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OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Well it is that time again to get another bulletin together. I had a busy summer and it was nice to have the time off from Hibernian duties. My business was in its busy season and I really liked to kick my feet up poolside. Life was good. But now I have to get back to Hibernian events and duties, fall and football. This is a great season; I can watch my son play two football games a week, my daughter play field hockey and the Patriots play by the week's end. So I guess with all the sports there is not much time left for the bulletin, meetings, etc. Even less time is available to plan new events.

Since everyone is busy, myself included, we all have to make the time to invest in our club and our Hibernian organization. I try very hard to get the message across to every brother that we need your help. Last month we sent out postcards to ensure we had a good turnout at the meeting. Well in fact we did have a great turnout (by our normal standards.) Out of more than 300 members 27 came to the meeting. Good thing we are not in school since a 9% would just not cut it.

The meeting agenda included establishing committees. It was a bit challenging to get all of the committees formed with such a small group. However I want to really thank the brothers that have stepped up and joined/spearheaded the committees. Please give these guys your support and join a committee. The committee chairs will be soliciting volunteers and you can easily find out more information by coming to a division meeting. If you cannot make a meeting, give me a call and I can give you more information about how to get involved. Committee information is also included in this bulletin.

Active members inspire others to become more active as well. One good example of this is how we can inspire our youth to become active Hibernians from birth. The junior girl group is growing in leaps and bounds with your children joining every month. Get your boys involved too! Remember your sons, nephews, and cousins can become Hibernians when they are 16. Most kids need community service hours for school, church, college applications, etc. Volunteering with the Hibernians is a great way to get together with family and friends and get those community service hours.

Please check out the committees in this bulletin. I look forward to seeing you around the club, at an event, and at our meetings.

President Leo Falter

Committees

Thanks again to all of the brothers who have joined our committees. Please contact the committees listed below for more information. Also let Leo know if you want to start a new committee.

Committee Name	Chair	Committee Members
Standing	Mark LaPenta	Wally McDonald, Peter Daley, Bill Rooney, Dennis Murphy
Irish History	TBD	
Sick	Jim Kelsey	
Publicity	Bob Wallace	Ed Flynn, Rich Hart
Entertainment	Dave Smolinsky	
Finance	Jim Mello	Sean Noel
Catholic Action	Dick McDonald	
Clean Up	Paul Connolly	Building Committee

It would be great to see these boxes filled up with more names. Let's hear from you, the brothers, on which committee you want to serve.

Event Details

Family Supper – Family supper had a great turnout. Doc Prince and crew did a great job as usual on the food. I want to thank Doc and the Family Supper crew. You have been a dedicated bunch getting all of us fed every month. We will miss Doc while he is out on medical leave and wish him the best of luck. If anyone can help out for Family Suppers, please let us know. For anyone that has not had a chance to check out this monthly event, it is a great family event. All of proceeds are used for our scholarship fund.

Division Meeting – The last meeting was a great boost of morale for all that attended. We had more brothers at this last meeting than I can remember. We are looking forward to seeing more of you at the next meeting. We got so many things accomplished that I can't imagine what we can achieve if everyone came to the meetings. We are definitely moving in the right direction. Keep up the great work and we will see you at the meeting on 10/18/07.

Past President's Night
Saturday
October 20, 2007

We will be honoring our past president, Bob Wallace, for an outstanding presidency. Bob's presidency was a whirlwind of events that were run with passion and pride. He worked very hard to take our organization to new levels. It is only fitting that we give Bobby a night befitting his presidential legacy, a first class party all the way! Help make this night a successful sell out. Get your tickets now!!!!

Call for Tickets

Call Brother Leo 617-926-3315

Tickets also available at "the bar"

National President's Dinner (11/10/07)

Save the date for Jack Meehan's presidential evening at Stonehill College in Easton. There will be a mass at 5:00 and dinner starts at 6:00. As Jack is one of our own, we would like to have a really large group to support him at this event. We will be providing transportation from the club to Stonehill. Let's try to fill up the bus! Event tickets will be sold in advance.

A Word on our Lost Sisters
Bob Wallace

Hi everyone I'm back, but I write to you with a sad heart. As many of you already know we have lost two sisters in the past month and I felt that my pen should come out of retirement to pay tribute to Pat Curran and Noani Ennis. I'll start with Pat who was President of the L.A.O.H. for the past six years, four of which were during my tenure as President. When I was first elected President I must admit I really didn't know what I was getting into but Pat put my fears to rest by coming to me right away and letting me know that the Women of the Division were behind me 100% and that they were there to help me in whatever Division functions that I was responsible to run. Well needless to say Pat was definitely the hard charger of the group and it was Pat who made sure that no matter what function we were putting on that I had the help that I would need to pull it off. A couple of the most notable that stands out in my mind were the senior dinner that we planned together and the open house that we hosted for the National Convention. The senior dinner took a lot of hard work by many volunteers but none worked any harder than Pat but she wasn't the type to expect a pat on the back for a job well done, her satisfaction came from watching these seniors, all dressed up socializing, dancing, and having a good time for themselves. I know from talking to Pat afterward that this was the one event that gave her the most satisfaction knowing that these people don't get to dress up and trip the light fantastic very often but to see the joy in their faces was priceless. By the way it's my personal belief that we are judged by how we treat our fellow human beings while we are on this earth and Pat certainly fits into that category. The other event that stands out was the open house that we put together during the National Convention in Boston. This took a lot of hard work on Pat's part because she had to be at the convention to do her duties as L.A.O.H. President and also coordinate the food and a bunch of other things in order to make this event a memorable one and a memorable one it turned out to be. We had over 500 delegates who visited the club at some time during the night and I know from listening to everyone that they were all overwhelmed by our hospitality.

My only regret is that I never got a chance to tell Pat what a pleasure it was to know her as a person and that I thought she was one of the most dedicated Hibernians that I had the honor of knowing. Hopefully we will meet again and I will get a second chance. Pat, I will miss you, your energy and that Irish wit that you possess. You have left future L.A.O.H. Presidents with some pretty tough shoes to fill because you have set the bar as high as it can be set. I found this poem while searching for an Irish blessing and thought that it was something that Pat would want us to live by.

Remembered Joy

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savored much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.

We also lost another Sister, Noani Ennis, this past month and I just couldn't let her passing go without saying something about my good friend. For those of you who had the pleasure of knowing her I think you would agree with me that she was small in stature but packed a huge heart. I could always depend on the McDonough sisters, Noani and Mary to work the door selling tickets or raffles along with Bernice Murphy, who I hear is not doing that well, and Peg Morash at all the Division Functions that we ran for the four years that I was president. There were certain people that I knew I could ask to help me in some way and Noani was at the top of that list. Through the years Noani and I have become good friends and I will miss her cheerful attitude and her penchant for remembering what everyone was drinking at her table, no one else could, and of course her stuffing a few dollar bills in my hand for a tip, reminding me of my grandmother who would do the same after I came back from the store for her. I will miss her feisty personality, her leading the crowd marching around the hall singing "Southie My Home Town" but most of all the way that she loved life and lived it to the fullest. I can picture her in heaven trying to convince God that the theme song there should be 'Southie'. While it's not easy to write about people that we loved and are no longer with us on this earth I feel like I've been blessed to have known them for they have enriched my life.

2008 Calendars

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Baanthai, Thai Food

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The Villa Restaurant

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Wayland
508-653-8570

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617-332-2583

Main Street Pizza
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Watertown
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617-232-0188
Pomodoro
24 Harvard Street Brookline
617-566-4455

Greg's Restaurant
821 Mt. Auburn St
Watertown
617-491-0122

The Green Briar
304 Washington Street
Brighton
617-789-4100

New May Flower
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600 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown
617-972-9188

Hall Rental: Call 617-710-8680

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www.aohdiv14.com