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AOH President's Message

Happy New Year! What can we take away from last year? Despite the challenges of COVID, we persevered! I'm proud to say that Division-14 didn't stop the work of The Order. We continued to move forward similar to how we performed the year prior.

As I look back at what we were able to accomplish, we continued with our sponsorships to Watertown High School, Watertown Youth Baseball, support the O'Shea Chaplin Irish Dance, fellow Divisions raffles, the Watertown Catholic Collaborative, St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Sonny Whooley Fund for Needy Families, and our Division Scholarships. We also conducted two Food Drives for the Watertown Catholic Collaborative Food Pantry and sponsored two Blood Drives with the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

We were finally able to open our doors in June and we hit the ground running. We had a mini-golf event in June, a Comedy Night in September, our Scholarship Golf Outing and the Memorial Mass, Communion Breakfast in October, the Turkey Shoot for needy families in November and the Children's Christmas Party in December. I'd say all things considered job well done by all.

As I've stated in prior Newsletters, I'm extremely proud of the men and women who contributed their personal time and energy to make this all happen. It doesn't just happen; it happens because people step up and make it happen. I'd also like to thank all the members of the Division and beyond who responded to our call and came out for the Food Drives and the Blood Drives.

I hope that everyone has a Blessed and safe New Year. I look forward to us once again conquering the challenges placed before us.

Lastly, I pray that as we come together in this New Year that we hold steadfast to the Oath we took as Brothers.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Joe McCusker

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Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I pray this newsletter finds you and your family being strengthened in prayer and surrounded by the love of God. As we enter upon 2022, I'm excited about new opportunities and prospects the year has to offer. I look forward to bringing in new members, sharing ideas, and expanding our ministries.

At our December meeting, we installed 3 new members. A warm welcome to Noelle Daley, Cathleen Murphy, and Mary Jane Ross. We made donations to the Watertown Food Pantry and the Collaborative Food Pantry for \$250 each.

Eileen Waldron and I had the pleasure of visiting Mary Flanagan, Margaret Winston, June Callahan, and Terry McAdam on December 18. We delivered a cute poinsettia and fern planter to each for Christmas.

Mark your calendars. We will host the next State Board meeting in Watertown on Sunday, March 6, at 1:00 PM. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 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 Eileen Waldron so she can send a card and check in with that person.

Do not forget to keep your dues up to date. Any unpaid 2021 dues are now considered past due. You can pay your 2022 dues by check. Please make checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to Maureen Foley at 130 Spruce Street, Watertown, MA 02472. The dues are \$30 up to and including age 64 and \$25 for ages 65 and over.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy New Year!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
DeeDee

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. Any Member that has not paid his dues for 2021 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

Nothing new to report.

LAOH Membership Notice

2022 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 Maureen Foley, 130 Spruce St. Watertown MA 02472.

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



Mr. Donnelly was a son of the late Joseph & Margaret (Babin) Donnelly. Bob passed away on Sunday morning December 19, 2021 at the age of 90.

He was born in Boston and raised in Watertown and was a proud graduate of Watertown High School. Mr. Donnelly worked as a postal clerk for over 30 years at the United States Postal Service. After his thirty years in the post office, Bob took on various careers. He was a crossing guard at the Watertown Middle School, the head of ticketing for Boston College sports events, and worked at the Boston College sports complex. He was also a proud member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 14.

Bob served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He served from 1951 to 1955 and was stationed at Charleston Air Station in Maine.

He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia G. (Meehan) Donnelly. Loving father of Marie E. Donnelly of Charleston, SC, Anne Donnelly Bowler of Watertown, Edward R. Donnelly & his wife Sharon of Milford and Katherine P. Workman & her husband David of Andover. Loving grandfather of Brittany Whitt & Sean Bowler, Megan, Stephen, Leo & Brooke Donnelly, Erin & Benjamin Workman. Dear brother of the late Mary M. Mahoney, Joseph B., Paul W., Francis T., James E. and Leo J. Donnelly. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces & nephews, cousins, and friends.

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.

Arthur "The 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.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

A message from Political Education Chair Rick Connell

Brexit Negotiations: One of the more pragmatic issues facing a United Ireland is the Brexit negotiations and the desire to allow Britain to exit the EU, keep Ireland in the common EU market, and not have a partition or border control between North and South Ireland.

The biggest recent news on this front is that [British foreign secretary, Liz Truss, is to take over responsibility for the UK's relationship with the EU](#) after the hardline chief Brexit negotiator David Frost's resignation. Johnson's decision to give the Brexit brief to Truss, a hardliner on the issue, [poses a dilemma for her](#). Johnson wants to de-escalate tensions with the EU. Frost's departure was due in large part to this. Truss will want to prove she can solve the Northern Ireland protocol crisis, but not want to be seen by the party as a Brexit compromiser. [Her opening statement upon taking the role](#) suggested not only that she will take a hard line in the negotiations, but that she will also revisit the role of the EJC: a topic that seemed to be conceded by her predecessor.

"The UK position has not changed. We need goods to flow freely between Great Britain and Northern Ireland, end the role of the ECJ [European Court of Justice] as the final arbiter of disputes between us, and resolve other issues."

Trade Threat: British Trade Ministers, Ann-Marie Trevelyan is seeking the removal of Trump imposed steel tariffs and issuing threats of British tariff retaliation if the U. S. does not do so. U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo met this week with Trevelyan, [who has raised the prospect of new retaliatory measures](#) unless progress is made on removing U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum. UK officials say British firms will face increased pressure from Jan. 1, when tariffs on EU goods drop as a result of a recent US-EU deal and EU rivals will gain [a 25% price advantage](#) selling to the giant US market.

Proposed Amnesty: In July, Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis announced plans for a statute of limitations which would end all prosecutions for Troubles incidents up to April 1998 and would apply to military veterans as well as ex-paramilitaries. [According to ABC](#), many of those killings were never or barely investigated for two reasons: (1) there is a clear pattern of victims being unarmed civilians who were targeted for being supporters, friends, family, and/or neighbors of Sinn Féin political office holders and workers; and (2) evidence is mounting of lawless Army and police collaboration with loyalist assassins and bombers.

The UK Government's proposals for an end to legal cases relating to the Troubles are offensive "morally, constitutionally and legally", said Kevin Winters, a prominent lawyer has said. Winters, whose legal firm deals with a large number of legacy cases, said he believed the Government was trying to shut down court examinations of allegations of state collusion with both loyalist and republican paramilitaries.

The proposals, which Prime Minister Boris Johnson said would allow Northern Ireland to "draw a line under the Troubles", would also end all legacy inquests and civil actions. But the move has been condemned by all the main political parties here as well as the Irish Government and a range of victims' and survivors' groups. Just this week, Sinn Féin president Mary Lou McDonald [said Dublin needs to step up opposition to the British government's Troubles amnesty plans](#).

Congratulations to Heidi, Vice-President Leo and all of Santa's helpers on another well attended and successful Children's Christmas Party. The hall was full with members and family for the annual party and by the looks of it all had a good time. I think some of the parents may have had a better time than the kids.



Some pics from 2021





Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute



Kraft Family Blood Donor Center

BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted By

Hibernians Hall

151/153 Watertown St, Watertown MA

Saturday March 8th

8:00AM - 2:30PM

More information to follow

Saturday March 8th
Watertown Catholic Collaborative Food Drive
Whether your donating Blood, Food or both
we will be supporting two extremely
important causes during this time of need
9:00AM - 2:30PM

Ham-O-Rama

Free admission!

You will have the opportunity to go home with the makings for an entire Easter Dinner.

**Saturday
April 9, 2022
Doors open at 5:30 pm**

What can you win?

**160 chances to win!
40 prizes each round!**

**Ham, vegetables,
dessert and other
prizes will be
included in each
round!**

**Raffles, raffles,
raffles!**

**Hot dogs, snacks, and
beverages will be
available for sale. So
bring your friends for
snacks and raffles!**



Don't miss out on the fun! Rounds start at 6:00 pm

Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Proceeds will go to our local charities.

**Please join us for this fun event and help us contribute to our
2022 charitable giving!!!**

Location: Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall

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Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Saturday	1-Jan-22		New Years Day
Thursday	6-Jan-22		Little Christmas
Saturday	8-Jan-22	10:00 AM	AOH State Board Meeting Peabody
Thursday	13-Jan-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	19-Jan-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Thursday	10-Feb-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	16-Feb-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Wednesday	2-Mar-22		Ash Wednesday
Thursday	10-Mar-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	14-Mar-22	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	16-Mar-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	9-Apr-22	5:30 PM	Ham-O-Rama
Monday	11-Apr-22	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	13-Apr-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	14-Apr-22		Holy Thursday
Friday	15-Apr-22		Good Friday
Sunday	17-Apr-22		Easter Sunday
Wednesday	20-Apr-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting

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**

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
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

