

Irish American Association

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The Next Business Meeting will be November 21st, 2013 at 7:00 pm Sharp!

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President's Message

The Irish American Elections will be held on November 21st and I would like to wish all of the candidate's good luck. Please come down to cast your vote and renew your membership. I hope to see you all on Election Day. Remember, your vote is important.

I would like to thank Bill Smith and all of his volunteers that helped out on this year's \$10,000 raffle. Another great job for a fantastic cause.

November 11th is Veteran's Day, on this day; let us remember the service of our veterans. "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -John Fitzgerald Kennedy

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving

President
Dennis Leonard

Chairman's Message

At the last meeting we were asked about the audit. The President is having his committee formed and will get back to us, and the members with their recommendations.

Election Day is upcoming, come down and vote, and also pay your dues for next year.

Thanks

Sully

Chairman of the Board
Mike Sullivan

Chaplain's Message

Dear Members,

Sorry it has been a few months, I moved to a new parish and it has been a hard time adjusting.

As I write this the Red Sox are doing very well and let us hope we have a championship in our future.

November is the month that we remember all souls especially those who have died from our families. If you wish you can mail me the names of your deceased and I will offer Masses for them (my address is: Christ the King Parish 43 Shelburne Rd. Burlington VT 05401) I am more than happy to pray for your deceased family and I will make sure that several Masses are said for each. If you ever find yourself in Burlington VT please let me know I would be honored to see you. I also offer to all of you a blessed Thanksgiving, I normally come down to the Malden area and spend it with Joe Connelly and his family and it is always a good time and of course a nice time to visit the club. I hope your Thanksgiving is a blessed day with friends and family and I hope to see you at the club soon.

Lastly may all those members from our beloved IA club who have gone home to God rest in eternal peace. God's Blessings to all of you!

Very Rev. Richard O'Donnell VF
Chaplain for the I.A.

VETERANS TV RAFFLE

We will be having a raffle for a widescreen HDTV to be raffled off on Veterans Day during the Veterans Day Dinner. Tickets are only \$10.00 each with all proceeds going to the Veterans Dinner Committee to pay for the day's events and all left over proceeds will benefit the Chelsea Soldiers Home and the N.E. Center for Homeless Veterans 17 Court St., Boston. Please show your support to all of our veterans by purchasing and selling some tickets, only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets will be available at the bar.

Veterans Committee

THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR RAFFLE

Once again we had a successful drawing and I would like to take a moment to congratulate all the winners. A drawing of this magnitude to be run as well as it was takes a lot of team work. I'd like to take credit and say it is all me, but it isn't, and I have a lot of good people to thank. So without further delay: my wife Brenda for working the door and greeting everyone with a warm smile and collecting the guest fees. To everyone that helped sell tickets: Bill Timmons, Butchy Russell, PJ Quinn and Mark Perry. And to all the bartenders, that handled funds and tickets. Keith Lordan and John Scheifferrn for running a great 50/50 drawing. To our bartender; Mike Sullivan, who kept the crowd in happy spirits with liquid libations. And to the team at the front of the hall working the actual drawing; Rick O'Sullivan, Thomas Gunning, Johnnie T. LeFebvre the 3rd, Brendan Smith, Dave Butts and Jason LaBarbara. And to our Hall Manager; Billy Hart, for helping to keep track of everything. Great Job and Thank you one and all. If I forgot someone I apologize and to all those that supported the club by purchasing a ticket. A great big THANK YOU. For those who didn't get a ticket and wanted one, we sold out the Wednesday before the drawing. So, next year if you really want a ticket get it early. The date for next year's drawing is October 9th, 2014, sorry no tickets yet. And if anyone would like to volunteer to help sell tickets. Please see me next August, many hands makes light work and helps run a successful drawing

Bill Smith
Chairman

SOCKS FOR THE CHELSEA SOLDIERS HOME

With Veterans Day approaching, I would like to have our club members take part once again in what is becoming an annual sock drive for the soldiers' home. Many of our Veterans have nothing, so the little things that are donated are greatly appreciated. The request is for white socks only, due to the medical condition of many of these patients and residents. A box will be placed in the members lounge for any donations. Any questions see Keith Lordan.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

Veteran's Committee Message

10th Annual Veteran's Dinner

November 11, 2013

Our 10th Annual Veteran's Dinner will be held on November 11, 2013. The dinner will commence at 1:00 pm and all our members that are Veterans are invited, and encouraged, to attend this dinner; keep in mind there is no cost to our Veterans for this dinner. Please help us mark this tenth anniversary celebration with a tremendous turnout of club Veterans.

In previous years the Veterans Committee has celebrated various themes related to specific military campaigns: for example, WW2, Korea, Viet Nam and the Middle Eastern Theater have all received special recognition. This year the theme will be "Celebrating Your Service". Celebrating Your Service is designed to pay tribute to our club members who have honorably worn the uniform of our US military. In addition to the dinner, the committee is in the process of updating our data base to include all our Veterans and eventually comprise a booklet containing all the names of club members who have served in the armed forces. Please include your name, rank, your branch and years of service and email this information to KeithLordan@hotmail.com. Keith will use this information to update our files.

Semper Fi
Keith Lordan
Veteran's Committee

Children's Christmas Party

I have today heard from Santa that The Children's Christmas party will be held on December 22nd, 2013 in the main hall starting at 1:00pm. This is open to all members with children up to the age of seven. Any member requesting tickets should receive them from the bartender notifying him of the sex and age of the child.

For those adults looking for a letter from Santa to your child you should go to our web page: <http://www.maldenirishamerican.org/>. Here you will click on the box at the top left of the page that says Santa's Letter to Child. Save the letter and change the information that is located in **bold underline** print to suit your needs and mail to that special someone. What child wouldn't appreciate a letter from Santa?

If you have any problems downloading the letter, please contact Bill Smith at wpsmith9@aol.com - reference "Santa's Letter" in the Subject box and I will email it to you.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Just a reminder that your membership card you received last year is a **permanent card** and will continue to be active as long as your dues are current. In the event you have not renewed your membership yet, you will need to submit your card with your renewal to have it reactivated.

In an effort to make some budget cuts, after this bulletin you will only receive it electronically if we have your email address. If you wish to continue to receive it via mail you can send me an email at membership@maldenirishamerican.org to keep receiving it by mail. If you do not have an email address you do not need to do anything and you will still receive it in the mail. We are doing this to try to cut back some of our expenses that continue to grow. As you all know the cost of postage keeps going up. If you do not receive it electronically via email and have an email address please send me an email and I will forward it to our secretary Bill Lordan.

Rick O'Sullivan
Membership Committee Chairman

Ways and Means Committee

Sunday, December 8th – Andy Cooney Christmas Show with special guest Deirdre Reilly. Doors open at 2:00, show at 3:00. Tickets are \$25/person.

New Year's Eve – Music by the Noel Henry Irish Showband with Prime Rib and Roast Breast of Chicken dinner along with all the trimmings! Tea, coffee, dessert and Champagne toast! Doors open at 6:30, dinner at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$60/person.

Friday, February 28th – Direct from Ireland Derek Warfield and the Young Wolftones. Doors open at 7:00 and show at 8:00. Tickets \$25/person.

Sunday, March 16th - Pre St. Patrick's Day Party from 3:00 – 7:00 in the Main Hall. Music by the Silver Spears with performance by the Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance. Tickets are \$10/person or table of 10 for \$100.

Monday, March 17th – Music in the member's bar all day. Main hall open 6:00 – 10:00. Music will be by the Andy Healy Band, performance by the Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance and the Kevin Barry Pipers. Tickets are \$10/person or table of 10 for \$100.

For tickets to any of these shows, call Bill Hart 781-321-7720.

MALDEN IRISH AMERICAN JACKET

Club jackets are now available for order. They are nice jackets and will be available in Harvest Green or Black. They will have our logo on the front and your name placed on the sleeve. You can also have other designs placed on the jacket as well (i.e. flags, fighting leprechaun etc.) for a small extra fee.

Sizes available are XSmall-5X.

See Brendan Smith for more info. There will be a few samples on display at the club to be used to try on for sizes. The base price of the jackets will be \$55

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast

Come down to the club Thanksgiving Day morning and enjoy a great breakfast before heading out to watch the traditional football rivalry between Malden and Medford High Schools. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am and the cost of the ticket is only \$1.00 – how you can go wrong.

Anyone interested in helping out with breakfast should be at the club by 6:30 am.

Scott Norris

2014 Nominations for Office

Mike Sullivan – Board of Directors

It has been an honor serving as a Board of director for the last three years. It has been difficult at times, due to the economy, but with your support, we will get through it. We are, as everyone else, not doing the business that we would like to see. We are in the process of trying to find places to cut back on expenses, like the installation of officers, and other things. The increase of drinks is going to help, and hopefully things will pick up. I would like the privilege of serving another term on the board. We still have some projects we would like to get done. As usual I am at the club every day, if you have any suggestions or questions, come see me or any of the officers. Thank you for your support and your vote.

THANK YOU,

MIKE SULLIVAN (SULLY)

Keith Lordan – Board of Directors

Brother Members:

My name is Keith Lordan and I am seeking the position as a member of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of this distinguished organization. Due to my vast experience I hope to be elected for the important responsibility as a board member. I have held many elected positions prior to becoming a member of the Malden Irish America Club. I was elected three times as a Delegate to the Democratic State Convention, elected Steward, Treasurer and President in two different AFSME Unions, and treasurer of the Alert Club in Charlestown. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors as well as Secretary / Treasurer of the Charlestown Old School Boys Association. But my proudest accomplishment of all is that I am a United States Marine.

I have been working hard for over 20 years on almost every committee, dating back to the Irish American member's family outings. I have been on the forefront of many things like our annual Veterans Day Dinner, Socks for the Soldier's Home, Texas Hold 'em Tournaments, Pub Nights, Harbor Cruise, and many other activities.

I have proudly held many positions here at the Irish American Club including President, Treasurer, Board of Director and Chairman of many committees. With each position I have strived to make improvements for this club. As Membership Chairman, I redesigned the way the club records our membership's information and the tracking of dues. While a member of the Board of Directors, I completed an audit of the clubs function hall and made recommendations to increase the pricing of the hall, and to update the function halls contracts. These changes were accepted by the Board of Directors and are currently in place today. Additionally I was appointed as Chairman of the Golf League and held that position for 2 years.

I feel that this is the most important election that this organization has had in many years. IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. Our club, nor any other club, cannot continue to lose money and go on thinking that by raising prices the problems will go away. Well, they won't. We must stop the "go along to get along" attitude. I understand that this is a social club, but our elected officers must address the fiscal responsibilities that accompany these positions. If elected, I will push for monthly reports for our members and with these reports it will measure our success or failure- for what gets measured gets managed. I will work on ways to increase membership participation at the monthly meetings and give our brother members reasons to attend. I promise to work hard as a board member, as I have in every other endeavor I have been involved with.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME, KEITH LORDAN, ON ELECTION DAY BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Semper Fi
Keith Lordan

Dennis Leonard – President

I am honored to accept the nomination to be President of the Malden Irish American Club for 2014. I look forward to serving another term as President and hope that you will support me by casting your vote for me on Election Day, November 21st.

Respectfully,
President
Dennis Leonard

Brendan Smith – Vice President

Brother Member:

I'm honored to have been considered and nominated, once again, to be Vice-President for 2014. I know this is an important role in our organization and I'm truly grateful that the membership believes I'm up for the challenge. Although most candidates are running unopposed, I would like to urge everyone to still come out and vote. Not only in support of every candidate but this is your club and your right vote.

Danny Gillis – Treasurer

Fellow Brothers,

My name is Daniel Gillis and I am, once again, running for Treasurer of this great club of ours. I believe that with your trust and support, I will continue to successfully execute the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer's office. I am honest, trustworthy, and will work for you. God willing, this upcoming year will be huge for the Malden Irish American Club.

I would like to thank you for reading this, and hopefully encourage you to vote this year!

Bill Lordan – Secretary

My name is Bill Lordan and I am, once again, both honored and grateful to be nominated to serve as the Irish American Club's Secretary for the upcoming year. As you may be aware, this will be my fifth year carrying out the duties assigned to the Secretary's office and yet, I still remain just as enthused and determined to fulfill those duties as I did upon first taking the Secretary's oath in January of 2010.

In asking for your vote on November 21st, I would hope that you simply evaluate my performance as your Secretary over these past four years and recognize that, although certainly not always executed flawlessly, it has been and will remain a responsibility that I will continue to execute to the very best of my abilities – this club deserves and demands no less

In closing, I would ask that everyone to come down and vote on November 21st and renew your membership for 2014 at the same time.

Scott Norris - Sergeant at Arms

Greeting Brother Members, my name is Scott Norris and again this year I am seeking the position of Sgt. at Arms for the upcoming year and ask for your support.

Here at the club I am involved with many committees such as the Thanksgiving Day Breakfast, the Veterans and the Ways & Means. I do enjoy getting involved in any way to help and improve our club and to make it a place where all can feel at ease both new members and lifelong brothers.

Outside the club I am an active member in St. Joseph's Parish in Malden as a CCD volunteer. There too I am always counted on being there when the need arises

God Bless America and good will to his people on earth

Sempre Fi

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