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**APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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**AOH President's Message**

Spring is in full swing, buds are beginning to pop, and shrubs are starting to flower. The Red Sox are already a few games into their schedule. The Final Four Championship games are scheduled to be played this coming Saturday and Monday. The Frozen Four Championship games begin the following Thursday and Saturday.

Please note that the Scholarship applications need to be submitted by no later than Friday April 26, 2024. Applications are included in this newsletter.

Upcoming events at the club are included in the Calendar section of the newsletter. Please be mindful that tickets need to be purchased by no later than April 17<sup>th</sup> for the Communion Breakfast so we can have a proper headcount for the caterer. In addition to membership events at the Club we will be pushing out notices of Irish cultural events in the area.

You will see in the Financial Secretary's message that the travel cards are in the process of being mailed out. We were a little delay due to a processing issue.

As always and in closing, please keep the Pastoral Collaborative of Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's in your prayers. Thanks to the membership for all the support we have provided to the WCC and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joe

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

Dear Sisters,

Thank you to everyone that helped with Ham-O-Rama on Saturday, March 23rd. This year's raffle table was beyond spectacular! There were so many beautiful baskets created by our talented members.

This year's annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We start with a procession of AOH and LAOH members at Saint Patrick's 10:00 AM mass. A full Irish breakfast will follow at the Hall. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance to provide a head count for the caterer. You can purchase your tickets at the bar or at our upcoming April meeting. Further details are provided in the newsletter.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, at 7 PM. If you need a ride, please let me know. We can arrange rides.

The LAOH Scholarship application is available and included in this newsletter. Scholarships are limited to children or grandchildren of LAOH Division 14 members (living or deceased) who have been members in good standing for the Past Three Years. Applicants must be high school or prep school seniors of the current year's graduating class. Applications must be received by Friday, April 26, 2024 (no exceptions) Please mail to: LAOH c/o DeeDee Walsh, P.O. Box 11 Watertown, MA 02472.

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 Rita Stacy so she can send a card and check in with that person.

Your 2024 membership dues are now due by April 15th. You can pay your 2024 dues by check. Please make checks payable to LAOH Division 14 and mail them to LAOH Division 14, Attention: Ellen Ridge, P.O. Box 11, 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 2024 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 2024 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.

**Scholarship News**

We, the officers and membership would like to thank the family and friends of Patrick Hanlon, and the brother and sister Hibernians who generously donated to our scholarship fund in Patrick's name. It is most graciously appreciated.

**New Class**

We will be bringing in a new class this month immediately prior to our next Division Meeting which will be Thursday April 11, 2024.

**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 Rita Stacy at 617.230.7408.



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

Dorothy Brown is currently being cared for at the Brigham House which is located at 341 Mt. Auburn St. Watertown, MA 02472.

Mary Flanagan is currently being cared for at Meadow Green Rehab and Nursing Center which is located at 45 Woburn St. Waltham, MA 02452.

Ellen Dupuis is currently residing at The Residence at Watertown Square 20 Summer St. Watertown, MA 02472.

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

Eileen Waldron is currently residing at Benchmark Senior Living at Waltham Crossings which is located at 126 Smith St. Waltham, MA 02451.

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

### **Political Education Chair Message**

Northern Ireland's First Minister Paul Givan has said he intends to announce his resignation. The facts of that in terms of timing remain unclear.

- This means that his Sinn Féin counterpart Michelle O'Neill will also have to step down as Deputy First Minister.
- Under the complicated power-sharing agreement at the Northern Ireland government, Stormont, the two opposing parties, one protestant and one catholic, one Unionist and one Republican, must mirror each other politically.
- It's a joint office.
- There are protocols for new candidates, but it takes time, and elections are coming up in May.
- There's also a three-year budget going through Stormont that will be put on hold.
- The DUP has consistently been unhappy with the arrangement made between London and Brussels over Northern Ireland's status post Brexit.
- The party has already put Brussels on notice for February 21 as a deadline for resolution.
- And it announced yesterday that all checks on farm and food products arriving from the UK would no longer be checked as they should be under the protocol.
- Sinn Fein President Mary Lou McDonald, Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill and Tony Doherty son of Patrick Doherty who was killed on Bloody Sunday. /Reuters/Clodagh Kilcoyne
- The Northern Ireland Protocol is the most contentious part of the Brexit settlement.
- It was agreed between Westminster under UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the EU in Brussels.
- To protect the single market between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to the south, it was decided that goods crossing the North Sea between the UK and Northern Ireland would be subject to border control and customs checks.
- The DUP has always felt that this creates an unacceptable distance between two parts of the UK.
- And that it plays into the hands of those that want to ultimately see the two parts of Ireland reunited.
- Negotiations between the two sides continue regularly but without much progress so far.
- Critics of the DUP position say they threaten to destabilize the political status quo in Northern Ireland without doing anything to resolve the protocol.

Rick Connell  
MA Political Education Committee Chair

### Financial Secretary Notes April 2024

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'll be brief.

**A shout out:** Kevin LeBarge, a member of the new class which was initiated at our February meeting, stepped forward and helped out with the food drive held at Market Basket in Waltham held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many hands make light work, thank you Kevin.

**Liaisons Wanted:** As part of our continuing effort to improve our outreach efforts I am looking for volunteers to act as liaisons to organizations that may be willing to help us out from time to time. If you are a regular patron of, or have a special association with a restaurant, Church, or other business or organization which may be willing to help us by posting signs advertising events, donating gift cards, or in some other way, please let us know. This is intended to be very light lifting; if, for example, you go to Paddy's and know the staff, you'd be the perfect person to drop off a sign now and then.

**2024 Membership Travel Cards:** Due to a busier than usual tax season at my job, I have fallen behind at mailing membership cards (and even depositing dues checks) but I have started sending them out.

**Closing Note 1:** We are having an initiation ceremony this month (April 11). Come down and help welcome our new members.

**Closing Note 2:** Members are great. Active members are even better. If you don't know how you can contribute, come to a few division meetings, you'll soon learn about many opportunities that may not always get mentioned in our monthly bulletin.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity  
Rick Stacy  
Financial Secretary  
[Membership.AOHDiv14@gmail.com](mailto:Membership.AOHDiv14@gmail.com)  
(617) 575-9585

**The Battle of Clontarf** occurred on Good Friday, April 23, 1014, at Contarf on the Irish coast just north of the Viking settlement of Dublin. It is one of the most significant conflicts in Irish history. The battle pitted the forces of Brian Boru, High King of Ireland, against those of the Viking King of Dublin, Sigtrygg Silkbeard, and his allies, including Irish regional kings and Viking mercenaries led by Sigurd of Orkney and Brodir of Mann.

The battle is often portrayed as a decisive clash between Irish and Viking forces, but its motivations were complex, involving power struggles and alliances among various Irish and Viking factions.

Brian Boru, a charismatic and ambitious ruler, sought to assert his authority over the fragmented kingdoms of Ireland and end Viking dominance in the region. His forces consisted of Irish warriors from various septs and mercenaries from Scotland and elsewhere. On the other hand, Sigtrygg Silkbeard and his allies saw Brian's growing power as a threat to their interests and sought to defend their territories and influence.

The battle was fierce and bloody. It lasted from sunrise to sunset, with both sides suffering heavy casualties. It was estimated that between 7,000 and 10,000 men, including most of the leaders, were killed in the battle. The battle ended in a rout of the Vikings, drowning many Vikings as they tried to flee to their ships.

However, Brian's triumph was not without cost. He was killed in the aftermath of the battle, possibly by a retreating Viking warrior who came across the elderly Brian praying in his tent. Despite his death, the Battle of Clontarf is remembered as a pivotal moment in Irish history, symbolising the struggle for independence and the resilience of the Irish people against external threats. It marked the beginning of the decline of Viking influence in Ireland and contributed to the island's eventual unification under Irish rule.



John Murphy Division Historian





*TOMAS CARDINAL O'FIAICH DIVISION 14  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

1. Limited to sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters active or deceased members (in good standing) of Tomas Cardinal O’Fiaich AOH Division 14. Current Members in good standing are also eligible.
2. Must be a High School or Prep School senior when applying.
3. Recipient must attend an accredited college, business or vocational school. This includes 2 – 3 year schools such as nursing, health professions, art and counseling.
4. All applications with scores, transcripts, letter of recommendation and extra-curricular activities must be **received (not postmarked)** by Friday April 26, 2024. Please note that if you do not complete all the requirements of the application, said application will not be considered for review by the Committee.
5. Scholarships will be formally awarded date **TBD**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hibernian member’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to member \_\_\_\_\_

I am a senior currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending \_\_\_\_\_

Return application to:  
Joe McCusker, Scholarship Chairman  
AOH Division #14  
P.O. Box 11  
Watertown, MA 02471



*MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
AL MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

1. Limited to sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters active or deceased members (in good standing) of the AOH Middlesex County Hibernians. Current Members in good standing are also eligible.
2. Must be High School or Prep School senior when applying.
3. Recipient must attend an accredited college, business or vocational school. This includes 2 – 3 year schools such as nursing, health professions, art and counseling.
4. All applications must include school marks, College Board scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities. Please note that if you do not complete all the requirements of the application, said application will not be considered for review by the Committee.
5. All applications must be **received** by April 26, 2024 (**NOT postmarked**).
6. Scholarships will be formally presented on a date **TBD** at the home of Division 14 Watertown, MA.
7. Please return the application to: Joe McCusker, Scholarship Chairman, C.O. AOH Division 14, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hibernian member's Name and Division \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

I am a senior currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending \_\_\_\_\_



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.  
Division 14 – Watertown, MA  
Scholarship Application

Scholarship Details

1. Scholarship is limited to children or grandchildren of LAOH Division 14 members (living or deceased) who have been members in good standing for the Past Three Years.
2. Scholarship is not restricted to four-year colleges. It is available to anyone that is furthering his/her education.
3. Applicants must be high school or prep school seniors of current year's graduating class.
4. Applicants must submit the following:
  - a. A completed L.A.O.H. scholarship application
  - b. Record of grades for four years
  - c. A letter from the applicant stating why he/she feels deserving of this scholarship including information on extra-curricular activities.
  - d. A letter from either a teacher or a guidance counselor
  - e. SAT scores (where applicable)
  - f. Scholarships will be awarded date **TBD**.

Applications must be received by Friday April 26,2024 (no exceptions)  
Please mail to: LAOH c/o DeeDee Walsh, P.O. Box 11 Watertown, MA  
02471

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School currently enrolled in (including city & state): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected high school graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools you have applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother or grandmother (Div. 14 member): \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Communion Breakfast



11 AM, April 21, 2024,  
Hibernian Hall, Watertown

Our Keynote speaker will be Guy Beiner: Craig and Maureen Sullivan Millennium Chair and Professor of History and Director of Irish Studies at Boston College. His talk is entitled “The Triumph of Defeat: From the Easter Rising to the Irish Revolution”



Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for kids under 13. Purchase at Members Lounge in advance, need headcount by no later than April 17th. 10:00AM Mass at St. Patrick’s followed by the breakfast.

## The Richard Kelly Class



Front row from left to right;  
Cahal McHenry, Kevin LaBarge, Bob Duffy, Paul Coughlin, Matt  
Coughlin, Brian Keane. Back row from left to right;  
Josh Cooper, EJ O'Sullivan, Patrick Daly, Mark McDaid, John  
Daly, Trevor McGill, Fred Cloonan.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade in Southie



<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Monday	<b>8-Apr-24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Thursday	<b>11-Apr-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Saturday	<b>13-Apr-24</b>		<b>Jokes my Irish Father Told Me has been cancelled</b>
Wednesday	<b>17-Apr-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>21-Apr-24</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Memorial Mass at St. Patrick's followed by Communion Breakfast</b>
Thursday	<b>9-May-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Monday	<b>13-May-24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>LAOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Wednesday	<b>15-May-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Monday	<b>27-May-24</b>		<b>Memorial Day. The Parade steps off at 12 noon with a cookout to follow.</b>

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. Please note that the members rental fee for the Hall is now \$375 and for the Lounge it's \$100.

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)




**FÁILTE!**

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

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



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

Looking for something to do over April vacation? Come and try a free Irish dance class with us on Tuesday April 16th starting at 5:00PM.

**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

