



**Ancient Order of Hibernians  
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**MARCH 2011  
NEWSLETTER!**

**St. Patrick's Dinner  
(March 17<sup>th</sup>, Doors  
Open at 5pm)**

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**AOH President's Message**

Here we are well into the New Year and I thought I would talk a little bit about what I would like to see happen this year with the division. I am encouraged by the momentum of enthusiasm I have noticed in the division. There seem to be more camaraderie among our members. I like to think this is happening because more people are getting involved in supporting the division.

Maybe it was the tailgate parties we had on Sundays for the Patriots. So many members came together to celebrate the first part of our motto, Friendship. FRIENDSHIP is an "affection which prompts us to make the highest sacrifice for the person or cause." It seems to me the more members we reach out to (especially via email) the more responses we get. I hope that this trend continues. This is one reason why we keep asking everyone for your e-mail address if you have one it is such a simply way of communicating with a large membership.

Getting back to the future of our division I'm going to try and get committees organized again. I have tried the past four years to make this happen. The first response is usually good but then for some reason, we (or me) do not have enough momentum to keep these going. Committees will be key to celebrating our, UNITY (the second part of our motto.)

The A.O.H. aims to unite its members in sentiment, in purpose and in action. I will be sitting down with our executive board and anyone else that can help set up a calendar of events for this year. We will be posting all these events in our  
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**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.

bulletins. I ask that you look at this calendar and sign up for a committee to help run these functions. We really need members to take charge and chair these committees. There is plenty of support from members who have planned these events in the past. So it is not a difficult task but a very important one. I am reaching out to those brothers who maybe want to help but aren't sure if they can commit too much time. It's not time consuming. All we ask is a few hours of your time a year (i.e. just one function or one project is all it takes.) Now is the time to come forward and show your Hibernianism. This is when you can be proud of being a member.

When you help out with our different function you get a sense of purpose within yourself. Two recent events come to my mind. The first was when the young men from Omagh Thunder basketball club in Ireland came for a visit we hosted them and gave them a welcome that they will never forget. It was a large effort by a lot of brothers and sisters from Div.14, not one of us will ever forget their stay. To this day we still talk about it and I'm sure they are also. Dick Thompson just got back from Ireland where he visited Omagh and they gave him plaque to bring back to people from Div. 14 and others in MA. Dick did mention they were still talking about Coach Paul Connelly's workout and what they learned. How do you think Paul feels knowing that he made a difference? That's the kind of return you get for your involvement in the A.O.H.

The second function was the Children's Christmas Party. This is an event that takes a lot of time but we spread it out using a lot of members (sisters & brothers) This year was a little more special because there was a lot of kids at the perfect age. The children were very excited. Not only are the children appreciative of this annual event but their families also express their thankfulness and joy. It is truly an honor to be able to host this for our membership every year.

Believe me, you get more out of giving to other than you can imagine. CHARITY is the golden key that opens the entrance to the home of true happiness. CHARITY of thought, act and word, is the third link of our great motto. Please be a part of this great organization. Don't just be a member be ACTIVE. If we all help spread out the tasks at hand more can be accomplished.

In the near future we will be looking into different aspects of division business. I invite all to attend the monthly meeting to discuss these topics. One meeting item that we have been discussing was an increase in dues. The per capita has gone up \$4.00. So we are looking to increase the dues by \$5.00. We will continue to have dialog on this matter and vote at the May meeting. Please take this as a notice to all members that we are holding discussion on this issue. Let your voice be heard and your vote counted. Join us at an upcoming meeting or send me your feedback and I can share at our meetings.

This month take every opportunity to celebrate our heritage and St. Patrick's Day. See the events listed further in the bulletin regarding our Watertown Library lecture series, St. Patrick's Day Mass and Dinner. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events.

## **LAOH President's Message**

Welcome back L.A.O.H. members from our holiday break. Our next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

~Maureen  
(508) 479-7604

## **Updates on Completed Events:**

We had our installation of officers on Friday Jan. 21. The turnout was low but it was good to see some members there to usher in the new officers. Dick MacDonald and Mary Logue did a fine job of administrating the oath of office and their duties to their perspective officers. One last notable was Super Bowl Sunday. We had a good crowd on hand and everyone seemed to have a good time. I want to thank everyone who helped put together another great afternoon of football, fun and food.

## **New Fence:**

When you go by the club take a look at the new fence the Building Committee put up. It looks great and so much better than the old fence with all the overgrown trees and weeds. It really enhances the appearance of the building. The Building Committee came up with a pretty good idea to help defray the cost of this project. We are asking A.O.H and L.A.O.H members to make a donation for each section. This is nice idea is for a family or a group of members to donate \$250.00 per section of fence. A plaque will then be organized for each section honoring that family or group. This is a great way to help pay for the expensive project. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Dennis Murphy for details.

## **A.O.H. Degree Teams:**

Our Massachusetts VP, Dick Wall, has requested that we check in with all A.O.H. members interested in making their Major Degree. If you are interested in completing this please call Leo Falter (617-926-3315) or send your name, email and phone # to [lcfalter@hotmail.com](mailto:lcfalter@hotmail.com)

## **E-mail Addresses Needed From All Members**

We are trying to set up an e-mail distribution list to cut down the bulletin expenses. Please send your e-mail to [AOHDIV14PRES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AOHDIV14PRES@GMAIL.COM). Some brothers and sister are already receiving the bulletin via e-mail and they get this news so much faster than those receiving the postal mail. We have heard from so many of you that e-mail is such a great communication vehicle. So we look forward to hearing from you soon.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Easter Rebellion presented at Watertown Library (March 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm):**

Join fellow Hibernian John Horrigan as he helps the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Division 14) celebrate "Irish Heritage Month" with a presentation about the Easter Rebellion of 1916 in Ireland. The Easter Rising was an insurrection staged in Ireland during Easter Week, 1916. The Rising, organized by the Irish Republican Brotherhood attempted to establish an Irish Republic by ending British rule in Ireland. The Rebellion lasted from Easter Monday (April 24th) to April 30th, 1916. Members of the Irish Volunteers and the smaller Irish Citizen Army seized key locations in Dublin and proclaimed the Irish Republic independent of Britain. The Rising was brutally suppressed after seven days of fighting, and its leaders were court-martialled and executed, but it succeeded in bringing Irish sovereignty back to the forefront of Irish consciousness and representation in British Parliament.

### **St. Patrick's Mass (March 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm Mass):**

Once again the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have been invited by Cardinal Sean O'Malley to serve at the Mass at the Holy Cross Cathedral on the feast of Saint Patrick on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. The Cardinal himself will be celebrating the Mass and will greet all after the Mass. We of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have been honored to do this for a number of years. All that are interested in attending should plan to be at the mass by 11:00 am. We are respectfully asking for your support to serve as the Ushers and the collection. Anyone interested in assisting at the Mass should contact either the Chairman of the event, Paul Griffin (508-222-4996), Dick MacDonald ([ramaoh@comcast.net](mailto:ramaoh@comcast.net), cell 781-866-6082 Home 781-489-8591)

### **St. Patrick's Dinner (March 17<sup>th</sup>, Doors Open at 5pm)**

Come celebrate with us for St. Patrick's Day dinner!

### **Seven Shades of Green presented at Watertown Library (March 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm):**

Justin Bell has created a film about a transatlantic journey and an encounter of those who consider themselves Irish. By looking at seven people's lives, living in both the United States and Ireland, we take a trip and gain insight into modern Ireland, while learning about its past. Please join us for this select screening. The picture starts at 7:00pm with Q&A and dialogue to follow.

## **Seeking Club Bartenders:**

We are looking for spare bartenders. Applicants must be a member in good standing for at least a year. Experience is a plus (but not required). If interested call Bob Wallace (617-778-8600.)

## Calendar of Events

- March 3rd – Family Supper  
March 5<sup>th</sup> – Music in lounge (Tin Can Hooley)  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – AOH Division Meeting  
March 11<sup>th</sup> – Music in lounge (East Coast Anthem)  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Music in lounge (Doc & Jimmy)  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Watertown Library Lecture-John Horrigan  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Club Inc. meeting  
March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day mass at Holy Cross Cathedral  
(noon with Cardinal Sean O'Malley)  
March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's dinner in the big hall (Doors open at 5:00 pm)  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Music in lounge (Joe Donohue)  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Watertown Library - Justin Bell and "Seven Shades of Green"  
movie and Q&A  
March 24<sup>th</sup> – Building meeting  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – Music in lounge (Mike Carr)



### It takes an Irishman! (A story we can all relate to)

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years. They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Brits, in the weeks that followed an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet. A story was subsequently published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of copper wire 250 years old, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network - 50 years earlier than the British."

One week later, the Dublin Times reported: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Nenagh, Seamus O'Reilly, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. O'Reilly has concluded that 250 years ago, Ireland had already gone wireless." See we are always ahead of the times! Makes you



## Congratulations and Thanks to the Officers of the AOH

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Vice-President=Pat Breen  
Recording Secretary=Dick Thompson  
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## Congratulations and Thanks to the Officers of the LAOH

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### **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](http://www.aohdiv14.com)





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