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, May 12, 2021 at 7 PM <u>via a Virtual Meeting (Zoom)</u>.

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 12, 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.

<u>SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:</u> The applications are in the process of being judged and the winners will be announced in the next few weeks via our website and Facebook. We had very qualified applicants so the judge's job will not be easy.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> 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 not too late!! 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.

<u>DUES ARE NOW DUE</u> — 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. 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. 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.

<u>MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONVENTION</u> – June 5, 2021. As of this newsletter publication date, 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 or both. Thank you to those members that signed up to be delegates. It is a honor for you to represent our Division in this historic event.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS:</u> We are tentatively planning an outside Ice Cream social at which we will award our scholarships. We will also be having a LAOH fundraiser at the Irish Cottage at the end of June. More details will be forthcoming.

Saw this blog on Facebook and the author gave me permission to share it. It is about Katherine O'Keefe O'Mahoney, our first President of Division 8 LAOH. Very interesting piece of history in this blog. Enjoy!

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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.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> <u>Change of Address</u>: If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842 or email Anne-Marie at <u>dancingds@comcast.net</u>. If you do not inform us of your new address you will not receive your Monthly newsletter.

Note: The family of Peggy Quirk who recently passed away is planning a graveside service. They have asked for members of Division 8 to attend. As of the publication date of this newsletter, the date, time and place have not yet been determined. Once available, they will be published on our website and on our Facebook page.

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.

An Irish Prayer

May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

and a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.