

**Ancient Order of Hibernians
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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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AOH President's Message

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh.

As we begin the month of March, we should be mindful of the sacrifices of those that came before us as well as the sacrifices we have made ourselves. March is a time to not only to celebrate being of Irish birth or descent but also to reflect on our love of music, closeness of family, fondness for a party, sense of justice, ambition (willingness to work) and last but not least; strength in our Catholic Faith.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we have entertainment planned for Sunday March 3rd in the hall, information included in this newsletter. Of course, Irish music will be playing in the lounge all day on St. Patrick's Day.

The AOH/LAOH 2024 National Convention will be coming up this August in Orlando. At our next Division Meeting we will need to initiate discussion relative to delegates.

As we head into the Spring it is sure good to see the sun coming up earlier in the morning and not setting until later in the day. For most this is the best time of year, the spring is holding off for a while but in the meantime, we have our sports, Professional and College hockey, basketball playoffs, the Frozen Four and March Madness.

Please pay close attention to the Calendar of Events listed in the back of the newsletter.

In closing, as we begin our time of reflection and prayer during this Lenten season, 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,

During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of penance for the white of victory and resurrection. As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

The next State Board meeting will be held in Worcester on Sunday, March 3, at 12:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please let me know so that we can organize carpooling.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, at 7 PM. If you need a ride, please let me know. We can arrange rides. Ham-O-Rama will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM. A separate email has been sent out seeking help from our members. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the first round starts promptly at 6:00 PM.

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 30th. 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.

Bartenders needed

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

Member's Lounge Closed

Please note that the Club will be closed on Tuesday March 5th for voting and also during Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The VP/ Steward, Bob McLaughlin is looking for volunteers to help with some deep cleaning during these off days. If interested in helping please contact Bob at 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

<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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Membership card deactivated

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

In this month's PE update, I share an article entitled "[Troubles inquests delayed to run down clock until legacy law kicks in](#)". The article explains the perhaps understandable desire by the UK government to delay any actions until the recently passed Legacy bill takes effect on May 1st.

Troubles-related inquests are being delayed by UK state bodies "running down the clock" until May 1st, when they will be discontinued, according to a former UK Northern Ireland secretary.

The UK government's new Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act says any inquests that have not reached a verdict by that date will cease. In their place, a new fact-finding body will be established and will provide conditional immunity from prosecution for those who co-operate with investigations.

"I have been told authoritatively that key legacy inquests will be deliberately delayed so they lapse as the Act stipulates on May 1st," Labor peer Lord Hain said.

In the UK's House of Lords, he asked Northern Ireland Office minister Lord Caine: "In relation to legacy inquests that are currently under way in Northern Ireland, is the minister not extremely perturbed, indeed embarrassed, by the fact that state bodies appear to be openly running down the clock to May 1st, when the due process that we set such store by in the United Kingdom will no longer apply in Northern Ireland, thanks to the shameful Legacy Act?"

"In one case, a Ministry of Defense official told an inquest that 'we only have a single officer supporting Northern Ireland inquests'. 'And in another, the legal representative of the PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) admitted that further resources could be deployed, and more progress made, but said in terms 'what's the point'? 'Is this not a disgraceful way to treat victims of the Troubles who have suffered so much already?"

"And an abject failure by the state officials and agencies to produce the necessary files in anything like a timely fashion continues despite the relevant state bodies being directed to do so by a serving coroner acting with the full authority of the Lady Chief Justice. "What on earth makes the minister think that a body which the Legacy Act sets up outside the judicial system headed by a retired Lord Chief Justice, however distinguished, will fare any better? "Or, as many suspect, will those who will be denied proper inquests have to make do with a vastly inferior process on the cheap?"

Independent crossbench peer Baroness O'Loan, who was the first police ombudsman in Northern Ireland, added: "What is happening in Northern Ireland is outrageous at the moment and causes huge distress to victims."

Rick Connell

Political Education Committee Chair for Division 14 Watertown

Financial Secretary Notes March 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 sharing some random thoughts.

Richie Kelly Class: On February 8 we brought in 13 new members. The new class was in memory of Richie Kelly. With these 13 members we are finally over 300 members and we still have 8 approved candidates that weren't able to make it on the 8th, and six new applications to read in at the March meeting.

A shout out to the Richie Kelly Class: Within two days of being initiated, members of the latest class purchased six AOH Calendars. Nice job stepping up. As you know, the calendar program is one of the divisions biggest fundraising programs. There are still some AOH calendars available. If you buy a calendar, you can give the payment and registration slips to Joe or myself. They will then go to me so I can record and deposit the payment, then I will forward the registration info to Rick Connell who will track the winners. As always, our Treasurer, Dick Thompson, will then send the winners their checks early the next month.

2024 Membership Travel Cards: They finally arrived at my home on February 25th. I will start sending them out to the paid members shortly.

Closing Note 1: Don't hesitate to promote the Food and Blood Drive being held at the hall on Saturday March 30. Anything we do to help our community, helps our image.

Closing Note 2: If you are going to join us marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Boston, remember to wear your Hibernian gear (Hats, Shirts, Jackets, maybe even sashes). Anything we do to gain recognition can help us grow.

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

March in Irish History

Special Category status removed: On March 1st, 1976 "Special Category" status was removed from political prisoners in the north of Ireland. In 1972, Special Category status was granted to all prisoners serving sentences in the north of Ireland for Troubles-related offenses. The status was granted as part of truce discussions between the British and the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA). The Special Category status effectively meant that the prisoners had political status and did not have to wear prison uniforms or do prison work, were housed with their paramilitary factions and, not with common criminals, in addition, they were allowed extra visits and food parcels. In 1976 the British backtracked and announced anyone convicted of a Troubles-related offense after March 1976 would be treated as an ordinary criminal and would have to wear a prison uniform, do prison work, and serve their sentence in the new Maze Prison, in what became known as the H-Blocks. IRA volunteer Kieran Nugent was the first prisoner sentenced after the removal of Special Category status. Nugent refused to wear a prison uniform, saying he was not a criminal but a political prisoner.

Nugent was confined to his cell twenty-four hours a day where he clothed himself with the blanket from his bed rather than remain naked, thus beginning the blanket protest. By 1978, nearly 300 Irish republican prisoners were refusing to wear prison uniforms. The blanket protest escalated into the dirty protest, as the prisoners could not leave their cells to "slop out", and smeared excrement on the walls of their cells. Ultimately the blanket protest and dirty protest led to the hunger strikes of 1981.

Maze Prison hunger strike begins: On March 1st, 1981, Bobby Sands, Commanding Officer of the Provisional IRA prisoners in the Maze Prison, refused to take food, starting the hunger strike of 1981. During his protest in April 1981, Sands was elected MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone from prison. Sands died on 5 May 1981 in the Maze prison hospital after 66 days on hunger strike, aged 27. Ten Republican prisoners died before the hunger strike ended. Ultimately, the British Government quietly conceded to most of the prisoners' demands.

The Battle of Crossbarry: On March 19th, 1921 one of the largest engagements of the Irish War of Independence took place. 1,200 British troops from the Essex Regiment under Lieutenant-General Percival attempt to encircle and destroy the 104-member strong West Cork Flying Column led by former British soldier, Tom Barry. The encirclement came as a surprise to Barry whose men only had about 40 rounds each. Barry observed that one of the British columns advancing towards his men at Crossbarry was well ahead of the other British units. He decided to ambush this column and the British were taken by total surprise by the ambush and took significant casualties and fled. At this point, the flying column was attacked again by another British column of about 200, coming from the southwest, but they too retreated after a stiff firefight. The renewed fire led to the day's three IRA fatalities. Two more British units converging on the area from the southeast tried to dislodge the IRA from their ambush position, but again without success and they too fled in disorder. Allowing the flying column to escape to a safer area.

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): _____

FRIENDSHIP

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Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Invites you with free admission to our annual

HAM-O-RAMA

Saturday March 23rd, 2024

Doors Open 5:30pm Rounds start at 6:00pm

✿ Ham, Vegetables, Desserts & More ✿

✿ 160 Chances to Win ✿ Raffles ✿

✿ Cash Bar ✿

ALL ARE WELCOME TO BRING FRIENDS AND SNACKS

Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown St. Watertown 02472



For more information contact: Dee Dee Walsh at dmwalsh39@gmail.com

RETURNING FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF LAUGHTER AND FUN

FROM THE CREATOR AND STAR OF MISGIVINGS

Dave Kane's

JOKES MY IRISH FATHER TOLD ME



You'll have lots of fun, as comedian Dave Kane brings you a laugh filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate the warmth and resilience of the Irish sense of humor.

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

WHERE: HIBERNIAN HALL

151 WATERTOWN STREET

WATERTOWN, MA

PRICE: \$20.⁰⁰ PER SEAT

CASH BAR, BYO SNACKS

DOORS OPEN @ 7:00PM

SHOW START @ 8:00

TICKETS: MIKE MORASH, NOELLE DALY, BOB DALY

Day of the week	Date	Time	Calendar of Events
Sunday	3-Mar-24	3:00 PM	Irish Whispa performing in the hall
Tuesday	5-Mar-24	CLOSED	Watertown votes (Presidential Primary)
Saturday	9-Mar-24	2:00 PM	Trace your Irish Genealogy in the lounge
Monday	11-Mar-24	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	14-Mar-24	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Sunday	17-Mar-24		St. Patrick's Day music and corned beef
Sunday	17-Mar-24		St. Patrick's Day parade South Boston
Wednesday	20-Mar-24	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Saturday	23-Mar-24	5:30 PM	LAOH Ham-O-Rama
	28-Mar-24	CLOSED	Holy Thursday
	29-Mar-24	CLOSED	Good Friday
Saturday	30-Mar-24	9:00 AM	Blood and Food Drive
Sunday	31-Mar-24	CLOSED	Easter
Monday	8-Apr-24	7:00 PM	LAOH Division-14 Meeting
Thursday	11-Apr-24	7:30 PM	AOH Division-14 Meeting
Wednesday	17-Apr-24	7:30 PM	AOH Club Inc. Meeting
Sunday	21-Apr-24	10:00 AM	Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast

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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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 Tuesday beginning 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

