

**Ancient Order of Hibernians
151 Watertown Street
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APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER!

- 4/22 Building Meeting
- 5/6 Family Supper
- 5/7 A.O.H. Division 14 and Middlesex
County Scholarship Application Deadline
- 5/10 L.A.O.H. Division Meeting -7:30 pm

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President's Message

March came and went pretty fast for me. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and cards. I was overwhelmed with all the well wishes. Thank you! I have to take things a little slow until I recover completely, although I am healing very well. This is not the best time for me to be out of commission but when is a good time?

March it is a time to celebrate our heritage and show everyone how proud we are to be Irish. Thanks to John Horrigan for hosting his lecture at the Watertown Library regarding the Boston Irish riots. It is great that we can continue to represent our heritage during this important time.

I hope everyone had a holy and happy Easter. Our Holy Thursday adoration at St. Patrick's church was unfortunately a very small group this year. But I want to thank the brothers that did attend, completed readings, etc.

Also there is much planning to do for our very busy spring time events. This year happens to be a national convention year so much needs to be done before the July convention. I had hoped we could run some kind of a fundraiser to help pay for this expensive event. It is important that we send as many delegates as allowed. We have a voice and it should be heard. We are still a Division that brothers and sister respect and look to see how we help shape this great organization. I would be grateful if someone would step forward and chair a committee to run a fundraiser to defray the cost of sending our delegates. Now is the time that this Division needs your help. Don't wait for someone else to do this because no one will, before you know it will be too late.

Awards /Scholarship Night is on Fri. May 21, 2010. We want this to be a special evening that will showcase our dedication to the youth of our community as well as thanking our brothers and sisters that have given so much of themselves to keep our Division vibrant. Please bring your families and friends to this celebratory dinner. It is our one chance throughout the year to celebrate as a Hibernian family and honor those that have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

We currently have only about 40 to 50 brothers and sisters who help run things on a regular basis. Out of over 400 members {10-20% } of active members is not a very good percentage. Some people would say all clubs are running into the same problem. I would like to think that we are different from other social and even charitable organizations. We are the Hibernians! When we join this organization it is for a reason. We want to keep the Irish culture and causes in the public's mind, to let everyone know who we are and why we choose to keep our heritage alive, to help make people's lives better.

That's who we are and why our organization was formed. Now it is up to every member to strive for these goals that our former members started for us. We have seen more new people trying to get involved where they can. This is very inspirational to see these new members pitching in alongside the dedicated brothers and sisters who we all rely on so heavily.

It does make a difference. We ask for 4 HOURS A YEAR that's all. If everyone pitches in their 4 hours, we will be able to do more charity work, help more people and spread our good name in our community.

Too many people ask us what is a Hibernian? Let's show them who we are. Become a part of the percentage that cares. This is a great time to get involved.

We have a few spring events coming up and can use your help. If you don't have time to help with an event, please find a way to lend your support (i.e. purchase a ticket, make a donation, promote the event with family and friends and attend yourself.) It is very disheartening to pull a committee together, plan and promote the event, and then to see low participation from our own membership. Hopefully now that the weather is starting to improve we will see more of you out at our functions. Feel free to call me at 617-926-3315 if you want more information about how to get involved.

LAOH President's Message

Thank you to all of our members and their families that helped with the Ham-o-Rama and Indoor yard Sale. The chairs of our events, Marie Vollemans (Ham-o-Rama) and co-chairs, Janice Connolly and Carol Stockdale (Indoor Yard Sale) did a great job. It was so nice to see new people stepping up to lead these events for us. The new energy of all the volunteers was also greatly appreciated. It often seems like it is so much work to get all these events pulled together; but every little bit of fundraising helps with our scholarships and other charities. So thanks to everyone and anyone that has purchased tickets, donated time, baked for our great causes, etc. We appreciate all that you have done and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event or meeting soon.

~Maureen

Dues:

Thank you to members that have sent in their dues. If you have not sent in your dues yet, please do so immediately. Dues can be paid at the club or mailed to P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471-0011. Please also address to AOH or LAOH on the mailing address.

Upcoming Events

4/15 Club Inc. Meeting
4/22 Building Meeting
5/6 Family Supper
5/7 A.O.H. Division 14 and Middlesex County Scholarship
Application Deadline
5/10 L.A.O.H. Division Meeting -7:30 pm
5/13 A.O.H. Division Meeting
5/20 Club inc. Meeting
5/21 A.O.H. & L.A.O.H. Scholarship/Awards Night
5/27 Building Meeting
5/31-Memorial Day
6/24- Food Tasting- Doors open at 6:00 pm

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2010 SUMMER FOOD TASTING

Thursday June 24, 2010 ~ Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Tickets ~ \$10 per Adult ~ \$5 per Child

Tickets available at the door...

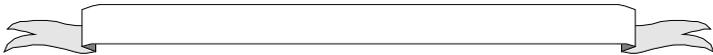
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Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street, Watertown
Call 617-413-7571
for information or to Reserve tickets



Hall Rental: Call 617-710-8680

The Members' Lounge may be used for up to fifty people. For more than fifty, the Big Hall is available. Call now with questions or for more details, or check out our web pages for photos of the Hall:
www.aohdiv14.com

