

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

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**LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST**

**MARCH Monthly Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held downstairs at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:30PM after the joint meeting with the men at 7:00PM.** Please try to make the effort to attend. If this should change, or if there are any other updates regarding this meeting, they will be posted on our Division website and Facebook page.

**Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone that participated in our Super Bowl Square Fundraiser. Thank you to Erin Capano who ran this successful endeavor. Congrats to all the winners!

**Lazarus House:** As part of our charitable work, we will be collecting winter hats, gloves, socks, and blankets at the March meeting. These will be donated to Lazarus House. Every Friday night from January through the end of March, Lazarus House goes around the city of Lawrence with a soup truck and hands out sandwiches and soup to the homeless and to the rooming houses. They also hand out hats, gloves, socks, and blankets to anyone who needs them. Any donation that you can make, will make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate.

**50-50 Raffle:** The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser. Each ticket is \$10. Please send entry fee to Erin Capano via Venmo, check, or cash. You do not need to be a Hibernian to enter this raffle! Raffle will be drawn on Facebook Live at 3:17pm on St. Patrick's Day. (Friday, March 17th). 50% will go to the winner and 50% will go to the Ladies Ancient of Hibernians. Thank you for your support.

**Congratulations to the Division 8 AOH 2023 Award Winners:** Mary Alice Rock has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the ***Richard Cardinal Cushing Award***, and Eric M. Alaimo has been selected, as their ***2023 Irishman of the Year***. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance on March 4th. The ***2023 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award*** will be presented to Hon. Daniel Rivera at our Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 10th.

**Clothing:** Consider sponsoring a member to join our Division 8 LAOH and receive \$25.00 towards a piece of LAOH clothing. Sponsor two members and receive \$40.00 towards a piece of LAOH clothing! Applications for membership forms are available through your officers or at a Division meeting. Consider having a friend or relative join. Contact an officer of the Division for more information.

**AOH & LAOH State Convention:** The 2023 AOH & LAOH State Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Hyannis, MA on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being a delegate, please inform your President, Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty by our March Meeting or by email at [dancingds@comcast.net](mailto:dancingds@comcast.net) or 978-390-3400.

**Parking:** Please know that there has been the occasion when there is a charge to park in the parking lot adjacent to the Claddagh. Although we apologize, we have no control over the use of that lot nor does the Claddagh. If the Claddagh parking lot is full, we would suggest on street parking or other parking lots in the area that are free.

**Ladies Hibernian Herald:** It is strongly suggested that you sign up to receive the Ladies Hibernian Herald. Contact Kim DePeaux, Editor, Lady Hibernian Herald, Assistant Editor, Hibernian Digest via email at [laohnationalnews@gmail.com](mailto:laohnationalnews@gmail.com) to request that you be added to the email list. It is an online "newsletter" from National that provides updates on many LAOH Divisions across the Country. You will find it quite informative.

### **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 May 5, 2023.

### **Requirements**

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 A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** AND WHOSE MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER IS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF DIVISION 8, LAOH OR IS A MEMBER HERSELF MAY APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. A participating member is considered a member who has attended at least six (6) meetings from January 2022 to April 2023.

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

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.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE – PLEASE** send your checks for \$30.00 for your 2023 LAOH dues to Joyce Buckley at 30 Marique Drive, Lawrence, MA and please enclose your Traveling Card. It will be marked and returned. Better yet, come to a meeting and enjoy the company of your fellow members. 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.

The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members. Contact Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358.

#### **Upcoming dates to remember:**

(see AOH newsletter for more information on events)

#### **March**

1st Irish Flag Raising  
4th St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance  
10<sup>th</sup>- St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

**May luck be our companion  
May friends stand by our side  
May history remind us all  
Of Ireland's faith and pride.  
May God bless us with happiness  
May love and faith abide.**

*Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!*