

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

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**LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST**

## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

**OCTOBER 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, October 9, 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.

Congratulations to Division 8 AOH who ran a successful and fun Cornhole Tournament on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Elks.

Division 8 LAOH will be having a couple more events scheduled and we are all hoping that we have a good turnout at all.

If you haven't yet sent in your survey, please do. It will help our Division going forward.

Enclosed you will find a flyer for the **Irish Cottage fundraiser** on **October 24, 2024**. We are asking that members and friends attend and please spread the word.

**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.

**MASS STATE BOARD PRESIDENTS' DINNER** – The AOH/LAOH Massachusetts State Dinner will be held on Sunday November 3, 2024. The day will begin with a 10 am Mass at St John's Church, Peabody followed by a dinner at 11:30 at the Peabody AOH. Lowell Street, Peabody, MA. The dinner will offer a choice of two main dishes: Stuffed Pork Loin or Vegetable Lasagna. Tickets cost \$25 per person, and all checks should be made payable to the AOH/LAOH Convention Committee. The deadline for reservations is October 20. Please contact our AOH State Vice President Charles Sinclair at [mrclean6251@aol.com](mailto:mrclean6251@aol.com) or by phone at 978 360-4425 or the LAOH State VP Noreen Duquette at [celticma5@msn.com](mailto:celticma5@msn.com) or 413 210 3830 for any follow-up questions.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** – The Massachusetts Elks Association is PROUD to work with the Organization A Bed for Every Child of Massachusetts. Division 8 LAOH and AOH will be participating in the Billerica Elks Lodge Build -A-Bed Fundraiser in October. We are asking our members to donate NEW Pillows, NEW Twin Sized Sheets, NEW Twin Sized Comforters, NEW Stuffed Animals and bring them to our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you to Susan Fink and Nora Carroll Bevilacqua who have offered to transport these items to the Billerica Lodge.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS** – Our nominations for office will take place in October and elections will take place in November for a term of 2 years; 2025 – 2027. If anyone is interested in running for an office and is ready to fulfill the commitment, please be prepared to have your name entered into nomination. The Juniors will also be holding elections this year.

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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

***October 9, 2024 – Monthly Division Meeting***

***October 24, 2024 – Fundraiser at the Irish Cottage – See flyer enclosed***

***December 1, 2024– An Irish Christmas Festival with entertainment and vendors  
(in one side of the Elks banquet hall)***

***And an Irish Ceili with the Silver Spears and dancing (on the other side of the banquet hall)  
sponsored by the O'Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance  
(partially funded by the Lawrence Cultural Council)***

***"None of us, including me, ever do great things.  
But we can all do small things, with great love, and  
together we can do something wonderful."***

***Mother Teresa***