

AOH & LAOH Monthly Newsletter

June, 2025

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Watertown MA 02472-2571



This day in History
Jun-2000: Prime Minister Tony Blair issues an apology to the Guilford Four 11 years after they had been released from prison where they each spent 15 years on a trumped up conviction.

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May 2025 NEWSLETTER



Division 14 AOH President's Message

Friends,

Obviously, the big news this month is the installation of Pope Leo XIV. As the first American pope, every American is excited and feeling a sense of great pride at his selection. Closer to home, three thoughts came to mind as I heard of his installation:

- Merrimack College Connection: Merrimack is one of only two Augustinian colleges in the US, alongside Villanova University. Pope Leo XIV attended Villanova, where he studied alongside the Rev. Raymond Dlugos, who now works at Merrimack College.
- Falter Connection(?): Rumor has it the Pope chose the name Leo because he was inspired by brother Leo Falter. Still checking my sources on that...
- Notre Dame Recruiting Failure (?): I called the University to ask for an After Action Review (AAR) regarding how Notre Dame missed out on recruiting a Catholic priest out of their own back yard in Chicago who goes on and becomes the Pope. That said, it could have been worse. He could have attended a local Catholic college in the Boston area — then I would never hear the end of it.

On more serious and more pedestrian news,

- We had a terrific success at the annual Communion breakfast. See photos and details in the newsletter. See page [6](#) for pictures.
- We awarded scholarships to four young people who are heading off to school this fall. See details and photos in the newsletter on page [9](#).
- We had beautiful parade weather for the Memorial Day mass/parade and hosted a number of commemorations. See page [10](#) for pictures.

And on a somber note,

- Dick Thompson Sr. passed away. He would have appreciated the turnout of AOH and LAOH members for his wake and funeral. Keep the Thompson family in your thoughts.
- Finally, May is also the anniversary of the passing of [Bobby Sands](#). His courage, vision and persistence is legendary, but I was always struck by a quote attributed to him "*Our revenge will be the laughter of our children.*"

This is the last issue till the fall. Enjoy your summer. Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Rick Connell

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

We had great weather for the Memorial Day Parade. We rode in style on the float from Holyoke Division 1. Thank you to our LAOH members from Lynn and Holyoke, along with 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.

This year's State Convention will take place at the Cape Cod Irish Village in Hyannis, MA, on May 31 – June 1. Let's wish all our attendees a great convention experience. Best wishes to Rita Stacy as she runs for the office of Vice President on the State Board!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, at 7 PM. Please plan to attend as this will be our last meeting as we are on break for the summer season. Please let me know if you need a ride. We can arrange rides.

Would you like to be more involved? Do you have a great idea for a community service project or a fund raiser? Are you interested in volunteering for a committee or helping at an event? Let me know, or better yet, come to a meeting to share your ideas.

Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings and events. September 7, State Board Meeting; September 8, our monthly meeting; and October 25, our annual Craft Fair.

As always, please keep our brother and sister Hibernians in your prayers who are dealing with illness or hardship. Please pray for the departed soul of our sister, Mary Johnson, who left us on May 25, 2025. May perpetual light shine upon her. We will miss you, Mary.

If you know of a member who is not well, please reach out to me, Rita Stacy, and Lori Moran so a card can be sent and to check in with that person.

Do not forget to keep your dues up to date. Dues were to be paid in full by April 15, and a late fee of \$5 will need to be added onto your dues payment. If you have not yet paid your 2025 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, plus an additional \$5 for the late fee.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
DeeDee

Our New Pope: Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV (born Robert Francis Prevost; Sept. 14, 1955) is the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State. He was elected pope on May 8 in the 2025 conclave following the death and funeral of Pope Francis. Born in Chicago, Illinois, U.S., and raised in a town nearby, Prevost became a friar of the [Order of Saint Augustine](#) in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1982.



His service has included extensive missionary work in Peru from 1985 to 1986 and from 1988 to 1998, where he variously served as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher, and administrator. Elected prior general of the Order of Saint Augustine from 2001 to 2013, he later returned to Peru as [Bishop of Chiclayo](#) from 2015 to 2023. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him prefect of the [Dicastery for Bishops](#) and president of the [Pontifical Commission for Latin America](#), and made him a cardinal the same year.

A citizen of the United States by birth and Peru by naturalization, Leo XIV is the first pope from North America, the first from Peru, and the second from the Americas after Francis. He is the first pope from the Order of Saint Augustine. His papal name was inspired by [Pope Leo XIII](#), who developed Catholic social teaching.

Prevost earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Villanova University, an Augustinian college, in 1977. He obtained a Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 1982, and served as a physics and math teacher at St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago during his studies. He earned a Licentiate of Canon Law (JCL) in 1984, followed by a Doctor of Canon Law (JCD) degree in 1987, both from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome.[4] His doctoral thesis was a defense of the role of the local prior in the Order of Saint Augustine.[4] Villanova University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 2014.

All four of Pope Leo XIV's maternal great-grandparents were “free people of color” in Louisiana based on 19th-century census records, Honora found. As part of the melting pot of French, Spanish, African and Native American cultures in Louisiana, the pope's maternal ancestors would be considered Creole.

To his friends, Robert Prevost – or Bob, as they called him – [was a “trickster”](#) who loved to play pranks on his classmates. “What a jokester he was,” one former student told The Telegraph, while another recalled him playfully poking them in the back of the head with a pencil. On Thursday, former classmates saw him go from a clever young boy playing pranks at the back of the room to a man with the eyes of the world upon him, emerging on the balcony of St Peter’s Basilica to greet the crowds below.

LAOH & AOH Membership Dues are Due

LAOH Membership Dues are as follows:

- Members age 64 and below - \$30,
- Members 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 Membership Dues are as follows:

- Regular Members pay \$55.00,
- Senior Members (age 65 or older & 10 years of consecutive dues) 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 Kevin Paquette, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471.



*Dear Brothers & Sisters,
As we approach June 1st, we kindly remind all members that annual dues are now overdue.*

These dues help support the many charitable, cultural, and fraternal activities of our Division and ensure that we can continue living out the mission of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

We understand that times can be difficult, and we never want financial hardship to be a barrier to membership in our Brotherhood. If you are facing genuine financial difficulty, please know that we are here to support you. Discreet accommodations are available—simply reach out to me (or Dee Dee for the LAOH) in confidence.

*For those who are able, we ask that dues be paid by **June 1st to avoid a late fee and possibly the termination of your membership card.** Your timely support helps us keep everything running smoothly.*

*Thank you for your continued commitment to our Order and our shared heritage.
In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,*

Rick & Dee Dee

Print out this page and keep a copy of the contact details and QR code with you to share with people you meet who may be interested in becoming a Hibernian. We will also have business cards at the hall you can hand out and use.



Are You Irish & Catholic?
Learn About the AOH: Ancient Order of Hibernians. Call (617) 575-9585 or email: President.AOHDiv14@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/aohdiv14



May Recap in Pictures



27-April Mass at St. Patrick Church. The Division 14 AOH and LAOH members marched into St. Patrick's Church to commemorate the members who have passed since our last Communion breakfast.



27-April at Hibernian Hall. We had our largest turnout in recent memory at the Communion Breakfast with over one hundred attendees. Keynote speaker Coach York from Boston College gave a great talk on leadership and character.

More photos can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14> 6

AOH & LAOH Members who Passed Away since the 2024 Communion Breakfast



Dorothy Jean Brown
Margaret Morash
Jen Smallwood

John 'Jack' Gallagher
William T. Gildea
Jack McDermott



Division #14 Communion Breakfast Patrons

The Bloomer Family	Ted and Nancy Lovely
John Healy Brennan (in Memoriam)	The Leahy Family
John & Catherine Brennan (in Memoriam)	Kelley & Donald MacDonald
The Brennan Family (in Memoriam)	Mary & Donald MacDonald (in Memoriam)
Frederick Colman	Carrigan & Mahony Families
Einne & Meghan Conneely	Robert, Dorothy, daughter Barbara Malone (in Memoriam)
Michael, Cian, & Fiona Conneely	Robert T. McCaffrey (in Memoriam)
Bill & Rita Connell	The McCusker Family
The Cunningham Family	Kathy Brennan McMenimen
Bob & John Daly & Families	The McMenimen Family (in Memoriam)
Donegal Boston GFC	The Moran Family
The Falter Family	Don Morrison (in Memoriam)
The Gallagher Family	The Morrison Family
The Bill Gildea Family	The O'Hara Family
Mary Hagarty	Gerald J. Schultze (in Memoriam)
The Healy Family (in Memoriam)	Lt. Ed Walsh BFD LODD (in Memoriam)
Rev. Patrick F. Healy, US Army (in Memoriam)	Ed and Joanie Walsh (in Memoriam)
The Kelly Family	Michael T. Walsh (in Memoriam)
Paul Kelly Sr. (in Memoriam)	

HUGE THANKS...!!!

Many thanks to all those who helped out with the Communion mass and breakfast starting with the servers (Lori Moran, Rita Stacey, Kathy Cunningham, Bernadette Lahey, Jessica Sculley, Denise McLaughlin, Meg Carrigan and Noelle Daly), and including Deacon John Beagan, Janice Aucoin for hosting the soda bread contest, Noelle and Bob Daly for setup and day-time trouble shooting, David Donnelly & wife for picking up the food, Shane Mc Devitt for organizing the Flags to/from the church, Jess Scully for managing the ticket desk, and Joe McCusker and Dee Dee Walsh for all they did to support the event and for what they do for Div. 14. All the servers: Lori Moran, Rita Stacey, Kathy Cunningham, Bernadette Lahey, Jessica

AOH Middlesex County and Division 14 Scholarships 2025

We had a great turnout for Scholarship Night at the Hall on May 16th — proof that when you give Irish families a reason to be proud and a good excuse to gather, they’ll show up in numbers. The students and their families came to be recognized not just for their accomplishments so far, but for the bright futures ahead of them. It was a terrific evening celebrating hard work, potential, and the community that helps make it all possible.

AOH Division 14 Scholarship Recipient in memory of Billy Gildea			
Name	Graduating from	Relation	Will be attending
Molly Lydon	Wilmington High School	Granddaughter of Joseph P. McCusker, Sr.	UMass Amherst
AOH Division 14 Scholarship Recipient in memory of Pat and Eillen Hanlon			
Ryan Murphy	Belmont High School	Son of John Murphy	Bridgewater State University
AOH Division 14 Scholarship Recipient in memory of Philip A. Doherty			
AOH Division 14 Scholarship Recipient in memory of Jack, Paul, and Richie Gallagher			
Matthew Quinn	Hudson High School	Son of John Quinn	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)
AOH Middlesex County Scholarship Recipient in memory of Al Murphy			
Sophia Sullivan	Melrose High School	Daughter of Neil Sullivan	Endicott College

With Sincere Thanks:

Division 14 has been fortunate to benefit from the strong and steady leadership of past Division President — and current Massachusetts AOH State President — Joe McCusker. Joe has chaired our scholarship committee for several years, and he does so with tireless dedication. As I told this year’s recipients: if you search Google Images for “dedicated Scholarship Committee Chair,” Joe’s picture is the first one that comes up. We are deeply grateful to him for his passion and hard work.

This year’s scholarships were also made possible — and made more generous — thanks to the outstanding support of the Doherty, Gallagher, Gildea, and Hanlon families. These families had many options for how to use their resources. But in moments of loss, they chose to honor their loved ones by investing in the future — by lightening the financial load for the next generation of Irish Americans. That kind of generosity is a powerful tribute, and we are sincerely thankful.



Join the 2026 AOH Scholarship Review Committee..!

How would you like to join the Scholarship committee next year? The load is very light (we meet at the hall for an afternoon to review the material) and the job is very rewarding: you play an important role in allocating funds to worthy AOH kids and grandkids. Rick Connell is stepping down from the committee this year, so anyone interested to join should contact Joe McCusker at 508-386-6438 or at Joemacjr60@Gmail.Com

2025 Scholarship Committee

Photos from Scholarship Night Friday, May 16th, 2025



More photos can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14>

Photos from Memorial Day Monday, May 26th, 2025



Many thanks to Father Tim, Division Deacon John Beagan, Dick Thompson and others for their efforts to keep this memorial going. For more information and a digital history of “The Forgotten Irish of Mount Auburn Catholic Cemetery” by Bill McEvoy, click [here](#).



We thank the Holyoke AOH / LAOH Division for bringing their awesome trailer enabling so many Hibernians to participate in the event.



Many thanks to all who prepared the hall while we were processing in the parade. This includes Andy & Peg Carrigan, Dan McAdam, Bobby McLaughlin, Peter Moran, Pat Nolan, Tom Lydon and others (apologies if I forgot anyone) who fired up the grill and had burgers and dogs waiting for the families to enjoy the barbeque and picnic.

More photos can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/aohdiv14>

Freedom for All Ireland (FFAI)

By FFAI Committee Chair
Rick Connell



Friends,

Two hot topics from the home sod related to reunification:

Language as a barrier: Resistance to a united Ireland can be passive or active. An example of active dissuasion is the report that the DUP in NI is trying to [block cross-border funding for schemes supporting the Irish language](#). The joint funding from the Irish Government and Stormont can only be released if the DUP signs off.

Belfast's new Grand Central Station

Relatedly, Loyalist activist Jamie Bryson said he was [seeking an injunction](#) in the High Court in Belfast, stating the decision (to replace English only signs with Irish/English signs) was taken without Executive approval. Sinn Féin Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins gave the go-ahead for the signage last month, but it led to a row among Stormont Executive ministers. The DUP insists she has a "legal duty" to bring the decision to the Executive.

- On May 9th, a judge has [granted permission for a judicial review](#) on the decision by a Stormont minister to install Irish language signage at Belfast's Grand Central Station. Mr Justice Scofield said the challenge against Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins taken by loyalist Jamie Bryson crossed the "arguability threshold" to merit a review hearing.
- Clifford Smyth, former right-hand man of deceased DUP leader Reverend Ian Paisley Paisley's, said [the preacher would have enjoyed the current row](#) over the Irish language. Others note this is a synthetic argument made for political gain as similar signs in Newry on the Dublin-Belfast train route which leaves Belfast's Grand Central created no controversy at all.

NI Irish Voting in the Republic

Today, Ireland is an outlier in Europe because Irish citizens living abroad cannot cast votes in Irish elections from abroad, including in Northern Ireland. Stormont has voted in support of Irish citizens living in Northern Ireland having [the right to vote for the republic's president](#). The Northern Ireland Assembly backed a Sinn Fein motion in favor of the move, which can only be granted by the Republic of Ireland.

- On May 9th, O'Neill called on Taoiseach Michael Martin to make [extending presidential voting rights](#) to Irish citizens living in Northern Ireland "a priority".
- A week later, the article "[Should people in Northern Ireland vote in Irish presidential elections?](#)" debated what the definition of an "Irish Citizen" in Northern Ireland should be defined. As the article notes: Under Irish nationality law, almost everyone in Northern Ireland is an Irish citizen. Entitlement by birth or parenthood is effectively identical across the island. The difference is that anyone born in Northern Ireland must "activate" their Irish citizenship by performing "any act which only an Irish citizen is entitled to do.". The problem is, "Acts of activation" have deliberately never been defined.



Ord Ársa na nÉireannach Political Education by Críostóir McCann

Dia dhaiibh,

The 9th of the month is the annual day of dedication to Saint Collumcille, pron: (koll-M-kill). Second only to Saint Patrick, he is among the great pioneers of Irish Christendom.

An eruption of Migration related protests have broken throughout the ROI. The common themes are that the cities are no longer safe and that The Irish people have never supported or agreed with these policies. Anti-EU sentiment is common. Also that the major parties are not acknowledging their grievances.

Our political tradition includes 'relying first on our own strength' and also on 'gallant allies'. Though Boston is arguably 'the most Irish city in the US', this city contains several ethnicities which have the same metrics of background as ourselves. Which would be applicable to our Division specifically.

Our organization is appropriately named. Our traditions are truly Ancient *ársa* and go back to the days of The Roman Empire. In this sense Irish, Armenian, and Judaic people are in the same bracket. (I) Our language-religious-cultural tradition all go back to The Roman Empire days, at least. If you look at a map of The Empire, you will see Armenia clearly as a Roman territory, Judea clearly as a Roman territory and also Hibernia, a clearly as a non-Roman territory. (II) Heavy generational migration from our region of ancestry also characterize each of us. (III) We are all accustomed to dealing with logistically and numerically superior adversaries and empires. In this world, big fish eat little fish and in the geopolitical world all three of us are the latter. A read through of our histories show very simply – a **brutal** history dealing with larger powers. We have all been defined by this. (IV) We each have current imminent territorial disputes in our lands of ancestral prominence. The subject of modern Israel is of course highly arguable amongst Irish Republicans. This should all be kept in mind when interacting with people at the golf course, the ballpark and elsewhere.

Armenian and Judaic people together have a strong reputation of being shrewd financially. I call to mind our own Irish-American Peter Lynch, a known pioneer in financial services. He pioneered The Magellan Fund at Fidelity Investments, value investing and wrote several books on the subject. He went from golf caddying as a teenager to support his single working mother to The Wall Street 50.

The conclusion of The Troubles at the end of the twentieth century would not have been possible without regular funding from wealthy and non-wealthy Americans and Canadians. It has been part of our success in the past.

Conclave - that monumental typically once in a generational event has occurred. On the subject of Conclave, there is an attitude characterized by the DUP today and also traditionally by the Catholic organization hierarchy. This is that all sectarian related deaths were 'murders' and immoral. And that all political violence is unnecessary. Irish republican movements, at least in the 20th century, had to accept harshly that the church hierarchy itself did not endorse their activities.

On the republican side - On the contrary, 'retaliatory violence' is thoroughly engrained in and an integral part of The Judaic religious tradition. The same code that brought us The Ten Commandments *na Deich nAitheanta* also prescribes retaliatory violence or broadly speaking 'an eye for an eye' as moral, just and an effective deterrence to further violence.

My hero was Arch Bishop 'Dagger John' Hughes of NYC in the 1800s. Known for his aggressive defense of Catholics buildings, he once threatened to turn The New City into Moscow if desecration of Catholic buildings by the majority did not cease. This was in reference to the crude tactics used by civilians to stop Napoleon's invasion.

Tributes to Bobby Sands took place in early May commemorating the 44th year since his historic death

Slan,

- C.M.



By John F. Murphy

The Dublin Whiskey Fire - 150 Anniversary

In the grand annals of absurd disasters, Dublin's Great Whiskey Fire of 1875 stands proudly—sloshed and flaming—next to the infamous Boston Molasses Flood of 1919. While a tsunami of sticky sweetness undid Boston, Dublin's undoing came courtesy of 5,000 hogsheads (315,200 US gallons) of flaming Irish whiskey. Both cities learned that too much of a good thing can quickly become a bad, and occasionally flammable, thing.

It all began when a fire broke out during the evening of June 18th in Laurence Malone's bonded warehouse on the corner of Ardee Street in Dublin's Liberties. The heat from the flames exploded the whiskey barrels, and a literal stream of whiskey flowed through the doors and windows of the burning building and into the streets of Dublin.

Naturally, Dubliners responded with bravery, ingenuity, and complete disregard for common sense. Instead of running, they grabbed cups, hats, and buckets to scoop the street whiskey. The fire brigade, faced with a lake of flammable liquid, couldn't use water—it would only spread the fire. So they turned to nature's least glamorous hero: horse manure. They shovelled it into the streets to block and smother the blaze. Victory, courtesy of poop.

Thirteen people died—not from fire, but from drinking the whiskey runoff. Like Boston's molasses victims, they were swept away not by flames, but by the irresistible urge to sample disaster.

So raise a glass (safely away from open flames) to the Whiskey Fire and the Molasses Flood—proof that sometimes, the sweetest and strongest things in life are best left in barrels.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Hosted by the
Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)



Sign Up here..!



Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Sat, Aug. 2, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and enter: AOH to schedule an appointment.

AOH / LAOH Hall Volunteer Needed

I could use a volunteer or two to spell me at the start or the end of the blood drive. The requirements to help out include the following:

- Must be a member who knows the hall and where the bathrooms are.!
- Must be pleasant.
- being willing to be at the hall for the first few hours or the last few hours of the blood drive.

That's it...!

No heavy lifting. Let me know if you could help our as a guide or host.
Rick Connell (860) 867-7866.



AOH Group Outing to Fenway..!

Sunday
Aug 17
1:35 PM



Miami
Marlins



Show your Irish pride at Fenway Park for our Irish Celebration on **Sunday, August 17**. Ticket holders who purchase via this special offer will receive a custom Red Sox rugby shirt. The Red Sox rugby shirt will be available in adult sizes S-XL, with preferred sizes distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Tickets are
\$58 Each**
Pay in Lounge
Non-refundable
after purchase

The O'Shea Chaplin
Irish Dancers will be
performing at the game





Division 14 is organizing an outing to Fenway park for the August 17th game against the Miami Marlins. This game, part of the Red Sox "Irish Celebration night" provides ticket holders with a free Irish / Red Sox T-Shirt (S-XL only) first come / first served basis ...i.e. until they run out .

What you get by buying from the Division?

- Avoid paying the ca. \$15 per-ticket handling fees,
- A nice Red Sox Rugby shirt (see above),
- An invitation to enjoy a post-game tailgater at Rick and Nancy Connell's place 3 blocks from Fenway.

Group tickets must be purchased at the lounge before July 1st.

Questions? Call or email Rick Connell at rconnellsr@gmail.com, or 860-867-7866

<p>Please Notice This</p> 	<p><i>Did I mention you have to buy tickets before July 1st?</i></p>	
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No refunds for tickets purchased that are not used... 😞.

Known Members currently in Constant Care / Recovery

Tim McDonough the chemo continues and Tim is in good spirits. He thanks the Division for their prayers. We sorted out his email address, so now he gets our e- newsletters.

Eileen Waldron is experiencing some medical difficulties and resides at Benchmark Senior Living at Waltham Crossings which is located at 126 Smith St. Waltham, MA 02451.

Peggy Walsh is unfortunately experiencing some medical difficulties at is being cared for at home which is located at 22 Eliot St. Watertown, MA 02472.

Let us know if you have had serious medical difficulties and the Division will have the opportunity to pray for you.

Sick Members and/or shut-in

Contact Joe McCusker at 508.386.6438.

For the LAOH please contact. Rita Stacy at 617.230.7408 or Lori Moran at 339-222-9271.

2025 Division / State Calendar at a Glance**

May Events

Mon, May 26 AOH Memorial Day Mass @ 9:00 AM Sandbanks Cemetery
Mon, May 26 Watertown Memorial Day Parade @ 1:00 PM City Hall, Watertown
Fri., May 30 AOH / LAOH State Convention @ Irish Village

June Events

Sat, June 7 Deer Island Great Hunger Mass @ 11:00 AM Deer Island
Mon, June 9 LAOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Thu. June 12 AOH Monthly Meeting @ **7:00 PM (new time)** Hibernian Hall
Sat. June 21 John Boyle O'Reilly Mass @ 11:00 AM Holyhood Cemetery

August Events

Sat., Aug. 2 Red Cross Blood Drive @ 9:00 AM Hibernian Hall
Sun., Aug. 17 Red Sox Irish Celebration Night @ 1:45 PM Fenway Park

September Events

Mon, Sep. 8 LAOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Thu. Sep. 11 AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 PM Hibernian Hall
Sat. Sep. 13 A Night of Recognition @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Fri. Sep. 26 Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser @ 1:15 PM Wayland CC

October Events

Mon, Oct. 6 LAOH Monthly Meeting* @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Thu. Oct. 9 AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 PM Hibernian Hall
Sat. Oct. 18 Red Cross Blood Drive @ 9:00 AM Hibernian Hall
Sat. Oct. 25 4th annual Fall Craft Fair @ 10:00 AM Hibernian Hall

November Events

Mon, Nov. 3 LAOH Monthly Meeting* @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Thu., Nov. 13 AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 PM Hibernian Hall
Fri. Nov. 14 Tunnels to Towers Concert @ 6:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Fri., Nov. 21 Annual Turkey Shoot @ 6:30 PM Hibernian Hall

December Events

Sun., Dec. 7 Children's Christmas Party @ 1:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Mon, Dec. 8 LAOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Thu., Dec. 11 AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 PM Hibernian Hall

Items in **Green & Bold** are newly added since last Newsletter.

**Note: This is an abbreviated summary of the upcoming events. More details are found later in the back of this document.

Irish Music Shows (& Podcasts)

crbradio.com Has 4 live Irish radio/ podcasts of past shows	
Boston's The Rebel Rooster's Irish Music Show (Sunday 10 am-Noon)	Costello
Detroit Irish Radio (Sunday 1-3 pm)	Detroit
Irish Music Cafe Amped show with Paddy Johnson (Sunday 8 pm - 10 pm)	Paddy J
Michigan's Paddy Johnson's Irish Music Cafe show (Monday 4-6 pm)	Paddy J

Irish Radio

Channel	Event name	Address Day Time
950 AM	Irish Hit Parade	Sat. 10 am – 7 pm
950 AM	Feast of Irish Music	Sun. 11 am – 5 pm
91.7/91.9 FM	Celtic Twilight by Gail Gilmore	Sun. 4 pm – 7 pm
For Irish Music on the internet, check out		24/7
globalirishradio.com		

Full Addresses for Key Events

Location	Address
Deer Island	Deer Island Irish Memorial, 190 Tafts Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152
Fenway Park	Fenway Park, 4 Jersey St, Boston, MA 02215
Gr. Boston Stage Co.	Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180
Hibernian Hall	151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA 02472
Holyhood Cemetery	584 Heath St, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
ICC	Irish Cultural Center, 200 New Boston Dr, Canton, MA 02021
Irish Village	35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis, MA 02601
Lowell Auditorium	Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E Merrimack St, Lowell, MA 01852
MGM Music Hall	MGM Music Hall at Fenway, 2 Lansdowne St, Boston, MA 02215
Polar Park	100 Madison St, Worcester, MA 01608
St. Anthony's Church	Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 10 Summer St, Cohasset, MA 02025
St. Patrick's Church	212 Main St, Watertown, MA 02472
Wayland CC	Wayland Country Club, 121 Old Sudbury Rd, Wayland, MA 01778

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Details (Excel formula)	Location	Link	Notes
Wed., Jun 4	The Famine Orphans @ 6:00 PM	ICC	Details	Patricia Falvey's' story that follows one of the thousands of Irish women shipped to Australia after the Famine as part of the Earl Grey Scheme.
Sat., June 7	Deer Island Great Hunger State AOH Mass @ 11:00 AM	Deer Island		On Sunday June 7th @ 11am the Irish Pastoral Center has invited the MA AOH to join them for a memorial Mass at the Deer Island monument. Please reach out to State Organizer Dick Wall (rjwall57@gmail.com) if you want more information or would like to attend.
Mon, June 9	LAOH Meeting	Hibernian Hall		LAOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Thu., June 12	AOH Meeting @	Hibernian Hall		Note new time..!
Fri. Jun. 13	Onóir LIVE @ 7:30 PM	ICC Tent	Details	Onóir created a contemporary version of the Irish ballad; "The Auld Triangle". These talented musicians are offer incredible musical arrangements and harmonies.
Sat., June 20	Irish Celebration night at WooSox @ 6:45 PM	Polar Park		UniBank Fireworks: The Luck of the Irish. Enjoy a spectacular postgame fireworks show set to Irish music across time and genres!
Sat., June 21	John Boyle O'Reilly Mass @ 11:00 AM	Holyhood Cemetery		11 am Grave site Mass at the Holyhood Cemetery on Heath St Chestnut Hill. Reception to follow at Hibernian Club in Watertown. Speaker TBA.
Sun., Jun. 22	Mundy LIVE @ 7:00 PM	ICC	Details	Catch the Offaly-born multi-platinum recording artist live in concert. His album Raining Down Arrows went straight in to the Irish Charts at number 1, he has enjoyed gold and multi-platinum record sales.
Tue., Jul. 22	Trevor Sexton & Ger O'Donnell Live @ 7:00 PM	ICC	Details	A duo greater than the sum of its individual parts, their mix of traditional and original material interspersed with sprinklings of witty banter has transfixed audiences
Thr. Jul. 24	Saw Doctors @ 8:00 PM	MGM Music Hall	Details	The Saw Doctors are an Irish rock band.

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Sat., Aug. 2	Red Cross Blood Drive @ 9:00 AM	Hibernian Hall	Link here	From 9 AM to 2 PM. Sign up on the link to reserve a prioritized spot.
Sun., Aug. 17	Red Sox Irish Celebration Night @ 1:35 PM	Fenway Park	Details	The Division outing to Irish Celebration night at Fenway park (Marlins). You need to purchase tickets (\$58) before July 1st in order to be part of the AOH group buy. Get a free Irish Red Sox Jersey (sizes S-XL, first come / first serve) while supplies last.!
Mon, Sep. 8	LAOH Meeting @ 7:00 PM	Hibernian Hall		
Thu., Sep. 11	AOH Meeting @ 7:30 PM	Hibernian Hall		
Sat., Sep. 13	Lowell Irish Festival @	Lowell Auditorium	Details	Live Irish music, Irish-inspired culinary and beverage offerings, artisan vendors, family activities, Irish step dancing, and more! Admission is free.
Sat., Sep. 13	A Night of Recognition @ 7:00 PM	Hibernian Hall		Celebrating Service, Leadership, and Legacy. Join us for a special gathering with food and music as we come together to recognize the dedication and spirit that define our Club. This meaningful evening will feature a ceremony to rename our members' lounge in memory of Billy Gildea, and other Division
Fri., Sep. 26	Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser @ 1:15 PM	Wayland CC		The Scholarship Golf Tournament will be in memory of Pat Hanlon on Friday Sept. 26th (1:15 PM shotgun)
Sat., Oct. 4	Worcester Irish Cultural Festival @ TBD	Polar Park	Details	Join us for the Annual Worcester Irish Cultural Festival. Enjoy a fun filled family friendly day watching Hurling and Gaelic Football.
Sun., Oct. 5	St. John Memorial Mass @ 1:00 PM	St. Anthony's Church	Details	The Plymouth AOH and the Irish Community will be hosting their annual St. John Memorial Mass at 1 PM to remember the 99 souls lost
Mon, Oct. 6	LAOH Meeting* @ 7:00 PM	Hibernian Hall		
Thu., Oct. 9	AOH Meeting @	Hibernian Hall		

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Event	Location	Link	Notes
Sat., Oct. 18	Red Cross Blood Drive @	Hibernian Hall	Link here	From 9 AM to 2 PM. Sign up on the link to reserve a prioritized spot.
Sat., Oct. 25	5th annual Fall Craft Fair @ 10:00 AM	Hibernian Hall		10 AM: The LAOH are hosting their 4th annual Craft fair. Contact contact Janice Aucoin (617-733-4356) or email her at mdsaucoin@gmail.com
Mon, Nov. 3	LAOH Monthly Meeting* @ 7:00 PM	Hibernian Hall		
Thu., Nov. 13	AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30	Hibernian Hall		
Fri. Nov. 14	Tunnels to Towers Concert @ 6:00 PM	Hibernian Hall		Doors open at 6 PM but the event runs from 7-10 PM.
Fri., Nov. 21	Annual Turkey Shoot @ 6:30 PM	Hibernian Hall	Details	Doors Open at 6:30 PM (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) Cash Bar.
Sun., Dec. 7	Children's Christmas Party @ 1:00 PM	Hibernian Hall	Details	1 PM to 3 PM. Open to children or grandchildren of members, the parents must sign up each child <i>before 24-November</i> so we have a headcount for Santa. Signup list is in
Mon, Dec. 8	LAOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:00	Hibernian Hall		
Thu., Dec. 11	AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30	Hibernian Hall		

Support our AOH Partners



Beginner Irish dance classes for children age 4 and up are held at Hibernian Hall (151 Watertown St, Watertown) every Tuesday beginning at 5:15 PM.

For more information contact Lisa Chapin at (781) 443-2841, by email at osheachaplin@hotmail.com or visit [the website](#) for more information.



ANSEO LE CHÉILE - HERE TOGETHER

The Irish Pastoral Centre - Boston was founded in 1987 in direct response to the large increase in Irish Immigrants in the Greater Boston area. We offer a comprehensive range of caring and culturally appropriate spiritual, family, social, legal, wellness and educational services of all ages. Since the pandemic, we have expanded our services to incorporate counselling and sobriety support. Honoring the continued presence of Ireland in Boston we continue the tradition of an Irish welcome in Boston for all.



WHO WE ARE

The Pastoral Centre is located right in the heart of Dorchester in Adams Village. Our community is a combination of Irish & American people with similar interests and goals that are shared with the IPC. We are guided by the Christian principle of providing help to "the stranger among us."

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WHAT WE DO

The Irish Pastoral Centre (IPC) strives to assist our communities in varying capacities and facilitate their positive transition to life in America. Since 1987 we have been committed to serving the most vulnerable in our community in as culturally sensitive a manner as possible.

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