

AOH & LAOH Monthly Newsletter

September, 2025

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Watertown MA 02472-2571



Commodore Barry Memorial erected by the
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September 2025 NEWSLETTER



Division 14 AOH President's Message

Friends,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer so far. As we start the month of September, did you know that per [our National Constitution](#), September 13th is designated "Commodore Barry Day," a national holiday of the Order. Do go out and celebrate this worthy Irishman.

As you will see on page 5, we swore in three new members after the Aug 2nd blood drive. We did this out of necessity as many candidates can't be available during the evenings when we have historically sworn members in. God willing, we hope to swear in another class of candidates after the State meeting on Sunday, Sept 7th. AOH members in good standing are welcome to attend the State meeting and the swearing in thereafter.

While we are pleased to swear in new members, we need retain and engage all our existing members as well. Financial Secretary Kevin and I will make one final outreach for members who have not paid their 2025 dues. We will discuss this final push at the September 13th meeting as some existing members may have better contacts and access to these members in arears.

We had our largest turnout yet for the Red Sox Irish Celebration game against the Marlins on Aug 17th. Between the AOH and the Notre Dame Club of Boston, we sold over 117 tickets and had Hibernians from Worcester, Holyoke, Watertown and Bridgeport, CT attend the game. About 60 of those attended a post-game tailgater at my wife and my place.

Finally I wanted to make sure everyone looks at the events we have going on at the Division this month. In addition to the annual golf outing on Sept 26th, the Division will host a reception on Sept. 13th after a noon gravesite dedication of Denis Cashman; a close friend of John Boyle O'Reily. That same evening, we will have a "Night of Celebration" where we pay tribute / roast former Division President Joe McCusker and dedicate the Member's lounge in honor of Billy Gildea (*if anyone has any good stories about Joe I can use, please let me know*).

Have a great rest of the summer,

Rick Connell

LAOH President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to the upcoming events for the Fall season. We kick off the Fall season with the joint AOH/LAOH State Board meeting at 10:00 AM, followed by the quarterly LAOH State Board meeting hosted by the Watertown Division on Sunday, September 7, and our monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025. You are welcome to attend the meeting and network with your fellow Hibernians from the other Divisions.

Please read the calendar section for all the events coming up in the Hall. We have some new and fun filled events coming up. We also have some new and exciting ideas to collaborate on.

Our fun Fall 5th annual Craft Fair is happening on Saturday, October 27. Flyers have been sent out advertising for crafters. If you are available to help out with the Craft Fair, please reach out to Janice Aucoin.

The 2026 Irish History contest is now open. Student Rules are available on the LAOH National website <https://ladiesaoh.com/contest/> Please reach out to Deb Johnson, Division Historian, or myself, State Historian, with any questions.

As always, please keep our brother and sister Hibernians in your prayers who are dealing with illness or hardship. We wish blessings for a speedy recovery for Brenda Manning. We especially pray for the souls of Mary Ryan, Past National President and Past MA State President, as well as Mary Paglione, Past National President. 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.

All 2025 dues were to be paid in full by April 15, and a late fee of \$5 added onto the due's payment. Notices were sent out to those that were delinquent by Ellen Ridge, financial secretary. If you are not sure that your 2025 dues has been paid, please check in with Ellen at our upcoming meeting.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
DeeDee

Vice-Presidents Notes – September 2025

As we return from our summer break, I'd like to take a moment to reflect a little and peak into the future.

On August 2nd we hosted a combination Blood Drive and Food drive. Approximately 30 pints of blood were collected by the Red Cross, over 130 pounds of non-perishable food was collected and provided to the Watertown Catholic Collaborative Food Pantry, four cases of baked goods were collected and dropped off at local community fridge locations, and \$30 in cash was donated and sent to the collaborative food pantry in the form of Shaw's gift cards.

I want to thank Bob M. for making sure the building was open for the Red Cross to set up, and to thank Eric Manning and Lori Moran for spending the day helping out, talking to the donors, and basically being a friendly welcoming face.

Our next Blood and Food Drive is October 18. I plan to be in Ireland at the time, so it would be great to have one or two more volunteers to help out.

The Watertown Farmers Market at Saltonstall park continues thru October 22nd. Due to construction it's not as visible from the street, but it's there from 2:30 to 6:30. Support the Farmers Market and send me photos of what you've purchased. The market supports many programs that help fight hunger.

September 13 is going to be another great day to be Irish. Not only will it almost be halfway to St. Patrick's Day but there are a lot of events happening on the same day. The Irish Festival in Lowell, the Night of Recognition in our Lounge, and the dedication of the Fenian Denis Cashman Headstone at the Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline. The Faire on the Square in Watertown, is on the day as well. We aren't hosting a table this year but put on your AOH gear, and show your Irish Pride.

Our annual golf tournament this year (Sept 26) is in Memory of my Father-In-Law, Patrick Hanlon. There is still time to sign up to play.

If you don't have you AOH Degree, register for the program in Worcester on October 4. It's a great way to learn more about being a Hibernian and meet other members from around the country. This is the only degree program scheduled in Massachusetts this year.

The Watch City Cadillacs will be performing a concert to benefit Tunnels to Towers in our hall on Friday November 14. Tickets are on sale now. See the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin for more details.

Our Division meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Bring you news, ideas, and smiles.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Rick Stacy
Vice-President, AOH Division 14
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On Aug 2nd we swore in three new members after the Red Cross blood drive. Please welcome (L to R) Jimmy Chao, Brian McCarthy, and Stephen Pusateri



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We kindly remind all members that annual dues are now overdue. These dues help support the 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. 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





The monthly AOH National Veterans Affairs meeting with Chairman Patrick Flaherty was held on Tuesday August 19,2025 where we talked about different Veterans issues involving VA Veterans Benefits.

- AOH Combat Veterans can file service connected claims with the VA as the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that there will be No time limits to file a VA claim. See the VA website for more information, and other benefits about Veterans Education, Recreation, and Disabilities.
- The U.S. National Parks Department also offers free admission for Veterans to all of the National Parks.

AOH National Director Keith Reynolds was also present for the meeting thanking the Veterans Affairs Chairman at the State, County, and Division levels for the ongoing work we do looking out after our fellow brothers and veterans. He echoed the message of "Make it Your Job to GROW the AOH." Looking ahead he invited all Veterans to the AOH President's Testimonial Dinner which is coming up in the fall.

- The U.S. Air Force will be celebrating its 78th Anniversary on Sept. 18th.
- This fall and continuing into 2026 will be the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy, and U.S. Marine Corps.
- On July 4th,2026 this will be our country's 250th Anniversary as a Nation.

This month's Call to Action is to Continue to look out after your AOH Veterans, and look over your Division Rosters so NO Veteran is left behind.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Morrison, Division 14 Veteran Chair



Ord Ársa na nÉireannach

Political Education – September (*Meán Fómhair*)

Dia Daoibh,

Fómhair Fall is approaching and the hot days will soon be moderating.

Séanna Walsh personal comrade of Bobby Sands recently reflected in July *Iúil* on the past and future of Irish Republicanism. Twenty years ago 2005 he made the public historic announcement speaking for *Óglaigh na hÉireann* that the activities of armed struggle are concluding. There were many obstacles previously to such a conclusion including the reluctance of Loyalist elements to do the same and the confidence of Republicans that the era of state-sponsored humiliations and intimidations would not return. Specifically, Walsh mentioned that the policy of the Thatcher era was to defeat the Republican movement but many recent events indicated a different era had arrived. Among them, the Military General in charge of the North stated openly that the British Army could not defeat the Republican militias. Also, Peter Brooke a prominent cabinet member for Thatcher/Major said publically that Britain had no selfish strategic interest remaining in this part of Ireland. It was clear that we could not be defeated stated Adams who was present at the conversation in Belfast. The announcement in 2005 was also unique as it was a public video reading by a known person as opposed to the previous practice of covert delivery of communications.

A book was launched recently about Siobhan O'Hanlon (1963 to 2006) the republican legend whose activities spanned all aspects of The Troubles era including imprisonment and politician. Married to Pat Sheehan she personified the female solider *saighdiúir*. She was known to have an 'intimate' connection unusual as it sounds with the other side. She knew personal things about the Loyalist women. She knew who was having children and when they were expecting. The worst insult she could call you was a Free Stater. She would say angrily 'you're sounding like a Free Stater!' She struggled in pain with illness at the end of her life. Siobhán O'Hanlon 'A SOUND WOMAN' by Gerry Adams and Richard McAuley I think is not available just yet in the US.

In modern culture there is a trend for female athletic abilities to match or be in parody with males. We tend to think of strength in terms of fastest pitch or hardest slap shot. But women *mban* like Siobhán and Mairéad Farrell (1957 to 1988) demonstrated a superior ability to endure psychologically and physically. That kind of strength has little to do with upper body muscle mass.

UK legislative activities are largely dormant for the summer.

More tours are being planned for US - Canada Irish Unification gatherings including Boston, but I am still looking for exact details.

On a passing personal note, the hardest slap shot happens to be held by the Bruin's own Z Chara (108mph). The song *an amhrán* Kelly The Boy From Kilanne reminds me of him – "seven feet is his height with some inches to spare and he looks like king in command!"
Slán agus beannacht

- *Críostóir McCann*



The Duffy's Cut Massacre: A Forgotten Tragedy of Irish Immigrants

By John F. Murphy

In the summer of 1832, a group of 57 Irish immigrants arrived in Pennsylvania seeking work and a better life. Hailing from County Donegal, Tyrone, and Derry, these young men were hired to help build Mile 59 of the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad near Malvern. What awaited them, however, was not the American dream, but death, disease, and a long-forgotten tragedy now known as the Duffy's Cut Massacre.

The site, named after Irish contractor Philip Duffy, who hired the men, became the scene of a mysterious and deadly event. Within six weeks of arriving, all 57 workers were dead. The official story claimed that cholera, a fatal bacterial infection common at the time, killed the entire crew. But the truth is far darker.

For over a century, the story of Duffy's Cut faded into obscurity. That changed in 2002 when two brothers, Dr. Frank and Bill Watson, began investigating after discovering a 19th-century file belonging to their grandfather, who had worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The file suggested a cover-up. Over the next decade, they led an archaeological and forensic team to uncover what had happened at the site.

Excavations began in 2004, and by 2010, human remains were unearthed, many showing signs of violence inconsistent with cholera deaths. Skulls revealed blunt force trauma and bullet wounds. These findings suggested some of the men were murdered—possibly by locals who feared the disease spreading or resented the arrival of poor Catholic laborers.

The massacre occurred during a time of deep anti-Irish and anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States. Fear of disease, combined with xenophobia, likely fueled a violent response to the outbreak. There is also speculation that some of the men were denied medical help and were instead killed to prevent further spread of the illness or to cover up negligence.

Today, a memorial marks the site near the railroad tracks in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Several remains have been reburied in a nearby cemetery, and the bodies of John Ruddy and Catherine Burns were returned to Ireland for reburial there. The Duffy's Cut Project continues to advocate for full recognition of the event.

More information on Duffy's Cut and the work of the Watson brothers can be found here <https://duffyscut.immaculata.edu/>

Known Members currently in Constant Care / Recovery

Bob Morrison has completed his hip replacement surgery and is in good spirits as he recovers at home. Look to see him at the Night of Celebration on Sept. 13th.

Rita Stacy is home recovering from a medical procedure. Keep her in your prayers.

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.

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 Calendars Fundraiser Winners

Winner	Amount	Ticket Seller
June Winners		
Brian Wenckus	\$50	Rick Connell
Hibernian Hall Div.14	\$75	Bobby McLaughlin
Bob Morrison	\$50	Bob Morrison
Sean Flynn	\$50	Sean Flynn
Bill Gildea Sr.	\$50	Bob Morrison
James McNamara	\$50	Rick Connell
Harold Danis	\$75	Bobby McLaughlin
Bill Gildea Sr.	\$50	Bob Morrison
July Winners		
Jill Papazian	\$75	Rick Stacy
Kaitlyn Kennedy	\$50	Bob Morrison
Kerri McPhail	\$50	Bobby McLaughlin
Shea Dalton	\$50	Rick Stacy
James McPhail	\$50	Bobby McLaughlin

2025 Division / State Calendar at a Glance**

September Events

Sun., Sep 7..... AOH/LAOH State Meeting @ 10:00 AM Hibernian Hall
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 Denis Cashman Gravestone Event @ 12:00 PM Holyhood Cemetery
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

Sat., Oct. 4 Major Degree @ 8:00 AM Worchester AOH
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. 18 Comedy Event: Dave Kane @ 7:00 PM Hibernian Hall
Sat., Oct. 25 5th 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

2026 Events

Sat., Mar. 14..... Red Cross Blood Drive/ Food Drive @ 9:00 AM..Hibernian Hall
Sun., Mar. 15.... Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade @ '11:30 AM Boston

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.



Unveiling & Commemoration
Fenian Denis Cashman
12 noon, Saturday, September 13, 2025

Holyhood Cemetery
584 Heath St, Brookline, MA 02467

Reception to follow:
Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA. 02472

Near the grave of the famous Fenian, John Boyle O'Reilly, lies the unmarked grave of his friend and comrade, Fenian Denis Cashman (1843-1897). Cashman's new gravestone will be unveiled.

Sponsored by *The National Graves Association, Dublin* with support from *The Fenian Memorial Committee of America*.

More Information:
Fenian Memorial Committee of America
fenianmca.org
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/fenianmca](https://www.facebook.com/fenianmca)
email: fenianmca@gmail.com

A Night of Celebration

*A Dedication of the AOH Lounge to honor
former Division and Club President Billy Gildea*

Hibernian Hall, September 13th

Doors and bar open at 5 PM with music all
night long. Dinner at 6 PM
Program starts thereafter



Tickets are \$20 and can be
purchased in the Lounge



An Evening of Honor: Celebrating Service, Leadership, and Legacy.

Join us for a special gathering as we come
together to recognize the dedication and
spirit that defines our Club.

- **A tribute to/ roast of former Division 14 President Joe McCusker,**
- The presentation of a Division **Life Membership Award** to **Dan McAdam**
- Words from **Sean Morrison** (Grandson of Billy Gildea) on his AOH **Young Ambassador experience** in Ireland
- A ceremony to **rename our members' lounge** in memory of **Billy Gildea**.

The event is cash bar and features DJ music
entertainment by DM Productions. The food is being
catered by Maria's of Watertown, so the deadline to buy
tickets is **Wednesday, Sept 5th**

Questions? Need more info? Call or email Bob Morrison
at 774-279-2387 or Morrison3315@Gmail.Com or Rick
Connell at 860-867-7866

**DIVISION 14 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
IN MEMORY OF PATRICK HANLON**



Joseph P. McCusker Sr. Trophy



**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
TO BENEFIT THE AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Where: Wayland Country Club
121 Old Sudbury Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Golf fee: Includes greens fee, cart, player gift, dinner (steak, baked potato, veggie, salad)
\$150/person if paid on time (the due date is September 12th)
\$160/person if paid after the due date

1:00 P.M. Shotgun start
Format is Scramble

Contact: Joe McCusker 617.924.7507

POST TOURNAMENT PARTY
At the Club after golf is complete
Donation of \$40 per person is suggested for non-golfers

Ancient Order of Hibernians
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472



Checks made payable to the AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**AOH MASS STATE/DIV-14 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
IN MEMORY OF PATRICK HANLON**



Joseph P. McCusker Sr. Trophy



**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
TO BENEFIT THE AOH DIVISION 14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Sponsorship Information:

Platinum - \$1,000 (includes signage, golf for 4 & invitation to post tournament party)

Gold - \$500 (includes signage, golf for 2 and invitation to the post tournament party)

Silver - \$250 (includes signage, golf for 1 and invitation to the post tournament party)

Bronze - \$100 (includes signage and invitation to the post tournament party)

Please send this tax-deductible donation made out to AOH DIV-14. Mail to AOH Division 14, P.O. Box 11, Watertown MA 02471 along with the following information:

Name of Hole Sponsor: _____

Brief Description of Services / or Message: _____

Website or Phone Number: _____

Contact: Joe McCusker - 617.924.7507



Checks made payable to the AOH DIV-14 SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Red Cross Blood Drive

Hosted by the
Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)

Sign Up here..!

Who are the AOH?



Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472



Sat, Oct. 18, 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.



Watertown
Catholic Collaborative



We will also do a food drive at this event to stock up the Watertown Collaborative food strategy.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 18, 2025

Dave Kane's
**JOKES MY IRISH
FATHER TOLD ME**



Come and enjoy a laugh - filled presentation as comedian Dave Kane brings you an entertaining mix of jokes, one-liners, and stories that celebrate the warmth and resilience of the Irish sense of humor.

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Time of Event 7 PM.!



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

5th Annual

FALL CRAFT FAIR

October 25, 2025
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**CRAFTS | FOOD | RAFFLES
VENDORS**

Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown MA



Calling All Vendors & Crafters

The Ladies Order of Hibernians is hosting their annual craft fair, and we are looking for vendors and crafters interested in renting space.

Table Space Available

6' Table Space: \$40 per space

Two Spaces: \$70

Additional Fee: \$10 if table(s) are needed

Fair Details

Date: Saturday | October 25, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Set up starts at 8:00 AM

Location

Hibernian Hall
151 Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Application

Please email Janice at: mdsaucoin@hotmail.com



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc National Irish History Contest Guidelines and Information for 2025-2026

Contest Topic

The Irish and the American Revolution

How the Irish affected the outcome of the American Revolution

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc (LAOH) sponsors a National Irish History Contest for students in Grades 6 through 12. The Contest is comprised of two (2) Levels: Level 1 is for students in Grades 6, 7, or 8 and Level 2 is for students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students enrolled in parochial, private, public schools or who are home-schooled are eligible to participate. Students do not need to be Irish to participate in the LAOH National Irish History Contest.

Each student through their participation gives permission to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc to share their submitted entry with the LAOH membership at meetings, events, and/or shared on the LAOH website (www.ladiesaoh.com). The winning entries at each Level will be posted on the LAOH website. Only the student's first name, grade level, and state will be posted.

STUDENT SUBMISSION OPTIONS

- Level 1** – Grades 6, 7, or 8 – Not less than 500 words and not more than 1,000 words
Level 2 – Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 – Not less than 750 words and not more than 1,500 words.

TYPES OF NATIONAL IRISH HISTORY CONTEST OPTIONS

- **Written Paper** – Student submission may be in the form of an essay, a creative writing piece, a poem, a song, or an interview with a historic figure.
- **Power Point Presentation** – Student Submission may contain only the specified number of words per Grade Level including the written text, captions, talking points, quotations, and words in footnotes/endnotes/internal documentation. Talking points may be included in the body of the Power Point Frame or in notes on the bottom of each Power Point Frame.
- **Website** – Students submission must be an original design. – Student Submission may contain only the specified number of words per Grade Level including the written text, captions, talking points, quotations, and words in footnotes/endnotes/internal documentation. Talking points may be included in the body of the Website. A themed paper should be included with the website.

GENERAL FORMAT RULES

- Written document is to be completed using Microsoft Word, New Times Roman, Font Size 12.
- Written document is to be double spaced including Title Page, Body of Document, and Works Cited.
- Title Page is to be the first page using double-space line formatting which states the Student's Name, Address including City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, School Name, Grade Level, and Number of Words in the document.
- Student Name is not to appear on any page except the Title Page.

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- Page Numbers are to be placed in the upper right-hand margin and page numbers are to be consecutive beginning with the Title Page.
- Works Cited/Resources Page follows the body of the submission which acknowledges all references used, quotation cited, and resources used. Taking the ideas of another person and presenting them as your own is Plagiarism.
- Wikipedia is not to be used as a reference.
- Drawings, Maps, Charts or Pictures are not to be included.
- Running Heads/Headers are not to be used.
- All work needs to be cited.
- Student entries are to be submitted electronically to the local LAOH Irish Historian no later than October 30, 2025.

JUDGING CRITERIA INFORMATION

Student submissions are judged blindly using the following categories each of which has a weighted value with the maximum total of 100 points available for each student submission:

1. **Comprehension** (1-35 Points) – Student’s knowledge of topic is supported with evidence from chosen references. The student’s submission demonstrates his/her ability to grasp wider implications of the topic.
2. **Writing** (1-20 Points) – Student’s presentation is free of distracting spelling and punctuation errors. Effective sentence structure and transitions are present.
3. **Organization** (1-15 Points) – Student submission has obvious beginning, middle, and cumulative ending. All expressions are clear and effective.
4. **Conclusion** (1-15 Points) – Material presented is in chronological and clear order. The material presented leads to a sound ending and answers the topic question.
5. **Creativity** (1-15 Points) – Student’s approach to the topic demonstrates original thought and presentation.

NATIONAL IRISH HISTORY CONTEST TIMELINES

- Start Date – April 1, 2025
- End Date – October 30, 2025

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Scholarships are awarded as follows:

Level 1

1st place \$1,000.00
2nd Place \$500.00
3rd Place \$250.00

Level 2

1st Place \$1,500.00
2nd Place \$1,000.00
3rd Place \$750.00



Sing – Dance - Party

SUPPORT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND VETERANS

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Watertown Firefighters Union Local #1347 Present:



Dance to the Watch City Cadillacs

Fundraiser to Support Tunnels to Towers (T2T.org)

T2T Supports works to support catastrophically injured veterans and first responders

T2T rose from the heartbreak of 9/11 and provides mortgage assistance, helps to adapt homes to accommodate disabilities, and supplies housing assistance for First Responders and Veterans

Date & Time: Friday November 14 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hibernian Hall, 151 Watertown St., Watertown, MA

Cash Bar Available – Bring your own snacks

Tickets are \$20 in Advance, \$25 at the door (if available)

Tickets may be purchased at the Hall, by Mail, or by Venmo, CashApp, or Zelle

By mail:send checks payable to AOH Division 14, PO Box 11,

Watertown, MA 02471

Venmo:@RICKY-STACY-0 (that's a zero at the end)

Zelle:rstacy617@gmail.com

CashApp:.....\$Div16AOH

If paying electronically or for more information email rstacy617@gmail.com

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Adult Sizes: XS-6XL
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Prices (inc. Shipping & tax)

Small.....	\$23
Medium.....	\$23
Large	\$23
2X.....	\$25
3X.....	\$25

You can pay by check in the Lounge. Makes checks payable to Rick Stacy.

Purchase a Division 14, Tri-color Sash



The Division will place an order for additional Tri-color sashes for members interested in purchasing a sash for their personal use.

The cost is \$120 per sash. Anyone interested in a sash should pay in cash or check to Rick Stacy.

Deadline to buy is Aug 31st.

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Irish 25s* Card Season Starting



**Twenty-five is the Irish national card game, which also underlies the Canadian game of Forty-fives. Charles Cotton describes its ancestor in 1674 as "Five Cards", and gives the nickname five fingers to the Five of Trumps extracted from the fact that the Irish word cúig means both 'five' and 'trick'.*

Friends,

Under the leadership of brother Jim Grealish and The Galway Hurling Club, the Tuesday Irish 25 card game is starting up this September 16th and will run through April of 2026.

Open to all comers, beginners or experienced,
members or non-members.

Where?: Members Lounge in the Hibernian Hall

When?: **7:30 PM (Irish time), every Tuesday Evening****

Who?: For more details or to be added to the What's App Contact group, contact Jim Grealish at
781-983-5854 or
Jagrea@Aol.Com

**Unless the Hall itself is closed. Players will be notified in advance.



Bartenders Needed

No Experience Necessary
We will train.

Contact Bobby McLaughlin at
617-448-3400
or email him at
Boogabob1@yahoo.com

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 show w/ Paddy Johnson (Sun. 8 pm - 10 pm)	Paddy J
Michigan's Paddy Johnson's Irish Music Cafe show (Mon. 4-6 pm)	Paddy J

There is a new podcast by Gerry Adams called [Léargas](#). You can access them online or via Spotify.

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
Fenway Park	Fenway Park, 4 Jersey St, Boston, MA 02215
Hibernian Hall	151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA 02472
ICC	Irish Cultural Center, 200 New Boston Dr, Canton, MA 02021
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
Wayland CC	Wayland Country Club, 121 Old Sudbury Rd, Wayland, MA 01778
Worcester AOH	19 Temple St, Worcester, MA 01602

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Details	Location	Link	Notes
Sat., Sep. 5	Emer Dunne in Canton	ICC	-	Emer Dunne, an Irish folk singer from County Laois, Ireland, is joined by two great musicians from Dublin and Leitrim (guitar and fiddle).
Sat., Sep. 5	Emer Dunne in Springfield	John Boyle O'Reilly Club	-	
Sun., Sep. 7	AOH State Meeting @ 10:00 AM	Hibernian Hall	NA	The State AOH will be having a meeting at Watertown Hall. All members in good standing are invited to attend.
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	Lowell Irish Festival @	Lowell Auditoriu m	Details	The Festival will be held in the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Live Irish music, Irish-inspired culinary and beverage offerings, artisan vendors, family activities, Irish step dancing, and more! Admission is free.
Sat., Sep. 13	Denis Cashman Gravestone Unveiling and Commemoratio n @ 12:00 PM	Holyhood Cemetery	Bio	The Cemetery event will be followed by a reception in the Hall. For more info or to Contact George, email seoirse49@gmail.com
Sat., Sep. 13	A Night of Celebration. Doors open at 5 PM	Hibernian Hall	-	A tribute to / roast of outgoing Division President Joe McCusker and ceremony to rename our members' lounge in memory of Billy Gildea, and other Division Recognitions. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the lounge bar. Dinner at 6 PM. Program starts after dinner.
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)
Sun., Sep. 28	Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones	ICC	Details	Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones RETURN to the Irish Cultural Centre!
Sat., Oct. 4	Major Degree @ 8:00 AM	Worcest er AOH	NA	The Worcester AOH will be hosting a Major Degree event. The cost is \$50 per candidate to cover food and the cost of the traveling Major team. Details to follow.

Upcoming Cultural Events

Date	Details	Location	Link	Notes
Sat., Oct. 4	Worcester Irish Cultural Festival @ TBD	Polar Park	Details	Enjoy a family friendly day of Hurling and Gaelic Football.
Sun., Oct. 5	St. John Memorial Mass @ 1:00 PM	St. Anthony's Church	Details	The Plymouth AOH is hosting their annual St. John Memorial Mass at 1 PM
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	6th Annual Boston Irish Beerfest	ICC	Details	The best of Irish beers, liquors, food, music, dance, and more!
Sat., Oct. 18	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 spot.
Sat., Oct. 18	Comedy Event: Dave Kane and Jokes my Irish Father told me @ 7:00 PM	Hibernian Hall	Details	Tickets are \$20/seat and BYO snacks. Contact Noelle Daly or Bob Daly for more info.
Sat., Oct. 25	5th annual Fall Craft Fair @ 10:00 AM	Hibernian Hall	Details	Contact Janice Aucoin (617-733-4356) or email her at mdsaucoin@hotmail.com
Tue., Oct 28	Irish Unity People's Assembly @ 7:00 PM	Florian Hall	Details	Conversation with special guest speakers, Irish diaspora, descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.
Mon, Nov. 3	LAOH Monthly Meeting* @ 7:00 PM	Hibernian Hall		
Thr., Nov. 13	David Geaney & The Irish Lads	ICC	Details	5x World Champion Irish Dancer David Geaney is joined by Ireland's very best musicians
Thu., Nov. 13	AOH Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 PM	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 before 24-November so we have a headcount for Santa. Signup list is in the bar area by the microwave.

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.

**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

O'Hara's Pub
1185 Walnut St.
Newton, MA
617-965-6785

The Warren Tavern
2 Pleasant St.
Charlestown, MA
617-241-8142

The Dooliner Pub
7 West St.
Newton, MA
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DiCeeca Brothers
Catering
Somerville, MA
781-789-9907

Deveney & Sons
Monuments
Waltham, MA
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