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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. 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 and Lynn 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; Paul Connolly, Peter Moran, Noelle and Bob Daly, Bobby McLaughlin, Jim and Doreen Daly, Tom Lydon, Jim and Kathy Cunningham, Dan McElroy, Mike Morash, Laurie Gaspa, and Dan McAdam for the tremendous paint job, much appreciated. Hope I didn't miss someone.

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 15th Holyhood Cemetery beginning at 11:00AM. Our Annual Division Golf Outing in memory of Richard Kelly will be on Friday afternoon September 27th, details in this newsletter.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joe

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Despite the cloudy weather, we had a great day for the Memorial Day parade. We rode in style on the float from Holyoke Division 1. 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 did a fabulous job reading through all the applications received. This year Patrick Duffy, grandson of MaryEllen Hill, received a LAOH scholarship and Kaitlyn Gaspa, granddaughter of Peg Walsh and daughter of Laura Gaspa, received the Mary Thompson scholarship. Patrick and Kaitlyn were awarded their scholarships on Friday, May 10th, at the Scholarship Award night. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee, Deb Johnson, Doreen Daly, and Lori Moran.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, at 7 PM. Please plan to attend as this will be our last meeting as we are on break for the summer season. We have new members being installed and we will enjoy an ice cream social.

Join us on Thursday, June 6, for game night from 6 – 9 in the Members Lounge.

Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings and events. September 8, joint State Board meeting; September 9, our monthly meeting; and October 26, 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 Rita Stacy so she can send a card and check in with that person.

Your 2024 dues are now past due. This means you are not eligible to rent the hall. Notices have been sent out to delinquent members. 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

The Scholarship Awards night was a success. There were nine different recipients from both the LAOH and AOH Divisions.

New Class

We plan to be bringing in a new class before our summer break.

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. Rm #505 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

As the FFAI movement makes progress, people on both sides of the isle are starting to take the concept of a unified Ireland more seriously. A sign of the seriousness is the recent efforts to put a price on re-unification of the island. The first “shot across the bow” was provided by the Institute of International and European Affairs, who estimated that the cost of reunification would be “€8bn to €20bn a year”. Needless to say, if you were arguing for status quo (no reunification), this cost was a high, discretionary amount of government spend that would suggest it is better to leave things as they are and muddle through.



Recently, a couple articles are now being shared that dispute that wild, provocative number. In the article “€400bn price tag for united Ireland ‘just wrong’”. Prof John Doyle told the Oireachtas Committee on the Good Friday Agreement that the IIEA study “contains significant errors and is based on entirely unreasonable assumptions.” Consequently, “The figures in the report are not even a worst-case scenario – they are just wrong.” In a follow up article “New study challenges united Ireland cost”, Prof Doyle’s calculations reduce the real cost of salary increases by €2.2 billion annually for a period of time.

I lived in Germany a few years after the German reunification (1993-1995). It is fair to say the West German government did not calculate all the costs of reunification, so we should welcome a vigorous discussion on the costs of the Ireland reunification effort. However, what Northern Ireland and the former East Germany have/had in common is economic stagnation. There is no question 30 years later that the lives of the average East German citizen are light years ahead of their closest neighbor to the East. I am optimistic the same, positive and societal outcome will be seen in Ireland after a similar re-unification and that the costs of this economic and social renaissance in Northern Ireland are woefully underestimated as it was in Germany.

Rick Connell
MA AOH Political Education Committee Chair

Financial Secretary Notes June 2024

Sad news / Good Connections: As many of you know, Father Charles Salamone, long time Chaplin at St. Elizabeths Hospital and more recently an active retired priest serving the Watertown Catholic Collaborative recently passed away. While the wake at Regina Cleri, was a somber event, I was able to connect with Division 14 Clergy member Rev. John J. Nichols (formerly of St. Theresa in Watertown) . He looked very robust at 88 years old and said that while he hasn't visited us in a long time, he still cherishes his Irish roots and enjoys hearing from us.

Below is a list of our Clergy members. If you are a member of their parish or may have another connection to them, I encourage you to reach out to them, even if just to say hello.

DEACON JOHN	BEAGAN	St. Patrick/Sacred Heart	WATERTOWN
REV ALBERT	CAPONE	Immaculate Conception	MALDEN
FR. STEPHEN	MADDEN	Most Blessed Sacrament	WAKEFIELD
REV JAMES	MAHONEY	Saint Veronica	BURLINGTON
FR. PIUS	MURRAY		WALTHAM
REV JOHN	NICHOLS	Regina Cleri	BOSTON
REV. MICHAEL	NOLAN	Saint Mary's	WALTHAM
REV JAMES	O'LEARY		YARMOUTHPORT
SEAN CARDINAL	O'MALLEY	Archdiocese of Boston	BRAINTREE
REV JOHN	RONAGHAN	St. Teresa of Calcutta	DORCHESTER
FR. TOM	SULLIVAN	St. Cecilia Parish	ASHLAND

Key cards may be deactivated: Take a peek into your wallet, or wherever you keep your Annual AOH Membership travel cards, if you don't have your 2024 card you are late and are already subject to the \$10 late fee, but that becomes a \$25 reactivation fee if I have to deactivate your card on June 15 for non-payment. So, pay before June 15 (\$65) and you **SAVE \$15** plus your key card stays active!

Closing Note 1: If you plan to attend the National Convention you **MUST** bring your 2024 AOH Membership Card!

Closing Note 2: We will be having our last division meeting before the summer break on June 13. We have invited 29 candidates to be initiated on that date and ten have already (as of 5/31) confirmed they will be coming. If you've sponsored someone that hasn't yet been initiated, reach out to them and let them know we don't bring in new classes during the summer.

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

Division Historian June 2024



The Tithe War occurred in Ireland 1830 and 1838 and was mainly nonviolent civil disobedience and protest against the enforcement of tithes to support the established Church of Ireland (Anglican). tithes were a tax on agricultural production and fell on farmers no matter what religion they were. The tithe meant a tenth (or the annual produce of land went to the maintenance of the church or clergy. In

theory, the revenue from tithe was divided into four parts — one for the upkeep of the clergyman, another for Poor Relief, a third for Church Maintenance and Education, and the fourth for the Bishop. The practice did not follow theory, and the tithe became the exclusive property of the clergy. Tithes were highly unpopular and unfair as the vast majority of the tithes in Ireland were paid by the majority Catholic tenant farmers (and Presbyterian farmers in Ulster) while the landlord class who owned the actual land were exempt, yet the landlords were, for the most part, members of the Church of Ireland.

The first violent clash of the Tithe War took place on March 3rd, 1831, in Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, when a force of 120 yeomanry (a Protestant-only local militia) tried to enforce seizure orders on cattle belonging to a Roman Catholic priest the Very Rev. Martin Doyle PP. Encouraged by his bishop, Doyle had organized his parishioners to resist tithe collection by placing their stock under his ownership, believing that the seizure orders would not be enforced against a Catholic priest. The Church of Ireland curate, Rev. Luke Gardiner McDonnell, had the order enforced. McDonnell was not only a minister; he was also the local magistrate who controlled the yeomanry. An official report later described McDonnell as a hot-headed and violent man. His lack of judgment and tact was exceptional, and his conduct on the bench as a magistrate was such that his fellow magistrates refused to sit with him.

Division Historian May 2024 (cont'd)

On 18 June 1831, in Newtownbarry, Co. Wexford, the local Anglican minister, supported by his bishop, insisted on the seizure of the livestock of farmers who had refused to pay the tax. At the auction of the cattle, some of the cows got loose, and when their actual owners attempted to reclaim them, they were fired on by the yeomanry. The yeomanry did not cease firing even when ordered to do so. When the shooting finally stopped, twelve people had been killed and twenty wounded.

The violence was not one-sided, On 14 December 1831, resisters ambushed a detachment of 40 Constabulary at Carrickshock, Co. Kilkenny. An attempt was made to force the process server, Edmund Butler, to eat the summonses. Butler was hit by a rock from the crowd, and the police were then attacked by a hail of missiles. Thirteen of them, as well as Butler, were stoned to death or killed with pitchforks.

The Tithe War finally ended with a compromise in 1838. The much-loathed tax would no longer be paid by tenants but by their landlords. Landlords, being landlords, simply passed on the cost in the form of higher rent. The Tithe War ultimately set the stage for the Irish land war of the 1870s.

Respectfully, John Murphy Division 14 Historian

Pictures from Scholarship night and Memorial Day



AOH MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD
JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY
MEMORIAL MASS
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 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



FRI. JUNE 21, 2024

6:45PM



IRISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE *WooSox*

IRISH STEP DANCE PERFORMANCE AOH & LAOH RECOGNITION WORCESTER PD PIPES & DRUM

PROCESSION FROM FIDDLER'S GREEN TO POLAR PARK POST-GAME FIREWORKS AND MORE!

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY SCANNING CODE ABOVE OR VISITING:
[HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/IRISHNIGHT24](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/irishnight24)

Irish Celebration Night at Fenway Park

Red Sox Game on Sunday, September 21st



AOH Group Outing at Fenway Park

Saturday
Sep 21
4:10 PM



Minnesota
Twins



Tickets for the section we are in are \$43 each. To be eligible for a shirt, the tickets must be purchased as a group (ticket purchased individually are not eligible for the free shirt).

You can purchase your tickets at the AOH Member's Lounge or order them from Rick Connell (rconnellsr@gmail.com, or 860-867-7866) **before July 1st** in order to get good seats together.

No refunds for tickets purchased that are not used.

Date	Time	Calendar of Events
13-Jun-24	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
15-Jun-24	11:00 AM	JBO Mass Holyhood Cemetery
16-Jun-24		Father's Day
19-Jun-24	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
7-Aug-24		National Convention 8/7 - 8/10
21-Jun-24	6:45 PM	Irish Heritage Night WooSox
21-Sep-24	4:10 PM	Irish Celebration Fenway Park
27-Sep-24	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. 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

FÁILTE!

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

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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

