

**Ancient Order of Hibernians
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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

We began Memorial Day with a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Kearney and Deacon John Beagan at the Catholic Mount Cemetery, aka Sand Banks Cemetery. We had close to 50 people in attendance with Division 14 being well represented. There are over 23,000 people buried in less than 7 acres of land at this Cemetery. Most of the people buried at Sand Banks Cemetery are of Irish birth or descent. It is estimated that at least 140 Civil War veterans were interred at Sand Banks Cemetery. After Mass we marched in the Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to Peter Hogan for bringing the float and the AOH LAOH members from Holyoke for their support. Thanks to all for a great day and let's not forget the guys/gals behind the scenes doing all the landscape work, procuring all the food, setting up, working the grills, serving and cleaning; Noelle and Bob Daly, Bobby McLaughlin, Tom Lydon, Dan McElroy, Mike Morash, Laurie Gaspa, and Dan McAdam.

We will be having our Annual AOH/LAOH Scholarship Social in recognition of the tremendous accomplishments of eight most worthy recipients on Friday June 9th beginning at 7:00PM. We wish all these young women and men the best of luck as they pursue higher education, God Bless.

As we head into summer break, I want to thank those members that have stepped up to take a more active role in the Division/Club Inc. activities/business. It's not by mistake that a Division can thrive as long as it's' membership takes ownership in their Division.

Have a safe and happy summer and remember as we go on break note that there will be plenty of activities going on at the club over the summer so, please pay close attention to the calendar of events, especially the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Mass on Saturday June 10th Holyhood Cemetery beginning at 11:00AM. Our Annual Division Golf Outing in memory of Arthur "The Iron Man" Griffin will be on Friday afternoon September 29th, details in this newsletter.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joe

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

It was a beautiful day for a parade this past Memorial Day! Thank you to all the members and their families that came out to honor our Veterans, past and present. We all enjoyed a delicious cookout back at the Club and enjoyed good food and camaraderie.

The Scholarship Committee, once again, did a fabulous job reading through all the applications received. This year we have 3 applicants receiving a LAOH scholarship and 1 applicant receiving the Mary Thompson scholarship. The winners will receive their scholarships on Friday evening, June 9, at the Scholarship Award night. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, at 7 PM. Please plan to attend as this will be our last meeting as we break for the summer season. We have new members being installed and we will enjoy an ice cream social.

Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings and events. September 10, joint State Board meeting; September 11, our monthly meeting; and October 28, our annual Craft Fair. Keep your eyes open for any events and committee meetings over the summer.

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.

Your 2023 dues are past due and must be paid by June 12th.
***Please note the change of address to mail your dues.** Please make checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail to LAOH Division 14, Attention: Ellen Ridge, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471. 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 2023 DUES

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 2023 DUES

2023 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 Ellen Ridge, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, 02471.

AOH New Class

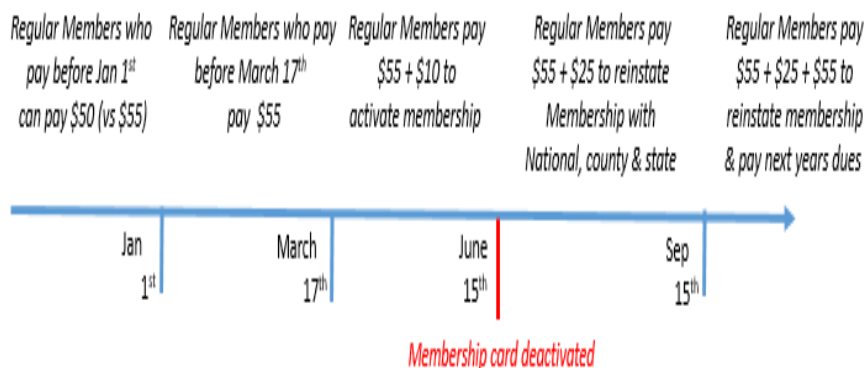
We will be brining in a new class in memory of Arthur Griffin right before our Division Meeting on Thursday June 8th beginning at 7:30PM.

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.



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.

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

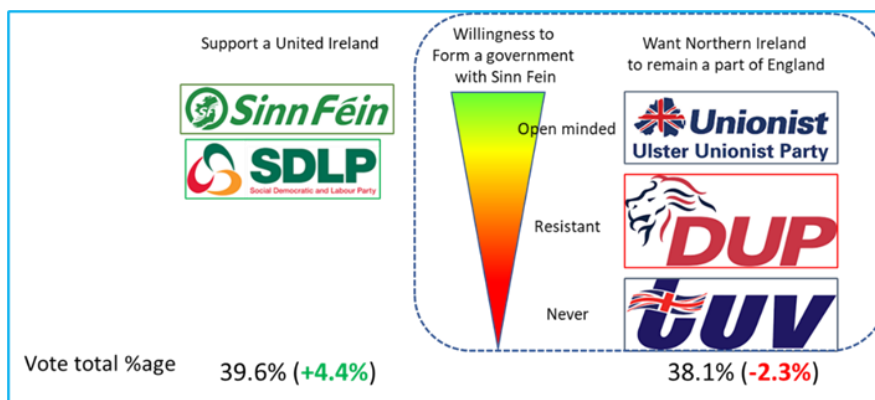
Ed Aucoin recently had to undergo surgery at the VA Hospital, by all accounts everything went well. Ed is currently resting at home which is located at 5 Gregory St. Waltham, MA 02451.

Please keep these folks in your daily prayers.

Political Education Chair Message

For the first time ever in a province-wide election, nationalism outpolled unionism in the recent council elections in Northern Ireland (NI) making Sinn Féin [the largest governing party](#). Council elections are local government elections that determine the composition of the district councils within NI. These government representatives (like mayors, city council members, or county commissioners in the US), are responsible for local matters like planning, waste management, and community development.

The illustration below may be helpful to get a sense of what parties support a united Ireland and those who support keeping northern Ireland a part of Britain. Like in the US, these local elections can be a sign of political strength nationally and therefore could give a glimpse into the prospects for support for a border poll that could lead to a united Ireland.



Sinn Féin ran on a campaign of restoring the functioning government to NI while the DUP has collapsed the NI government and ran on a campaign not to return unless additional demands are met. The drop in the overall Unionist vote tally may be a sign that the NI people prefer a functioning government.

The former police ombudsman for Northern Ireland, Nuala O'Loan, said the UK Government is trying to force through a legacy Bill which is "not fit for purpose". The Northern Ireland Troubles Bill, which had its final committee sitting in the House of Lords in early May, would provide immunity for people accused of crimes during the Troubles, and halt future civil cases and inquests linked to killings during the conflict. It has been widely criticized by NI's political parties, the Irish Government and victims' groups. Nuala said: "I think the Government are going to try and force this through, I think it's completely the wrong thing to do. It's been condemned internationally & nationally, has breached our international legal obligations, has been condemned because it's not victims-focused". Full article [here](#).

Rick Connell

Vice-President & Political Education Chair www.AOHDIV14.com

<https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14>

Financial Secretary Notes June 2023

As your Financial Secretary it is my responsibility to keep track of membership, distribute travel cards, and manage the key-cards used to gain entry into our member's lounge. Each month I use this space to highlight a different topic related to those duties. This month I'd like to address some questions that I'm often asked about the make-up of our membership.

Total Members: At our meeting on June 8th we will enroll a new class of up to 19 members. This would be the largest class in years, and could bring us above 300 members (not counting Associate members). We are the largest Division in the State but I've been told there was a time that we had over 1,000 members. We currently have 28 members that have not yet paid the 2023 dues. If we have to suspend those members for non-payment we will drop back below the elusive 300 mark.

Members with Hibernian Degrees: We currently have 30 members with Hibernian Major Degrees. The purpose of the Major Degree program is to "Waken a pride in the ancient race of our forefathers and develop an interest in the history and destiny of that race". Participating in the Major Degree program helps you learn more about Irish history and traditions and about the AOH, it's not difficult, it doesn't require a lot of time, and helps you meet more members from other divisions. If you have not received your Major degree, you are strongly urged to do so.

Military Veterans: We don't have any current members that currently are active in the Military (active Military members do not have to pay annual dues) but we do have 35 members *listed as* Military veterans. If you are a military veteran, that should be noted on your membership card. If your card doesn't say "Veteran" and you have served, please let me know so we can update our records. The AOH lobbies for Veterans and the more veterans we have amongst our members, the more impact those efforts may have.

Associate Members: We currently have 16 Associate members (10 paid). Associate members are a valuable resource for the division and club and we are always open to adding more.

Active Members: There are many ways to define active membership. One definition is, a member that participates in the monthly division meetings. I don't have official numbers, but I can only think of about 20 or so members that regularly attend the monthly division members. Please join us! In summary our membership numbers are improving and we are a strong organization but there is a lot of room for improvement.

Reminder: Membership dues are LATE. The late fee of \$10 is in effect, the late fee increases to \$25 on June 15, and your membership key-card is subject to de-activation if your dues aren't paid by June 15.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy

Financial Secretary

Membership.AOHDiv14@gmail.com

(617) 575-9585

AOH MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD
JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY
MEMORIAL MASS
SATURDAY JUNE 10TH 11:00AM
HOLYHOOD CEMETERY BROOKLINE,
MA

All AOH/LAOH State Members are welcome to attend
Coalition to follow at the home of Division 14
151 Watertown St Watertown MA 02472





Joseph P. McCusker Sr.
Trophy

**ANNUAL AOH DIV-14 MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF
ARTHUR "THE IRON MAN" GRIFFIN**



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

TO BENEFIT THE AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Where: Wayland Country Club
121 Old Sudbury Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Golf fee: Includes greens fee, cart, player gift, dinner and two (2)
complimentary drinks
\$140/person if paid on time (the due date is September 15th)
\$150/person if paid after the due date

1:00 P.M. Shotgun start
Format is Scramble

Contact: Joe McCusker 617.924.7507

POST TOURNAMENT PARTY
At the Club after golf is complete
Donation of \$30 per person is suggested for non-golfers

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Checks made payable to the AOH DIV-14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Thursday	8-Jun-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Friday	9-Jun-23	7:00 PM	Scholarship Social/Award Night
Saturday	10-Jun-23	11:00 AM	JBO Mass and coalition
Monday	12-Jun-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Saturday	17-Jun-23		Kara and Sean's Wedding Day
Sunday	18-Jun-23		Father's Day
Wednesday	21-Jun-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Monday	11-Sep-23	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	14-Sep-23	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	20-Sep-23	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Friday	29-Sep-23	1:00 PM	Division Scholarship Golf Outing


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



Beginner Irish dance classes for children age 4 and up are held at Division 14 every Thursday at 5:15PM. For more information contact Lisa at the email address above.

**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

