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AOH President's Message

What a difference a year makes, usually this is when we talk about the Turkey Shoot and all the fun we had that night working to help support needy families. At our past Division meeting we voted and passed to make our regular donation to the Sonny Whooley Fund, for needy families during the Christmas Season. We were able to do this in large part because of our past successful fundraisers.

Members of Division 14 have been actively involved with helping St. Patrick's erect a life size Nativity Scene in front of the Church. The official unveiling/dedication of the Nativity Scene is scheduled for Sunday December 13th immediately following the 10:00A.M. Mass. All the pieces of the Nativity Scene have been sponsored by families or local organizations that support the Church. I'm proud to say that Division 14 has sponsored the largest piece of the Nativity Scene, the Camel.

This coming Saturday, December 5th, in sponsorship with Brigham and Women's Hospital we will be having another Blood Drive in parallel with a Food Drive to support the WCC Food Pantry.

As we enter the season of Advent we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Most of us will light an Advent wreath symbolizing Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Nollaig Shona Dhuit – Merry Christmas

Ireland's Christmas is more a time of religious observance. Lighted candles are placed in windows on Christmas Eve as a symbol of welcome to Joseph and Mary. The candle also indicated a safe place for Priests to perform Mass, as during Penal Times this was not allowed.

Christmas in Ireland lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of the Epiphany on January 6, known as Little Christmas.

Some Christmas traditions in Ireland include a Christmas morning swim at The Forty Foot in Sandycove, Co. Dublin or on St Stephen's Day, the day after Christmas, when they have the Wren Boys Procession, horse racing or partaking in a pint or two at the local pub while watching the matches.

Lastly, as many of you may or may not know the Division Officers were voted in for another two-year term. In the interest of full disclosure, we were voted in because we ran unopposed. For most of us this will be our 5th Term in office. I'd like to think we were unopposed because of the stellar job we do! Please pray for our shared success.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as your President over the past four years. During that time, we have made great strides in keeping Division 14 alive and strong and looking towards the future with optimism. Unfortunately, this year COVID put the brakes on just about everything. I want to reassure you that during this time, the current officers have met via zoom on many different occasions and there has been continuity in conducting Division business, however little of it there has been.

I could not ask for a finer group of ladies to have served on the board with me. They are Debbie Johnson, DeeDee Walsh, Rita Stacy; Dorothy Jean Brown, Sue McCallum, Pat Colman, Liz Hanlon, Caitlin Donovan and Eileen Waldron. Each of these women takes her job very seriously and has done tremendous work in performing her duties. In particular, I would like to extend my gratitude to our Financial Secretary, Sue McCallum and to our Missions & Charities Officer, Liz Hanlon who will both be stepping down from the board at the end of this term. On behalf of Division 14, I would like to say THANK YOU Sue & Liz for the time and energy you both have put forth in complying with the duties of your office and your work is to be commended.

It gives me great pleasure to announce DeeDee Walsh as your President-elect!! DeeDee has served as Recording Secretary for the past four years and has done a tremendous job! She has accompanied me to various state events, conferences and conventions, and I feel she has the experience and knowledge to take on this position and I am absolutely confident that she will do a great job!! DeeDee's warm personality will serve her well as she represents us in her new role as President! DeeDee has a very strong board serving with her and I am quite sure these women will work together to further strengthen the health and vitality of Division 14. Here is your 2020/2022 slate of officers: President-elect/DeeDee Walsh; Vice President/Debbie Johnson; Recording Secretary-elect/Janice Aucoin; Treasurer-elect/Stacey Vachon; Financial Secretary-elect/Maureen Foley; Sentinel/Dorothy Brown; Historian, Pat Colman; Missions & Charities-elect/Rita Stacy; Mistress-at-Arms/Caitlin Donovan; and Good-and-Welfare/Eileen Waldron. Congratulations ladies!!! We are hoping to have an installation of Officers in January that will likely be virtual. Details will be announced when they become available.

LAOH President's Message (cont'd)

For the time being, our meetings will have to be held via zoom. We understand that not everyone is tech savvy or has the ability to use zoom and this can be frustrating. Under the current situation, COVID rules again! We must make the best of the situation and do the best we can to conduct some business during this time while also keeping all of us safe. With the current guidelines and restrictions in place, we simply cannot justify holding an in-person meeting at this time for the little bit of business we are conducting. Until there is a vaccine, or the numbers start to decrease, we are all "safer at home" and will need to stay connected virtually. We appreciate your patience as we try to work out the kinks. Stacey has set up a meeting room where we can essentially "practice" our zoom skills. Please send me an email if you need help learning to use zoom.

Our next Division meeting will be held on Monday, December 14 at 7:00PM. A link to join the zoom meeting will be sent out via email. The 2021 schedule will begin with our March meeting which will be held on Monday, March 8th, at 7:00 pm. There are no division meetings scheduled in January or February.

I ask that you keep our infirmed sisters in your prayers, particularly Janice Aucoin who has been hospitalized due to COVID. I have no recent updates so please keep your prayers coming! Janice, we love you! Please get better fast!

In closing, I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas despite all the restrictions that are in place. I hope that the "quietness" of the holiday this year will bring a time of reflection and renewed personal growth.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Maureen Foley, President

UPDATES and NOTICES

AOH Membership Notice

Time to start thinking about dues for 2021. 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 2020 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

We brought in two new members at our last Division Meeting. We hope that as things progress towards a vaccine and restrictions begin to loosen we can move closer to business as normal. SAFELY!

LAOH Membership Notice

2021 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

Nothing new to report at this time.

Sick Members and/or shut-in

Contact Joe McCusker at 508.386.6438. For the LAOH please contact Eileen Waldron at 781.642.9250.

<i>Regular Members who pay before Jan 1st can pay \$50 (vs \$55)</i>	<i>Regular Members who pay before March 17th pay \$55</i>	<i>Regular Members pay \$55 + \$10 to activate membership</i>	<i>Regular Members pay \$55 + \$25 to reinstate Membership with National, county & state</i>	<i>Regular Members pay \$55 + \$25 + \$55 to reinstate membership & pay next years dues</i>
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Please Remember Recently Deceased Member



FEENEY, Joseph F. of Norwood, formerly of Watertown, November 21, 2020. Age 79. Loving father of Maureen T. Pittsley & her husband Thomas of Milford, Lisa A. Ford, & Linda M. Rancatore & her husband Steve of Dedham. Loving grandfather of Christopher & Jessica Pittsley. Dear brother of Irene Frain of Watertown & the late Margaret Rooney. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, & many friends. Retired sheet metal worker, Local 17.

Joe cherished spending time with his daughters and grandchildren and socializing with his large contingent of friends. Joe loved to play golf, watch sports, eat a nice meal, travel, discuss local and world news and being independent. Joe was a long-time and proud member and friend to many in Local 17 and The Newton Elks.

Quite simply, Joe was a gift to all those who knew him. Three things invariably happened if you spent any time around Joe: You would smile, you would laugh and you would hear an interesting story or opinion. Joe was honest, humble, hard-working, loyal, devoted, loving, unselfish and witty. He was simply a great guy.

“Between Fathers and Daughters ... They’ll never be sons, those three mysterious young women. But somehow, they are more special to me, because we’ve found good reason to love one another.”

“And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

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.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.



Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute



BRIGHAM HEALTH
BRIGHAM AND
WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Kraft Family Blood Donor Center

BLOOD DRIVE

HOSTED BY
Hibernians Hall

151 or 153 Watertown Street Watertown, MA

Saturday December 5th

8:00AM - 2:30PM

Appointment information will be forthcoming

Walk-ins allowed as time allows

Saturday December 5th

Watertown Catholic Collaborative Food
Drive

Whether you're donating Blood, Food or both
we will be supporting two extremely
important causes during this time of need

8:00AM - 2:30PM

AOH Division 14 Club Inc.
Presents
A Night of Fun and Comedy
Rescheduled 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
Monday	7-Dec-20		Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Tuesday	8-Dec-20		The Immaculate Conception
Thursday	10-Dec-20	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	14-Dec-20	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting (virtual)
Wednesday	16-Dec-20	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Friday	25-Dec-20		Merry Christmas
Thursday	31-Dec-20		Happy New Year
Thursday	14-Jan-21	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	20-Jan-21	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Thursday	11-Feb-21	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	17-Feb-21	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	8-May-21	TBD	Mini-Golf coming back to the club
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.

FÁILTE!

We have classes for boys and girls age 4+ in your area!

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BostonIrishDance.com
osheachaplin@hotmail.com



**Merry Christmas
and
May this coming Year be a Year
of
Hope and Peace for all!**



**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

West St. Grill
7 West St.
Newton, MA
617-795-0883

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

Donohue's
87 Bigelow Ave.
Watertown, MA
617-924-4900

