

**Ancient Order of Hibernians
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DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

Each year I start my December message by thanking those who helped with our Annual Needy Family Fundraiser and for good reason. We had a great turnout for our annual Turkey Shoot in support of needy families. Special thanks to all the folks who came out and especially to our volunteers; Carol, Doreen, Noelle, Ellen, Karen, Janice, Dick, Jim D, Bobby Mac, Bob D, Mike, 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 are many ways during Advent that we can prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas. You may want to pray more, participate in the Mass during the week, have an Advent wreath, or create family traditions. No matter what you do, remember the reason you are preparing. Ask God to guide you as you anticipate the coming of His birth. He is ready to welcome you.

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena, also known as the Christmas Anticipation Prayer, begins on the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle on November 30, and lasts until December 24. Tradition says the prayer should be recited 15 times each day. It is a beautiful, meaningful, and meditative Advent prayer.

**Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires (*mention your intentions here*), through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.
Amen.**

Elections are coming up for the new term 2023 & 2024. Would you like to be more involved? Are you interested in a position on the board? Let me know and I can go over the officer duties with you. We are in need to fill vacancies for Financial Secretary, Vice President, historian, and Sentinel.

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 me and Eileen Waldron so she can send a card and check in with that person.

2022 dues are now past due. If you still have not paid your dues, 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 closing, I wish you and your families all a happy and healthy Christmas.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

DeeDee

Political Education Chair Message

There will be a live webinar broadcast hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians on Saturday, December 10th, at 11 AM EST, 4 PM Irish time.

The talk will cover the recent guilty verdict against a former British trooper for the 1988 murder of Aidan McAnespie, twenty-three years old, had just walked through the Aughnacloy British Army checkpoint, near the County Monaghan border. Aidan was shot in the back by British Army trooper Michael Holden who alleged afterwards that his hand slipped. The historic guilty verdict against a former British trooper for the 1988 murder of Aidan McAnespie, was cheered by his family and justice campaigners but dismissed as a “witch hunt” by British Army veterans vowing to push ahead with amnesty legislation.

The broadcast will include an update on the British Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill, designed to take away legal channels for justice about legacy killings. This amnesty bill is progressing through Parliament despite, overwhelming opposition from Irish victims, the Irish government, Irish political parties and American Congress.

Zoom registration details are below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GZaf9aX1T6aZtHPLbluhtw

-or- <https://aoh.com/LegacyJusticeWebinarRegistration>

YouTube Details

<https://youtu.be/66SwdrNUwBs>

-or- <https://aoh.com/McAnespieVerdict>

Once again American politicians and members of Irish-American organizations including the Irish American Unity Conference, Brehons, Irish Northern Aid, and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians have been invited to join.

Rick Connell

MA AOH Political Education Committee

Watertown Division #14

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UPDATES and NOTICES

AOH Membership Notice

Regular Members pay \$55.00, Senior 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. **Please see the insert below relative to incentives to pay early and/or on time. There will be penalties for late payment.**

LAOH Membership Notice

2022 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.

Division Scholarship Golf Outing

Another successful golf outing thanks to all who participated and helped with this annual event.

AOH/LAOH Division Elections in December

Please note that we are looking for members to step up and run for a position on the Board. If anyone is interested please speak with one of the current Board Members.

Bartenders needed

Anyone interested in helping out as a bartender please contact Bobby McLaughlin, Vice-President/Steward, 617.448.3400.

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



HUNTER, Mary E. (McDougall), a lifelong resident of Cambridge, passed away peacefully at her home on October 13, 2022. Beloved wife of 66 years to Robert J. Hunter. Loving mother of Nancy Coleman and her husband Robert of Medford, Patricia DePrimio and her husband Joseph of Malden, Mary Kissane of Cambridge, Susan Cyr of Medford, Linda Foley of CA, and the late Robert J. Hunter, Jr. Dear sister of Jean Ryan of Belmont, Paul McDougall of Charlestown, and the late John McDougall. She will be greatly missed by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends. Mary proudly worked as Crossing Guard for the City of Cambridge. For over thirty years she stood on the corner of Cedar and Rindge Ave, rain, or shine, and always with a smile.



O'Reilly, Paul Thomas of Belmont passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loving family on November 22, 2022 at the age of 86. Paul is survived by his beloved wife of over 64 years Ann M. Neufell who was the love of his life; and their children, Paul D. O'Reilly and his wife, Betsey of Belmont and Beth Junkin and her husband Rob of Wayland. He was incredibly proud of his five grandchildren who he saw frequently; Paul Brendan, Justin, Lee, Reed and Callie.

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.

Ed Tolan is currently being cared for at Belmont Manor which is located at 34 Agassiz Ave. Belmont, MA 02478.

Bob Hunter is currently getting constant care at Santa Maria Nursing Facility 799 Concord Ave. Cambridge, MA 02138.

Jimmy Daly had surgery and is resting at home getting a lot of TLC from Doreen. Home is 89 Edward Rd. Watertown, MA 02472.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

State Presidents Dinner



Pictured left to right:

National Director Richard Thompson, Vice Consul General Shane Caffrey, State Vice-President Barbara Twohig, Past State President Mary Whidden, State President Jack Lahey, State Vice-President Joe McCusker and National Hunger Project & Irish Way Chair Bill Sullivan.

Not pictured State President Joyce Burgess and City Council President Mark Sideris.

Comedy Show

MISGIVINGS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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A "Divine" comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo



Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo

*Don't miss
this delightfully
entertaining
and uplifting
one man show!*

LIMITED to 200 seats

Where: Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Date: Saturday, December 10th @ 8:00

Doors open at 6:30pm

CASH BAR, Bring your own snacks.

Admission: \$20.00 ea. Tbl of 10, \$150.00

NO tickets sold at the door

Tickets can be purchased in the
Members' Lounge

CALENDAR PROGRAM 2023

1. CALENDAR PROGRAM 2023. Please note that we have our calendars in to start the Calendar program for 2023. 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 ...
 - a. Calendars may be purchased for \$50
 - b. You will have a 3 digit number on your calendar
 - c. 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
 - d. 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



Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Sunday	4-Dec-22	1:00 PM	Children's Christmas Party
Thursday	8-Dec-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Saturday	10-Dec-22	8:30 PM	Comedy Night
Monday	12-Dec-22	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	21-Dec-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	24-Dec-22		Christmas Eve Club will be closing early
Sunday	25-Dec-22		Merry Christmas
Monday	26-Dec-22		Feast of St. Stephen
Monday	9-Jan-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	12-Jan-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	18-Jan-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Thursday	9-Feb-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	13-Feb-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	15-Feb-23	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

FÁILTE!

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

