REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY DIVISION 8 LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

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LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7 PM <u>via a Virtual Meeting (Zoom)</u>.

<u>VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE</u>: To all LAOH/AOH members! Please join us on Wednesday June 9th at 7pm for our "Virtual" meeting via Zoom. We will meet united at 7pm then continue into breakout rooms for our separate LAOH & AOH meetings (This will be done for you automatically). Join Zoom meeting with the following information:

Meeting ID: 280 651 2234 Passcode: 005832. Questions or concerns please contact John Michael Pelletier at: <u>john.michael.pelletier@gmail.com</u> <u>AGAIN, PLEASE INVITE FELLOW MEMBERS TO JOIN IN SO THAT WE CAN BE ASSURED OF A GREAT "VIRTUAL" TURNOUT!</u>

We look forward to seeing you.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Division 8 LAOH is pleased to announce our scholarship winners: Gianna Fiore – the Margaret Webb scholarship, Andrew Bernal – the Eileen Donovan Memorial Scholarship and Declan Murphy – the Division 8 LAOH Scholarship. Congrats to all. We had very qualified applicants so the judge's job was not easy.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> We have received 114 contact cards out of approximately 170 sent! Please let's get closer to our goal of 100%! Thank you to all that have sent back their contact information. For those of you that have not yet sent it back, <u>please</u> make an effort to send the information back to President Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. It is not too late!! It is postage paid so please drop it in the mail. It is important that we have the correct information for all our members. Also, feel free to include your dues of \$30.00 in the envelope along with your Traveling card which will be mailed back to you. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Anne-Marie at 978-794-0911.

DUES ARE NOW DUE – If you have not yet sent in your 2021 LAOH dues, please send your checks for \$30 for your 2021 LAOH dues to: Joyce Buckley, 30 Marique Dr., Lawrence, MA. 01843. Please enclose your Traveling Card. It will be marked and returned. Those of you that want to take advantage of paying your dues via **Venmo**, our Venmo account is: @JABuckley. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne-Marie at 978-794-0911. For those members who take advantage of the Venmo process to pay dues, traveling cards will be signed at the next in person meeting of our Division or on an as-needed basis.

<u>MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONVENTION</u> – June 5, 2021. This will be a one-day event to be held in the Worcester Hibernian Hall. Unfortunately, the AOH and the LAOH are meeting separately this year due to COVID restrictions. Thank you to those members that signed up to be delegates. It is an honor for you to represent our Division in this historic event.

Congratulations to outgoing State President, our own Margaret O'Connor. She surely had a different type of presidency with the restrictions and so forth. She did a wonderful job and we are very proud of her! Also, good luck to our own Cathy Callahan who will be seeking the office of State Secretary and to Carol Calderone who will be seeking the office of State Missions and Charities.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>: ICE CREAM SOCIAL!! - <u>June 16th</u> at 6PM outside in the Claddagh parking lot. Please join us, AOH and LAOH Members. The Men and Ladies Divisions will be awarding their scholarships at this event. The Ladies also have one Irish History winner, Will Guggenberger, Grade 9, who achieved First Place and that award will be given out too. Come early and have a delicious Claddagh dinner! And who doesn't like Ice Cream!

IRISH COTTAGE FUNDRAISER – Please support Division 8 LAOH at the Irish Cottage fundraiser on **June 24**th. See the enclosed flyer. The management will be showing true Irish hospitality and they are having Irish music outside, weather permitting. It will be a great way to start the summer off.

<u>Did you know:</u> Ireland is the only country in the world to have a musical instrument as the national symbol. You can visit some of the oldest harps in the world at Trinity College in Dublin.

Reminder: Our Division has a website that is updated monthly, may we suggest that you take a look at it sometime. It is www.div8aoh.com. Our newsletter is posted typically on the first of every month.

IMPORTANT: Change of Address: If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842 or email Anne-Marie at dancingds@comcast.net. If you do not inform us of your new address you will not receive your Monthly newsletter.

Let us continue to pray for those most affected by the Covid-19 virus and those that are mourning losses within their family. Our sympathy goes out to Maureen Loughlin on the loss of her father-in-law, William J. Loughlin Jr. May he rest in peace.

An Irish Blessing

May your joys be as deep as the oceans

Your troubles as light as its foam

And may you find sweet peace of mind

Wherever you may roam

<u> Have a wonderful and safe summer!</u>