA Newton, MA 617-241-8142 617-965-6785 Fit Z's Bar & Grille Donohue's 451 Main St. 87 Bigelow Ave. Watertown, MA Watertown, MA 617-923-3969 617-924-4900

