

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

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***LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST***

**NOVEMBER Monthly Meeting** - The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA following a Joint Meeting with the AOH at 7 PM. Please enter by the rear entrance of the building. The Ladies' Meeting will follow in the same room. Please try to make the effort to attend.

Thank you to Sue Fink for transporting the bedding to the Billerica Elks in October for their Build -A – Bed Fundraiser. She said that they made 15 beds!

**AN IRISH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** – We will be hosting our fourth annual Irish Christmas festival on December 1, 2024 at the Elks Hall. We will have entertainment and great vendors. There is also an O'Shea-Chaplin ceili on the other side of the hall with the Silver Spears that is being held in conjunction with our event. This event is partially funded by the Lawrence Cultural Council. A committee has been formed to work on plans for this event. If you would like to participate in the committee, please contact Anne-Marie at [dancingds@comcast.net](mailto:dancingds@comcast.net) or 978-390-3400. Let's make it bigger and better than last years.

**We are looking for donations of raffle prizes such as gift cards, lottery cards, or even monetary donations.** See the enclosed flyer.

**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.** More information will follow in the upcoming newsletter and at our upcoming meeting. This year we are having some musical entertainment that we know you will enjoy. Tickets, at a cost of \$30.00, will be available at our November meeting or 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.

**ELECTIONS** – Our nominations for office took place in October and elections will take place at the November meeting for a term of 2 years; 2025 – 2027. If anyone is interested in running for an office and is ready to fulfill the commitment, your name can still be placed into nomination at the November meeting. The Juniors will also be holding elections this year.

The following Ladies were nominated for office:

President – Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty  
Vice President – Carol Calderon  
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

**CHRISTMAS CALENDAR** – The annual Christmas Calendar will be included in next month's newsletter mailing. It will also be available at next month's meeting.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

***November 13, 2024 – Monthly Division Meeting***

***December 1, 2024 – An Irish Christmas Festival with entertainment and vendors***

***And an Irish Ceili with the Silver Spears and dancing  
sponsored by the O'Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance***

***Elks Hall***

***(both partially funded by the Lawrence Cultural Council)***

***December 10, 2024– AOH and LAOH Christmas Party – Irish Cottage –***

***If you say one***

***Prayer in your lifetime,***

***say thank you and it will be enough***

***HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL***