

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, April 14, 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, April 14, 2021 by ZOOM prior to our regularly scheduled Division meetings. Enclosed is a flyer from the 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 April 14th 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.

AOH/LAOH Joint Meeting: At our April 14th Joint Meeting, John Francis Patrick Murphy will speak on his book, **Our Immigrant's Son**. Mr. Murphy tells the story of his family immigrating from Ireland, settling in Lawrence, which would be home for five generations of Murphys. Mr. Murphy will speak for 20 – 25. This should make for a interesting meeting!

It is hard to believe it has been just about a year that we started postponing our fundraising events such as a three card poker, our Irish Cottage fundraiser and the St. Brigid's Tea. Hopefully we will be able to start these events up again soon.

Thank you to all that participated in our recent raffles and 50-50. A big shout out goes to Erin Capano who helped raise a \$700.00 profit in the 50-50, all done in less than a week's time. Congratulations to Ed Fink who won the share of the pot!

IMPORTANT: Thank you to all that have sent back their contact information. For those of you that have not yet send it back, please make an effort to send the information back to President Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. 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.

VENMO – speaking of dues, the Division has created a Venmo account. This will enable a member to safely and securing electronically transfer their dues into our Venmo account which will then be transferred to our bank account. Joyce Buckley and Ellen Melvin will monitor this process and it will provide another option to pay your dues. We will

likely use it for fundraisers in the future as well. If you are not sure what Venmo is, it is similar to a Pay pal process which means it only requires a click of a button. 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.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONVENTION – June 5, 2021. It is still undecided if this year's State Convention will be held virtually or as a one day in-person event at a Hibernian Hall. Nevertheless, if you are interested in being a delegate please contact Anne-Marie by the next meeting at dancingds@comcast.net or 978-794-0911.

SCHOLARSHIPS - REMINDER

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, 2021.**

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 8TH 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.**

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. May they rest in peace. Let us also pray for all our members who have been affected by the virus.

**Easter is the only time of the year
When it is safe to put all your
Eggs in one basket.**

***May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day.
May songbirds serenade you ever step along the way. – Irish Blessing***

**HAPPY EASTER
AND
SPRING TO ALL**