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**MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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**AOH President's Message**

Many thanks to those members, both Ladies and Men, who stepped up to help make our Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast a great success. Special thanks to Vice-President and Chair Rick Connell for organizing this special day of remembrance.

I recently went to Division 10 in Lynn to hear Mark Thompson, CEO Relatives for Justice, talk about the work his organization does to promote justice for all. Most of us are familiar with what happened during the troubles in the North of Ireland. Mark is in the States and has speaking engagements at Harvard and Yale before heading off to Washington, DC for Congressional meetings to discuss the ongoing issues with seeking justice for the many atrocities that occurred during that time. Please consider helping this organization by reaching out to your local Congressional Delegates and Representatives to advocate for RFJ in pursuit of truth and justice.

Please note that we will be having our Scholarship Social on Friday May 10th beginning around 7:00PM.

Lastly, please don't forget that we will once again be marching in the City's Memorial Day parade on May 27th, details included in this newsletter. Peter Hogan from Division 1 Holyoke will be bringing their float, so get ready to buckle up.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Joe

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

Dear Sisters,

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We pay homage to her. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not worship her. As Catholics, we honor Mary. Ways we can honor Mary are praying the rosary. Not only is it a long-standing tradition in the church, or because there are special graces connected to it. Do it because Mary is the Mother of Christ, your mother, everyone's mother, and because she cares for all of us day in and day out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

The Scholarship Committee is in the process of reviewing the applications we received from high school seniors of this year's graduating class of 2024. Stay tuned for the announcement of this year's recipients. The Scholarship Award night will be on Friday, May 10, 2024.

This year's annual Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, April 23rd. We had a nice representation of both AOH and LAOH members at Saint Patrick's 10:00 AM mass. A delicious Irish breakfast, Irish dancers from the O'Shea Chaplin dance school and amazing guest speaker Guy Beiner was enjoyed by all.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, at 7 PM. If you need a ride, please don't hesitate to let me know. We can arrange rides.

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 PAST DUE! This means you are not eligible to rent the hall. 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**

The Scholarship Awards night will be on Friday May 10, 2024 beginning around 7:00PM.

**St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive**

May 11th from 1PM to 5PM and May 12th from 11AM to 4PM. This drive helps the poor. Please donate gently used clothing. The collection truck will be located at the rear parking lot at St. Patrick Church.

**New Class**

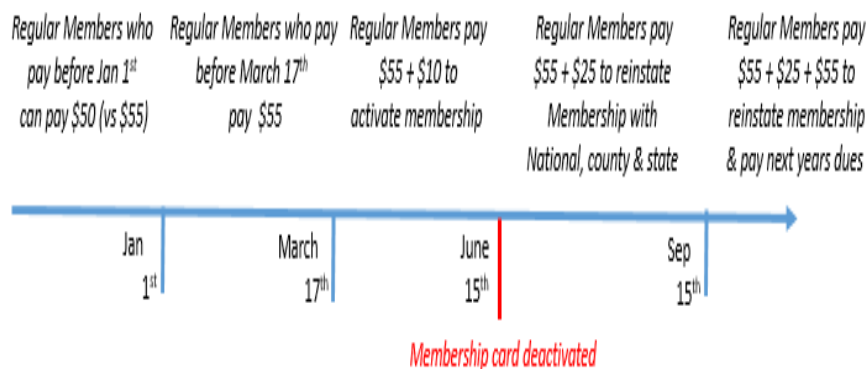
Plans to bring in a new class prior to our summer break will be discussed in our next meeting this month.

**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

As our National Political Education Chair Neal Cosgrove noted in his email to membership, that on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Northern Ireland prosecutors ruled that Fifteen British soldiers who allegedly lied to an inquiry into Bloody Sunday, one of the deadliest days of the decades-long Northern Ireland conflict, will not face perjury charges. As Neal noted *“The lies told by these men were not harmless fibs; they slandered the names of innocent victims and their families, they covered up killings which former British Prime Minister David Cameron admitted forty years later were “unjustified and unjustifiable.””*.

Families of the victims were outraged by the decision. John Kelly, whose brother Michael was killed by paratroopers, spoke for the group and called it an “affront to the rule of law.”

*“Why is it that the people of Derry cannot forget the events of Bloody Sunday, yet the Parachute Regiment, who caused all of the deaths and injury on that day, apparently cannot recall it?” Kelly said. “The answer to this question is quite simple but painfully obvious: The British Army lied its way through the conflict in the north.”*

On the Freedom For All Ireland (FFAI) front, the new Ireland Taoiseach continues to explore uncharted territory in the realm of slip-ups and gaffes. Simon Harris, who is Ireland's youngest-ever Prime Minister, said on April 7 Irish unification was a "legitimate political aspiration" but not a priority for him as leader.

This prompted a swift rebuke from Michelle O’Neill: the Sinn Fein vice president and Stormont First Minister. Asked for her response to Mr Harris’s recent remarks on unity, she told reporters in Belfast: “I think that there’s no escaping the fact that the debate around constitutional change is a very live one, and more and more people are entering into that conversation, which is a healthy thing. Let’s have the maturity in which to deliver good public services, do what we have to do in government, but also have the maturity to alongside that have a very pragmatic conversation about constitutional change – what that might look like and Fine Gael shouldn’t put their head in the sand on that.”

Rick Connell  
MA Political Education Committee Chair

## Financial Secretary Notes May 2024

**Volunteers wanted:** Last year the AOH had a table at the Faire on the Square. During the event we got a couple AOH applications, one LAOH application, some inquiries about the LAOH craft fair along the opportunity to share our story with hundreds of visitors. Last year, Rita and I helped set up the tent and stayed at the Faire from open to close (12-5). This year, Rita and I won't be available but it would still be great to host a table. We are looking for volunteers (AOH or LAOH). All supplies will be provided including the tent, posters, freebies for attendees, and AOH & LAOH flyers and applications.

**Key Cards:** The issues with the key card generating process seems to have been resolved, so, if you never got a key card or lost your card, please either email me or leave a note in my mailbox at the club (under the TV to the right of the bar). If you have lost your card, replacements are \$10. LAOH dues do not go towards key cards so key cards for LAOH members are also \$10. If your card just doesn't work, turn it in and you can get a free replacement.

**Liaisons Wanted:** We are still looking for volunteers to be liaisons with local business and organizations. As explained in last months bulletin, liaisons would be asked to occasionally reach out to organizations that may be willing to help us out by posting signs advertising events, donating gift cards, or in some other way. This is intended to be very light lifting; if, for example, you go to the Irish Village in Brighton and know the staff, you'd be the perfect person to drop off a sign now and then.

**Save Money, Save Money, Save Money:** 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:** If you've ever tried to talk to someone about joining the AOH and sort of stumble when trying to explain how we promote Irish Heritage and Culture, this years Communion Breakfast is an excellent example. Attendees got to experience a true Irish Breakfast, learn about and witness Irish Dancing (Reels and Jigs), and learn about Irish History from an excellent speaker, all in a relaxed atmosphere among old and new friends.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity  
Rick Stacy  
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(617) 575-9585

## Division Historian May 2024



**May 12th, 1823:** Daniel O'Connell founded the Catholic Association, an organization dedicated to obtaining political franchise for Irish Catholics. The Catholic Association was one of the first mass-membership political movements in Europe. The Catholic Association organized large-scale public protests across Ireland that put severe pressure on the British government and ultimately led to Parliament passing the Roman Catholic Relief Act 1829, which ended the anti-Catholic penal laws in both Britain and Ireland.

### Charlestown's other Warren:



The name Warren is synonymous with Charlestown, The Warren Tavern, The Warren Bridge, and Warren Street, all named in honor of a great American patriot and founding father, Joseph Warren, who was killed in combat at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

There was another Charlestown Warren who in his own way, freed millions of naturalized American citizens from being subjects of the British Crown. John Warren was born in Clonakilty, County Cork, in 1837 and emigrated to the United States as a young man, settling on Bunker Hill Street in Charlestown.

During the Civil War, Warren was a captain in the 63rd New York Infantry (Irish Brigade) under the command of legendary Irish patriot Thomas Francis Meagher, where he saw heavy combat and was wounded. John Warren was also a committed Irish nationalist and a leading member of the Fenian Brotherhood in Boston. In 1866, with a thousand fellow Fenians, both Union and Confederate veterans, he crossed into Canada to wage war on the British. The Fenians defeated the Canadian militias at the Battle of Ridgeway but were forced to retreat after the US army cut off Fenian reinforcements and supplies.



### **Division Historian May 2024 (cont'd)**

In April 1867, John sailed to Ireland aboard the Erin's Hope with 40 other Fenians, 5,000 rifles and revolvers, three artillery pieces, and 1.5 million rounds of ammunition for the planned rebellion. The boat reached Ireland too late, as the rebellion had already been crushed. Nevertheless, 30 Fenians landed on the Wexford coast to find supplies and pockets of resistance to join. Coast Guard officers quickly arrested the men dressed in give-away Yankee square-toed boots and slouch hats. *Habius corpus* had been suspended in Ireland, and dressing in the American fashion was enough to get the men imprisoned at Kilmainham Gaol and charged with treason.

Determined not to let a good charge of treason go to waste, the Fenians turned their arrests and trials into an international spectacle, demanding that they be treated as American citizens and be afforded diplomatic protection by the U.S. Consulate. British officials dismissed their claims: "Once a subject, always a subject." Only death could release Irish-born Americans from being the Queen's subjects.

This British doctrine of "perpetual allegiance" had been one of the causes of the War of 1812 and was still unresolved by 1867. There was a lot of anger towards Britain from the US after the Civil War as it was felt Britain gave both direct and indirect support to the Confederates. Warren, at his trials, picked up on this anger and, through his speeches, hammered home the message that naturalised Americans were just as much Americans as natural-born citizens. Britain had no right to charge them with treason as they were not British subjects.

Charles Francis Adams, the U.S. Minister to Great Britain and the son and grandson of two presidents was angry over Warren's aggressive stance. Adams had worked hard to keep the United States and Britain at peace during the Civil War. Now, Warren was pushing the UK and the US into a resumption of the War of 1812.

### **Division Historian May 2024 (cont'd)**

Warren was ultimately sentenced to 15 years of hard labor, while fellow Fenian William Nagel, who was born in New York, was released and sent back to the USA. The different treatment of natural-born and naturalised American citizens confirmed the feeling among foreign-born Americans that they remained lesser American citizens.

On July 27, 1868, the US Congress passed the Expatriation Act of 1868. The law declared that the "right of expatriation is a natural and inherent right of all people" and committed the government to extend to naturalized citizens the same protections offered to native-born citizens when they ran into trouble abroad. This law resulted in much negotiation with the British authorities, and a treaty was put in place that ultimately resulted in the release of John Warren and his Irish-born comrades in 1869 and their return to the USA. (much to John's annoyance, as his imprisonment was a stick the Fenians were using to beat the British with in world opinion). The British parliament passed the Warren & Costello Act of 1870, named after John and fellow Fenian Augustine E Costello, allowing British subjects to renounce their citizenship.

After Warren returned to the US, he worked as a grocer and journalist and founded the first labor organization in Massachusetts, the Charlestown Laborers Association. Warren died on September 13, 1895, after being struck by a piece of stone that fell off the Masonic Temple in Boston. At the time of his death, he held the rank of General in the Irish Republican Brotherhood. John Warren is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Arlington.

Respectfully, John Murphy Division 14 Historian

# Memorial Day



Before the Parade begins Division 14 will be supporting the Watertown Catholic Collaborative with a 9AM Mass at Sandbanks Cemetery (aka the Catholic Mt. Auburn Cemetery) in East Watertown.

This year the parade will begin at City Hall, The Parade will step off beginning at 12:00 Noon and proceed down Main St. heading west and ending at Victory Field.

Please note Division 1 Holyoke members will be bringing the float again this year.

Cookout back at the Club after the parade.

## Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast



# Irish Celebration Night at Fenway Park

Red Sox Game on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>



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](mailto:rconnellsr@gmail.com), or 860-867-7866) **before July 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to get good seats together.

No refunds for tickets purchased that are not used.

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Calendar of Events</b>
Thursday	<b>9-May-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Friday	<b>10-May-24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Scholarship Award Night</b>
Saturday	<b>11-May-24</b>	<b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>St, Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive</b>
Sunday	<b>12-May-24</b>	<b>11:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>St, Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive</b>
Sunday	<b>12-May-24</b>		<b>Mother's Day</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>
Thursday	<b>16-May-24</b>		<b>Patrick and Simo's Wedding Day</b>
Monday	<b>27-May-24</b>		<b>Memorial Day. The Parade steps off at</b>
Thursday	<b>13-Jun-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Division-14 Meeting</b>
Sunday	<b>16-Jun-24</b>		<b>Father's Day</b>
Wednesday	<b>17-Jun-24</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>AOH Club Inc. Meeting</b>
Saturday	<b>21-Sep-24</b>	<b>4:10 PM</b>	<b>Irish Celebration Fenway Park</b>
Friday	<b>27-Sep-24</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Division Scholarship Golf Outing</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)




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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  
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781-891-9876

