

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

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***LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST***

**DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY** – will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 beginning at 6:00PM with the Social Hour with a delicious dinner served at 7PM at the Irish Cottage, Branch St., Methuen, MA.** This year we are having some musical entertainment that we know you will enjoy. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00, for kids 10 and under, and are available until December 1<sup>st</sup> by calling President Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty at 978-390-3400 or President Bill Sullivan at 978-376-4356. As you know, although on a different day of the week, this takes the place of our December monthly meeting.

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** – To our Junior Division President, Isabella Fiore on achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Girls Under 18 at the New England Irish Dance Championships that were recently held in Hartford, CT. We are all so proud of you Bella!

**STATE BOARD MEETING** – A State Board meeting will be held at the Lynn Division on **December 8, 2024** at 12 Noon. This is also our State Christmas Raffle event. All members are invited to attend.

**AN IRISH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** – By the time you are reading this newsletter, hopefully, we successfully hosted our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Christmas Festival** on December 1, 2024 at the Elks. We had wonderful entertainment and great vendors. There was also an O'Shea-Chaplin ceili on the other side of the banquet hall with the Silver Spears that was held in conjunction with our event. This event is partially funded by the Lawrence Cultural Council. A very hard working committee had been formed to work on plans for this event.

**CHRISTMAS CALENDAR** – The Christmas calendar is enclosed. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Mary Ellen Pelletier at [978-685-2877](tel:978-685-2877). They will also be available at the Christmas Party.

**OFFICERS** – At the last meeting, the following Ladies were elected for the 2025-2027 term of Office.

President – Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty  
Vice President – Carol Calderone  
Secretary – Marie Pacheco  
Treasurer – Ellen Melvin  
Historian – Kate Pacheco  
Financial Secretary – Joyce Buckley  
Catholic Action – Cathy Callahan  
Missions & Charities – Nora Carroll Bevilacqua  
Mistress at Arms – Kathleen Melvin  
Sentinel – Lisa Breen

**INSTALLATION** – Our 2025 Installation of your AOH and LAOH and Junior Officers will be held after an 11:30 mass at Sacred Hearts Church, 165 S Main St., Haverhill, MA on January 12, 2025. Please come and support your Officers.

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to Helen Mathison who has served as a LAOH Officer for a number of years. She has passed the torch of Historian onto Kate Pacheco as she knows it will be in good hands.

Please support your officers as they are constantly working on your behalf. Applications for LAOH membership forms are available through your officers or at a Division meeting. Consider having a friend or relative join. Contact Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty at 978-794-0911 for more information. We are also very proud of our Juniors. Remember we are the only Division in the State that has a Junior Division! The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members. Contact Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358.

Important: Please notify an officer of the Division if you have a change of address as it costs the Division money if the mail is returned.

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). See the Men's' newsletter for cancellation of meetings and events information.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

***December 10, 2024– AOH and LAOH Christmas Party – Irish Cottage  
Note: This takes the place of our December meeting.***

***May you get all your wishes but one,  
so that you will always have something to strive for!***

***Nollaig shona duit & Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit***

***Happy Christmas & A prosperous New Year***