

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, March 10, 2021 at 7 PM via a Virtual Meeting (Zoom).**

**Joint Meeting:** Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 by ZOOM prior to our regularly scheduled Division meetings. **Please see the attached flyer for more information.** Items of mutual interest will be discussed. **MORE IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE INVITE FELLOW MEMBERS TO JOIN IN SO THAT WE CAN BE ASSURED OF A GREAT "VIRTUAL" TURNOUT!**

**March LAOH Monthly Meeting:** Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet at the Claddagh for our March Meeting due to the Covid 19 virus. Rather we will meet by Zoom. Enclosed is a flyer from our webmaster, John Michael Pelletier, giving us all the information needed to connect to our Monthly Meeting by Zoom using your computer, laptop, or iPad. Please plan on joining us on March 10th for our Monthly Meeting at 7 pm. **AGAIN, PLEASE INVITE FELLOW MEMBERS TO JOIN IN SO THAT WE CAN BE ASSURED OF A GREAT "VIRTUAL" TURNOUT!** Please plan on joining us! We look forward to seeing you.

**Congratulations to us!** Division 8 LAOH has been awarded a \$1000.00 Grant by The Lawrence Cultural Council. Your officers will be busy planning an event for which this grant money can be put to good use when the Massachusetts Regulations with regards to Covid allow us to do so.

**Irish Heritage Month 2021:** Our annual Irish Flag raising on the Campagnone Memorial Common will be held on March 1 @ 11 am. Attendance is limited to 25 due to the COVID 19 restrictions. At our February Monthly Meeting, 25 members signed up. If you would like to be on our waiting list, please email Bill Sullivan at: [williamjsullivan@verizon.net](mailto:williamjsullivan@verizon.net) We need to have a list of those in attendance for contact tracing.

Unfortunately, since the Mens' Division is unable to hold their normal Irish Heritage events such as the Dinner Dance and Luncheon, we are postponing the Irish Woman of the Year award for the time being. See the Mens' newsletter for some upcoming virtual events.

**Pre-Saint-Patrick's Day Gathering:** A Pre Saint-Patrick Day gathering on the first floor at the Claddagh is scheduled for Thursday, March 11 at 7 pm. Members, who would like to attend, must register no later than Monday, March 8. **If you do not register you cannot attend.** We need this information for Brian Farrell to set up the area for social distancing, food count and contact tracing. There will be no charge to attend and pizza will be served. Menu items will also be available for purchase. Due to Mass COVID-19 regulations, reservations are limited. Please consider your health status in light of the widespread COVID-19 virus. If you are sick, you should not attend. Please contact our AOH/LAOH Reservation Chair Anne Marie Nyhan- Doherty @ 978 390 3400 or by email @ [dancingds@comcast.net](mailto:dancingds@comcast.net).

**Juniors:** We were finally able to distribute the Juniors sweatshirts on Saturday, March 13, 2021 while all staying socially distant in Lawrence Catholic Academy Parking Lot. The girls, ranging from 17 to 5 were very happy to receive their present from the Ladies Division. We love our Juniors and we are so very proud of them. Check out our Division website and our Division LAOH Facebook page for a picture of these young girls.

**IMPORTANT:** Our National LAOH Board is requesting that we obtain all email addresses of all our current members. Division 8 LAOH will be sending out a separate mailing for each and every member to fill out. You may have already received it so be on the lookout. It will be postage paid so please make an effort to send the information back to President Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. At the same time, we will be asking for an update on addresses and phone numbers to assure that we have the proper information. 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.

### **Scholarships**

The Division offers several scholarships for graduating seniors and one for a graduating eighth grader. Applications requirements are shown below and applications are also available on our website and from Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. If you have a qualifying child or grandchild, please feel to apply. They are due no later than April 5, 2020.

### **Requirements**

With regards to the scholarship, your Officers have discussed it and decided what we felt was the fairest and the best course of action. Since we do not want to count zoom meeting attendance, we will use the attendance for the 2018, 2019 meetings and the first three months of 2020. The eligibility requirements call for ANY **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO PLANS TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING And ANY GRADUATING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER WHO PLANS TO ATTEND AN A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** AND WHOSE MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER IS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF DIVISION 8, L.A.O.H. OR IS A MEMBER HERSELF MAY APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. PARTICIPATING MEMBER IS TO BE INTERPRETED AS A MEMBER WHO HAS ATTENDED A MINIMUM OF SIX MEETINGS PER CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS.

**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. Please note that 2021 dues are coming due this month.

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](http://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](mailto: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 heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of our long-time member, Peg Lopiano and Past State AOH President, Paul Hogan from Holyoke who both recently passed away. May they rest in peace. Let us also pray for all our members who have been affected by the virus.