

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

We had a great turnout for our annual Turkey Shoot in support of needy families. It was nice to be able to have the fundraiser this year after missing it last year. Special thanks to all the folks who came out and especially to our volunteers; Janice, Carol, Doreen, Noelle, Kathy, Joanna, Jim D, Jim C, Bobby Mac, Bobby D, Bob C and all the kids who did all the running.

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 than a time of fun. 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. In Ireland, Little Christmas is also called Women's Christmas (Nollaig na mBan). Traditionally Women get the day off and men do the housework and cooking! Have fun ladies!

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 Wrenboys Procession, horse racing or partaking in a pint or two at the local pub while watching the matches.

As we prepare for Christmas let us be mindful of the true meaning of this Holy Day and pray for those that are no longer with us to celebrate Christ's Mass.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Joe

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

There's no denying that "it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." I see many homes already decorated the week before Thanksgiving. People are excited and looking forward to celebrating the many Christmas activities this year.

An Irish Christmas Blessing

May you be blessed with the spirit of the season,
Which is peace,
The gladness of the season,
Which is hope,
And the heart of the season,
Which is love.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 13, at 7:00 PM. I encourage everyone to attend. We will be installing new members, and this will be our last meeting of the year.

As always, please keep our brother and sister Hibernians in your prayers who are dealing with illness or hardship. If you know of a member who is not well, please reach out to Eileen Waldron so she can send a card and check in with that person.

Do not forget to keep your dues up to date. Any unpaid dues are now considered past due. Please make checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to Maureen Foley at 130 Spruce Street, Watertown, MA 02472. The dues are \$30 up to and including age 64 and \$25 for ages 65 and over.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
DeeDee

UPDATES and NOTICES

AOH Membership Notice

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

A New Class came in at the last AOH Division Meeting in memory of Dave O'Connell.

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 make your checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to Maureen Foley, 130 Spruce St. Watertown MA 02472.

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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Membership card deactivated

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.

June Callahan is currently being cared for at Benchmark Senior Living at Waltham Crossings which is located at 126 Smith St. Waltham, MA 02451.

Arthur "The 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.

Bob Donnelly is presently at The Residence at Watertown Square 20 Summer St. Watertown, MA 02472.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

US will push EU and UK for deal on protocol, says senator

Senator Chris Murphy, a member of the US Foreign Relations Committee, also said he would not support any bilateral trade agreement between the US and the UK while outstanding issues with the post-Brexit protocol still remained to be resolved. The Democrat senator is in the North where he met with political leaders at Stormont. Speaking at Stormont, he said: “I am here on behalf of Republicans and Democrats in the United States Senate who are interested in continuing our legacy of friendship with Northern Ireland.

“This is a critical moment for Northern Ireland as we are watching the negotiation play out over the future of the protocol. “We want to make sure that the protocol is moved forward in a way that benefits all of the people of Northern Ireland. “To my mind, it would not be good for Northern Ireland if Article 16 was invoked, which could ultimately provoke a crisis, a trade war which would act to the detriment of the people here.” He added: “This is a negotiation between Britain and the European Union, but the United States, having been an important player in the Good Friday Agreement, wants to make sure that nothing happens with respect to Britain’s departure from the European Union that compromises peace here in Northern Ireland. Full article [here](#).

With regard to Brexit and the Northern Ireland protocol, we in the AOH feel we are doing God’s work and have righteous on our side. However, it is important to know the position of your adversary. To this end, I share this article, “[The Irish Protocol: Versailles for slow learners](#)”, which essentially equates the NI protocol with the treaty of Versailles at the end of WW1 when the allies (at the behest of the French) imposed extreme peace terms on Germany that experts correctly warned would ruin the German economy and undermine its democracy.

In other news, no progress on the fate of the great Hunger Museum in CT. See article: “[Donors Worry About Fate of Artifacts as Museum on Irish Famine Closes](#)”



Message from Political Education Chair Rick Connell

Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Friday	3-Dec-21	8:00 PM	Entertainment in the Lounge
Sunday	5-Dec-21	1:00 PM	Division Children's Christmas Party
Thursday	9-Dec-21	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	13-Dec-21	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	15-Dec-21	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	25-Dec-21		Merry Christmas
Sunday	26-Dec-21		St. Stephen's Day
Thursday	6-Jan-22		Little Christmas
Monday	10-Jan-22	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	13-Jan-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	19-Jan-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting

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 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.

**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

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

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

Deveney & Sons
Monuments
Waltham, MA
781-891-9876

