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NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### AOH President's Message

Please let me start my message by thanking the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee chaired by Dick Thompson, Jr. for doing such a tremendous job with the Gala Celebration last Saturday night. The Hall was full of joy and celebration on such a wonderful night.

A few weeks ago Dick and I were in attendance at the National President's Dinner in Washington, DC. It was a rewarding experience and one that I'm sure we both won't forget for a long time. The weekend started with a visit to the residence of the Ambassador of Ireland, Daniel Mulhall, after which we boarded buses and did a nighttime tour of the monuments. The following day we attended the National Board Meeting, went to Mass and enjoyed the dinner with fellow Brothers and our National President. What happened afterwards stays on the road, as we like to say.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday that is celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada as a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the preceding year. The observance of Thanksgiving can also be found in Grenada, Liberia, The Netherlands and Norfolk Island. The holiday in Grenada marks the anniversary of the U.S. led invasion of the island in 1983. Liberia celebrates the colonization of freed black slaves from the United States beginning in 1820. The Netherlands celebrates message day to commemorate the hospitality the Pilgrims received in Leiden on their way to the New World. The observance in Norfolk Island was brought there by visitors of American whaling ships.

Of all the American holidays, Thanksgiving is probably the one most open to personal interpretation. Thanksgiving, while certainly known for food and football, is first and foremost about giving thanks in whatever way you find personally appropriate. Across the nation, thousands of Americans will volunteer their time to help serve a meal to those in need. What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

### **LAOH President's Message**

Dear Sisters,

It is with much sadness that I report to you on the passing of Michael Waldron, beloved son of our sister, Eileen Waldron. In her role on Good & Welfare, Eileen manages to correspond with and visit all of our sisters who are sick or shut-in. She truly is an angel of mercy. Please keep Eileen in your prayers and wrap her in the love that she so freely shares with all of us as she grieves her loss.

November is a month a reflection and a time to give thanks for our many blessings. I want to start by thanking my officers for a job well done over the past year! Each and every one of these ladies has stepped up to help out in my absence. I have faced many challenges this past year and at time I leaned rather heavily on these ladies. You can rest assured that the operations and finances of this division are healthy & well managed thanks to the diligence and teamwork these women put forth. I could not be more grateful to all of them for or their friendship and for their dedication our Order. Well done ladies!

To anyone who served on a committee this year or helped at an event or division meetings, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your willingness to step up to help where help is needed shows what teamwork is all about. Many hands make light work and your contributions to division 14 are truly appreciated. Thank you for giving of your time.

Congratulations to Dorothy Jean Brown for receiving her degrees with the group that went to Holyoke last month. Congratulations Dorothy Jean! It was a lovely day that I am happy to have shared with you and the other ladies. Wear your pin proudly!

Our State President Margaret O'Connor will hold the State Board meeting here at Division 14. on Sunday, December 1. Lunch will be served at 12:30. The meeting will start at 1:00. I would like to see as many officers and members attend. Please let me know if you would like to attend or if you can help with the hospitality. This will be the meeting for the Christmas Raffle.

Our December meeting will be held on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. Details will be emailed at a later date.

In closing, I remind you to remember our men and women serving around the world who will not be with their families during the holiday season.

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Maureen Foley, President

## Club Inc. President's Message

November 2019

Fall is here, even though it's wet. I'm not complaining, I'd rather have rain than ...

Congratulations and thank you to Dick Thompson and his committee for putting on a great 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. A great time was had by all.

**The Member's Lounge will be closed on Tuesday November 5, 2019 because of Election Day.**

The Patriots are unbeaten and the Bruins are on fire. Please check out their schedules and come on down and join in on the fun in the Lounge. We're going to have another tailgate on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Patriots will play the Philadelphia Eagles at 4:25pm. Come on down and join in on the fun.

We will have entertainment in the Lounge twice this month! First is on Saturday November 23, starting around 8pm. The second is on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>, also starting around 8pm. Come on down and enjoy the shows.

Our Capital Campaign is up and running! Read about it further along in this bulletin. If you can fit in a donation of any size we'd really appreciate it. We want to make improvements to the building and we could really use the additional help.

Members in good standing can rent the member's lounge for smaller parties. The lounge is suitable for family and friends get togethers, birthday parties, fantasy league drafts, card parties, and the like. Inquire with the Rental Agent (Paul Connolly) for details.

The Club executive board runs the member's lounge and maintains the building facilities on behalf of the membership. Please feel free to contact me or any other member of the board with any questions about or issues with the building.

Keep in touch with us via this bulletin and on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/aohdiv14](https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14).

Club Inc. President Bob Casey

## UPDATES and NOTICES

### AOH Membership Notice

Time to start thinking about dues for 2020. 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 2019 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 are planning to bring in a New Class the same evening as our Division Meeting November 14th. The new class will be named in memory of Paul Kelly.

### LAOH Membership Notice

2019 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 to report at this time.

### 125th Year Anniversary Committee (Chair - Dick Thompson Jr.)

The 125th Anniversary Committee did a great job on the Gala Celebration. Congratulations to all you made Division 14 Great Again!

### Sick Members and/or shut-in

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



**Known Members currently in constant care/recovery**

Margaret Winston and Mary Ryan are 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 Griffin is presently residing at the Brigham House which is located at 341 Mt Auburn St Watertown, MA 02472.

Joe O'Brien is currently residing at Belmont Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center which is located at 34 Agassiz Ave. Belmont, MA 02478.

Donald Morrison is presently recovering at Meadow Green Rehabilitation and Nursing Center which is located at 45 Woburn St. Waltham, MA 02452.

Ed Tolan is currently residing at The Residence at Watertown Square 20 Summer St. Apt 321 Watertown, MA 02472.

Patrick Hanlon, Sr. will be undergoing hernia surgery, additionally he will be having a procedure to remove his gallbladder and have a stint removed related to the gallbladder.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

### Message from 125th Anniversary Chair

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was a great success. The Hall was full with many familiar faces, some that had not been around the Club for a while. Many were renewing the bonds that were first born years ago as they presided over the Division. There were eight Division Past Presidents in attendance including Past National President Jack Meehan and his wife Maire.

The catered buffet dinner was provided by Devlin's of Brighton. A big thank you goes out to Tom Devlin and his staff for the wonderful meal and service.

The main entertainment for the evening was the Silver Spears who kept things moving throughout the night. We had special performances by the young ladies of the O'Shea-Chaplin Academy of Irish Dance and the New Hampshire AOH Pipes and Drums. We would like to thank both groups for their stellar performances.

Proclamations were received from the City of Boston from Councilor Ed Flynn and from the Governor's Council from Marilyn Petitto Devaney extolling the good works of the Division over the years and declaring October 26<sup>th</sup> as AOH Division 14 day in Massachusetts respectively. Watertown Town Council president Mark Sideris was also in attendance and assured us that the town will issue a proclamation at a later date.

All in all it was a great night to celebrate the 125 years of Division 14's existence. It was a night to stop and remember and honor those men and women that have made this Division great. A special DVD was made by AJ Urquhart from photos and historical memorabilia collected by Mary Logue and Dick Thompson Sr that was shown in the lounge and was a big hit. Additional Division historical articles were also on display. Thank you to AJ for his work in providing us with such a memorable DVD and Mary and Dick for their work gathering and cataloging the historical articles.

A book complete with the history of the Division and sponsorship advertising was given to each attendee. Deb Johnson is to be thanked for her work in formatting and compiling the material and ads for the book. Each attendee also received a commemorative 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin honoring the Division on this special occasion.

In closing the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee hopes we provided you with a memorable and fitting way to honor the first 125 years of Tomas Cardinal O'Fiaich Division 14. We worked hard over the several months to ensure this event would be a success. We would like to thank everyone for their support of this milestone event. There was no contribution too large or too small it is what has made this Division great for 125 years and will carry on into the future. THANK YOU

We will be making available copies of the DVD for purchase at \$15/ DVD and the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin will be available for purchase for \$4/pin. Contact Dick Thompson 617 755-8467 [rthomp521@comcast.net](mailto:rthomp521@comcast.net) And orders for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jackets can still be placed by visiting the Club and trying on the samples for sizing and prepayment of your order

Message from 125th Anniversary Chair (cont'd)

Orders for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jackets can still be placed by visiting the Club and trying on the samples for sizing and prepayment of your order. Please contact Leo Falter with any questions relative to jacket purchase at 617.926.3315. Please note that there will be a cutoff date for purchase.

### 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY JACKETS FOR SALE

- \$75 for a Large (LG) or Extra-Large (XL)
- \$80 for a 2X or a 3X

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Richard J Thompson, Chair

Leo Falter  
Tomas Hernon  
Deb Johnson  
Terry McAdam  
Tim McGuirk  
Joan O'Brien

James Cunningham  
Paul Connolly  
Mary Logue  
Patricia McGuirk  
Kathleen Moschella  
Richard H Thompson



## **Irish History Essay Contest**

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. sponsors a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in Grades 6 through 12. The theme of this year's contest is "History of the LAOH in the USA".

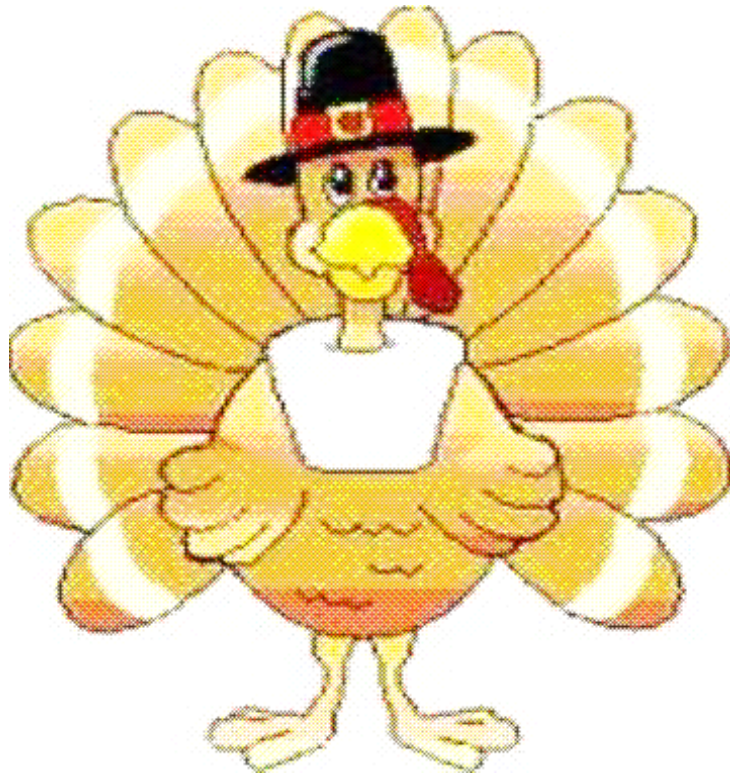
The contest is comprised of two levels: Level I is for students in grade 6, 7 or 8 and Level 2 is for students in Grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students who are enrolled in parochial, private, public or who are home schooled are eligible to participate.

The deadline to submit entries to the Watertown Division is November 15, 2019. All rules are included on the application which will be available at the Club.

Entries should be submitted no later than November 15 to LAOH Division 14, 151 Watertown Street, Watertown, MA 02472, ATTN: Irish History Contest

Please share the essay application with eligible students.

Please contact Pat Colman with any questions at 617.926.1533.



AOH DIVISION 14  
151 WATERTOWN ST. WATERTOWN  
ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2019  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM (**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**)  
CASH BAR  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SONNY  
WHOOLEY FUND  
HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & DANCING  
IN THE LOUNGE

when: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER  
23<sup>RD</sup> 8:00<sup>PM</sup> - 12:00<sup>AM</sup>

where: IN THE MEMBERS  
LOUNGE

who: WFF DEAN CORSI

what: PLAYING YOUR FAVORITE  
COVER TUNES

**\*\*This event is sponsored by the Club Inc. and is not  
connected to or affiliated with the Watertown Fire Dept.**





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 2019 DIVISION 14  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WHERE:** Hibernian Hall 151 Watertown St.

**WHEN:** Sunday December 15th 2019

**TIME:** Starting at 1:00 PM

Snacks, games and entertainment until 3:00 PM

Santa arrives at 4:00 PM for presents (youngest to  
oldest)

**SIGN-UP:**

In the Member's Lounge

Email [hfalter@hotmail.com](mailto:hfalter@hotmail.com)

Call Leo Falter at 617.926.3315

**PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN BY  
NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
SO THAT SANTA MAY BE PREPARED FOR  
THEM**



## 2019 Capital Campaign for the Hibernian Hall and Member's Lounge

The Directors of the Hibernian Club of Watertown invite you to participate in our 2019 Capital Campaign. We need to raise funds for several improvement projects in the hall and in the member's lounge. These projects include:

- New carpet in the hall
- Paper, paint, and general repairs in the hall, including the bar area and machinery
- Electrical and lighting updates
- Basement and foundation work under the member's lounge
- Game room updates
- Etc.

The Hibernian Hall requires regular repairs and maintenance, which we do as needed. These projects are a little different. These projects are larger and more complex efforts, requiring lots of work done in a short amount of time by licensed professionals.

We are offering the following levels of sponsorship for our 2019 Capital Campaign (see below). A plaque in recognition of your sponsorship will be placed in a prominent location, still to be determined.

Platinum - \$1,000

Gold - \$500

Silver - \$250

Bronze - \$100

To contribute to our campaign please send a check, made payable to the Hibernian Club of Watertown, to

Hibernian Club of Watertown

Attn: Joe McCusker 2019 Capital Campaign Chair

P.O. Box 11

Watertown, MA 02472.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Joe McCusker, our campaign director, or any other member of the Club Board (listed below).

Bob Casey

Dick Thompson Jr.

Bob Sanchez

Dennis Murphy

Pat Breen

Paul Connolly

Jim Daly

Harry Danis

John Feeney

Bill Gildea

Mike King

Dan McElroy

Bob McLaughlin

Mike Morash

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Monday	<b>Nov-11</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>Nov-14</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>Nov-20</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Friday	<b>Nov-22</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Turkey Shoot</b>
Saturday	<b>Nov-23</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Entertainment in the lounge (in newsletter)</b>
Saturday	<b>Nov-30</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>Entertainment in the lounge (in newsletter)</b>
Monday	<b>Dec-9</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>Dec-12</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>
Wednesday	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>Dec-25</b>		<b>Merry Christmas</b>

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, Paul Connolly, at 617-710-8680. Also check out our web pages for photos of the Hall: **[www.aohdiv14.com](http://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.



## CALENDAR PROGRAM 2020

CALENDAR PROGRAM 2020. Please note that we have our calendars in to start the Calendar program for 2020. 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 first 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 McCusker  
P.O. Box 11  
Watertown, MA 02471

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







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 2019. 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. Please note, that for your convenience, we also have voting slips in the members lounge, if you cannot make it to the bank.

This year Watertown Savings Bank will set aside \$150,000 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.

The deadline to vote is December 31, 2019.

Please follow this link below.

<https://www.watertownsavings.com/community/customer-choice-awards>



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*No Experience Necessary!*  
*We Will Train!*


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617.293.0907

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

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*Instagram/osheachaplin*  
*BostonIrishDance.com*  
*osheachaplin@hotmail.com*



**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

