

**FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

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**AOH President's Message**

As we begin this New Year, I beseech more members to get involved and take a more active role in your Division. All too often we barely have enough members at Division Meetings to constitute a Quorum. We need more members to attend the Division Meetings, ask questions, provide feedback, and challenge leadership to do more. This Division belongs to you, the membership, and the only way you can influence decisions and/or accomplish change is to get involved. Anyone that is interested in taking a more active role in your Division should please contact me directly.

At our next Division meeting I will charge our Board of Trustees to perform an audit of all bills and claims against the Division and issue a report at the following Division meeting. The Board of Trustees shall serve as the Finance Committee of the Division and should be performing this audit on a bi-annually basis.

On behalf of the Division Membership, I would like to thank Bob Casey for his tireless efforts in making our building and property the best in the State. Bob has decided to step down as the Club Inc. President and has left the job in the very capable hands of Bobby McLaughlin and Mike Morash. Many don't know how much work has been accomplished on our building while Bob took on this tremendous task! Most notably the repainting of the hall, installation of the new rug and new lighting in the lounge and the hall. All this has been accomplished while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Please note that in next month's newsletter information will be coming out about AOH, LAOH and County Scholarships

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Joe McCusker

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

Dear Sisters,

February 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate Saint Brigid's Day, our patron saint. Here is a traditional prayer to St. Brigid that is very popular and has been passed down over the years, asking her to grant peace to those suffering anxiety.

*Brigid, you were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled  
and anxious.  
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our  
world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.  
Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the  
weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body,  
and spirit. Amen.*

Mark your calendars. We will host the next State Board meeting in Watertown on Sunday, March 6, at 1:00 PM. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, at 7 PM.

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 2021 dues are now considered past due. You can pay your 2022 dues by check. 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

## A Message from The Club Inc. Leadership

We hope that all members are having a safe, warm and Happy New Year to this point. We wanted to make sure that all members are aware the Membership Lounge hours, please see below;

- Sunday – 1:00PM to 8:00PM (please note that the closing time can be extended based on bartender discretion)
- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 3:00PM to 8:00PM (please note that the closing time can be extended based on bartender discretion). On Tuesday nights when the cards are being played the lounge will stay open later.
- Thursday and Friday – 3:00PM to last call 12:00 midnight
- Saturday – 1:00PM to last call 12:00 midnight

We have been having great turnouts for all the NFL Playoff games and expect a good turnout for the Superbowl. We always have our local teams, Professional and College, on TV and welcome all to come to the Club and enjoy some friendship and a liquid beverage or two.

Please note that the night of our fundraiser, February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will also be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the Watertown Catholic Collaborative (WCC) Food Pantry. If you will be attending that night please make an effort to remember to bring something that night. If you don't plan to attend the fundraiser donations can be dropped off at the Clun anytime after 1:00PM. This is the time of year where Food Pantries are in dire need of support.

Please note that the Blood Drive scheduled for March 8th has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a future date.

Thanks, Bob McLaughlin and Mike Morash

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 2021 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**

Nothing new to report.

**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.

**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 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.

**Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.**

### **A message from Political Education Chair Rick Connell**

This past Sunday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bloody Sunday massacre. Numerous articles are appearing to explain and educate people about this pivotal day in Irish History. Some useful articles include the following

- [Remembering the horror of Bloody Sunday 50 years on](#) (Irish Central).
- ['Bloody Sunday' Still Scars Northern Ireland 50 Years On](#) (USA Today).
- [Our front pages: How the Irish Independent covered the Bloody Sunday Massacre in 1972](#) (Irish Independent).
- [Bloody Sunday: 50 years on](#) (Irish Times). This excellent compilation of articles notes *"Far more people died because of Bloody Sunday than those who were murdered on the day."*

Representative Keating (D-MA 9th District) submitted a resolution in the House of Representatives to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

Closer to the home sod, the European Union is seeking to resolve the impasse with Britain over Northern Ireland's trading arrangements [by the end of February](#), aware that campaigning then begins for the province's assembly, the EU's chief negotiator told lawmakers on 20-Jan. A subsequent article cited Feb 21<sup>st</sup> as the deadline. See article ["NI Protocol: First Minister sets February 21<sup>st</sup> as potential talks deadline"](#)

European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic, who oversees post-Brexit relations with Britain, told a closed session of European Parliament members that a window of opportunity was likely to close by the end of February, according to attendees at the meeting and those briefed on it.

Foreign secretary Liz Truss traveled to Brussels on 24-Jan after setting a new Northern Ireland Protocol deadline for agreeing on a deal with the EU. The new date has been set for [the end of February](#) to come up with a compromise on the post-Brexit arrangements for the area.

Britain continues to press the US for a trade deal to remove Tariffs on steel sent to the US. However, it is assumed by many that the US is deferring progress on the tariffs as leverage over the NI protocols: a point recognized by all. This is raising the tension in the US. Labour MP Sir Mark Hendrick (Preston) asked: "Given the fact that the Prime Minister is playing fast and loose with security policy on Northern Ireland, in particular the way he is doing his best to trash the Northern Ireland Protocol, [what chance does she think we have of getting those tariffs dropped?](#)"



# Ham-O-Rama

**Free admission!**

You will have the opportunity to go home with the makings for an entire Easter Dinner.

**Saturday  
April 9, 2022  
Doors open at 5:30 pm**

**What can you win?**

**160 chances to win!  
40 prizes each round!**

**Ham, vegetables,  
dessert and other  
prizes will be  
included in each  
round!**

**Raffles, raffles,  
raffles!**

**Hot dogs, snacks, and  
beverages will be  
available for sale. So  
bring your friends for  
snacks and raffles!**



**Don't miss out on the fun! Rounds start at 6:00 pm**

**Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians**

**Proceeds will go to our local charities.**

**Please join us for this fun event and help us contribute to our  
2022 charitable giving!!!**

Location: Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall

151 Watertown St. Watertown, MA 02471

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Thursday	10-Feb-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	16-Feb-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	19-Feb-22	10:00 AM	AOH State Board Meeting
Saturday	26-Feb-22	7:00 PM	Club Inc. Fundraiser
Wednesday	2-Mar-22		Ash Wednesday
Sunday	6-Mar-22	1:00 PM	LAOH State Board Meeting
Thursday	10-Mar-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Monday	14-Mar-22	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	16-Mar-22	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	9-Apr-22	5:30 PM	Ham-O-Rama
Monday	11-Apr-22	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	13-Apr-22	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	14-Apr-22		Holy Thursday
Friday	15-Apr-22		Good Friday
Sunday	17-Apr-22		Easter Sunday
Wednesday	20-Apr-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](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.



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# **BARTENDERS NEEDED!**

*No Experience Necessary!*

*We Will Train!*

If interested please Contact Bob McLaughlin

617.448.3400

**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

