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AOH President's Message

I hope that everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas with family and loved ones. I know that for some Christmas time can be difficult because of the loss of a loved one or someone couldn't make it home for Christmas. That is all the more reason to embrace those that you can and enjoy every moment. Soon a new year will begin and provide us with more opportunities to reach out to family, friends and even strangers in need during the coming year.

We had another well attended Children's Christmas party, thanks to Heidi, VP Leo "The Brow" Falter and all of Santa's helpers for all the hard work. We had over 170 kids and family members fill the hall for the annual Children's Christmas party and by the looks of it all had a good time.

We have been doing a little better job reaching out to our local Parish, St. Patrick's, in supporting a couple of the Sunday morning coffee's after the 10:00 AM Mass and I envision that we could be doing more with the food pantry, etc., as our means allow. Please help us support St. Patrick's.

Information on the upcoming Division Scholarships will be released in next month's Newsletter, this year the AOH Division Scholarships will be presented in memory of Steve O'Brien.

The Pope has declared this year as the Jubilee Year of Mercy and is calling upon all Catholics to perform works of mercy. This jubilee year began on December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Pope has said that "no one can be excluded from the mercy of God." As we come into this New Year let's all pray for each other in the hope that all will have many blessings in the year to come. New Year's Day is centered in the hope of the fresh start that Christ offers each of us every day. Peace be with all this New Year!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joseph P. McCusker Gr.

LAOH President's Message

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season is over, hopefully 2016 will bring Peace to our world. I wish each and every one a Very Happy, Healthy New Year.

Thank you to all that attended the "Happy Holly Days" event. Our organization needs your support.

Make sure you reference the calendar section of this newsletter as it details all activities sponsored by AOH and LAOH. Try to support both organizations in order to promote "Hibernianism". If we work together we will succeed.

Our Vice President, Lori Pasto, is working on celebrating St Bridget's Feast. Hopefully we will have a Mass at Our Lady, Comfort of the Afflicted, in Waltham. More information will follow.

Our next Meeting will be Monday, March 14th. At that time we will have nominations for Officers for the next two years.

2016 is the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Uprising and AOH LAOH in USA are developing a Memorial Album. Those of us that read the "The Irish Emigrant" see articles each issue. If a member would like to do a report about their own family experiences from the aftermath, I would appreciate it. I believe all registered members of both AOH LAOH received a postcard from the two National Presidents explaining this project.

It has been voted to raise the dues for 2016 to \$30.00 up to and including age 64. Over 65 dues will be \$25.00. Dues are due 1-1-2016. Please mail your check payable to LAOH, Division 14, to our Financial Secretary, Sue McCallum 214 Warren St. Waltham, MA 02453.

<u>Please keep this notice handy and refer to the calendar section so as not to miss any of these activities.</u>

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mary B. Ryan, President

Hibernian Club Inc. News

The Hibemian Club of Watertown, Inc is the official name of the corporation entrusted with ownership of our building. The "Club Inc" holds our liquor license and operates our members lounge and "Big Hall" bar. The cookout following the Memorial Day Parade is put on by the "Club Inc."

Every member in good standing of AOH Division 14 is a stockholder in the Hibernian Club of Watertown Inc. Fifteen members make up the Board of Directors for the "Club Inc" they vote their officers for each year, appoint the Club Steward /Manager, the Rental Agent and hire Bartenders and Maintenance Staff. The Directors are charged with the smooth operation of our Club. They meet monthly on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of July and August. Special meetings of the Board are also called from time to time to meet the needs of the situation. Each year at the Annual Stockholders Meeting you have the opportunity to elect five Directors and two alternates to the Board. The Director's term is three years an alternate serves a one year term.

Nominations for Directors will open at our December monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30pm at the Club. Nominations will close at the Annual Meeting in January The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Hibemian Club of

Watertown Inc is scheduled for January 21, 2016 @ 7:30pm. Nominations and election of Directors for 2016 is on the agenda. We would love to see some more members get involved with our Club. If you would like to run for a Director's position or find out how the Club made out financially and otherwise for 2015 please attend the meeting January 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm. This is the time for your voice to be heard and let the Board know your thoughts and ideas for our Club. Please attend the Annual Meeting you do not need to be running for a Director's position to participate in the meeting.

UPDATES

AOH Membership Notice

2016 dues are now payable. Regular Division Members pay \$55.00, Senior Division Members 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 Dennis Murphy, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471. You may also make payment at the club.

LAOH Membership Notice

2016 dues are now payable. When sending your dues please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail. This will provide us with an up-to-date listing. Members age 64 and below - \$30, age 65 to 79 - \$25, age 80+ - \$15. Sue McCallum contact information is 781.899.9423 email is stusuemc@msn.com.

E-mail Addresses Needed From All Members

We have set up an e-mail distribution list to cut down on the Newsletter expenses. Please consider sending your e-mail to the Financial Secretary Dennis Murphy at moose1073@gmail.com.

New Class

Presently scheduled for January 13th, the second Wednesday in January.

Family Supper

Presently scheduled for February 3rd, the first Wednesday in February.

Club Executive Board News

Please see the notice attached prior in this newsletter.

Sick Members and/or shut-in

Please note that Dennis Murphy had surgery the day before Christmas and has already been moved to Spaulding Rehab in Charlestown. If anyone knows of a fellow member that is sick and/or shut-in please inform the Chairman of our Sick Committee (Desi McElroy). Desi can be reached at 617.710.8680. For the LAOH please contact Eileen Waldron at 781.642.9250. I plan to publish a comprehensive list of those currently sick and/or shut-in in the next Division newsletter.

CALENDAR PROGRAM 2016

CALENDAR PROGRAM 2016. Please note that we have our calendars in to start the Calendar program for 2016. The Calendar program is one of the ways we generate much needed funds for the Division to cover expenses and provide for donations to charities, etc. Please consider buying a calendar (many members give them as Christmas gifts) as it is a great way to support the Division and in the process have a chance to win some \$\$. The way the Calendar (Mass State Lottery) program works ...

Calendars may be purchased for \$50

You will have a 3 digit number on your calendar

If the 3 digit number on your calendar is the same as the <u>first</u> 3 digits of the evening daily number (exact order) you will win the prize allocated for that day (you have a chance to win every day). No need to call to receive your prize, we reconcile all the winners at the end of each month and automatically mail payments out typically within 10 business days.

- i. The prize money for Monday Friday is \$50
- ii. The prize money for Saturday and Sunday is \$75
- iii. The prize money for Holidays will vary and are identified on the calendar

You can purchase a calendar at the Members lounge – If you can't make it to the lounge you can mail a check in the amount of \$50 to Joe McCusker and I will send the calendar to your return address, details below...

i. Joe McCuskerP.O. Box 11Watertown, MA 02471

Note: make the check payable to A.O.H. Division 14 – remember to include your return address



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BOWLING NITE

Anyone interested in

Wii. Bowling

We will have open teams of 2. Friday nites @ 8:00pm.
On the big TV, in the lounge.

Fun for all ages!!

Come and watch, you're sure to want to join in!



This past year we did receive a Customer Choice Award from Watertown Savings Bank. We would not have received a Customer Choice Award without your votes and support. Please find below all the information you will need to vote for the AOH Division 14 Watertown to receive an award for calendar year 2015. If you are receiving this newsletter via email please follow the link below. If you are a WSB Bank Customer and cannot vote on-line please make sure to place your vote next time you go to the Bank. Just ask someone at the Bank and I'm sure they will help you with your vote.

This year Watertown Savings Bank will set aside \$85,000 to distribute to non-profits through the Customer Choice Awards.

The program provides customers with the opportunity to influence how the bank distributes funds in the community.

Deadline to vote in 2015 is December 31.

Please follow this link below.

https://www.watertownsavings.com/about_us/cast_vote.html

Children's Christmas Party





The Club Inc. is looking for a few good men and women that might be interested in working as a maitre d'. For additional information contact Desi McElroy at 617.710.8680

Calendar of Events

Date

- Dec-31 New Year's Eve Party Pot Luck bring your favorite dish to share "doors remain open one hour latter"
- Jan-14 AOH Division Meeting
- Jan-21 Club Inc. Stockholders Meeting
- Feb-3 Family Supper
- Feb-11 AOH Division Meeting
- Feb-18 Club Inc. Meeting
- Mar-10 AOH Division Meeting
- Mar-14 LAOH Division Meeting
- Mar-16 Club Inc. Meeting (moved from the 17th)
- Apr-30 Easter Rising Remembrance/Celebration more information to follow

HALL RENTALS

Please remember when renting the hall as a member you must be a member in good standing (dues must be paid in full prior to reserving the hall and/or the Members Lounge for rent), pay with your own check and you must be at the function. We have had a few people ask about these requirements for the member's rate, so we wanted to help clarify these requirements. 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, Desi McElroy, at 617-710-8680. Also check out our web pages for photos of the Hall: www.aohdiv14.com

Please support these establishments who have supported the Hibernians!

Maria's Catering 104 School St. Watertown, MA 617-926-5144

Paddy's Pub 95 Elm St. West Newton, MA 617-965-6444 Steamers 311 Watertown St. Newton, MA 617-244-9155

West St. Grill 7 West St. Newton, MA 617-795-0883 Devlin's Restaurant 332 Washington St. Brighton, MA 617-779-8822 Baanthai Rest. 659 Main St. Waltham, MA 781-893-7700

Pizza Regina Arsenal Mall Watertown, MA 617-926-5300 Copper House 380 Winter St. Waltham, MA 781-890-8989 Fit Z's Bar & Grille 451 Main St. Watertown, MA 617-923-3969

City Streets 240 Lexington St. Waltham, MA 781-647-2489 Stella's Pizza 605 Mt. Auburn St. Watertown, MA 617-924-5692 O'Hara's Pub 1185 Walnut St. Newton, MA 617-965-6785

Antoine's Bakery 317 Watertown St. Newton, MA 617-527-6747 Stone Hearth Pizza 182 Western Ave. Allston, MA 617-903-4680 The Warren Tavern 2 Pleasant St. Charlestown, MA 617-241-8142

