

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

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LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST

Our next meeting will be held downstairs at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** at 7:30PM after the joint meeting with the men at 7:00PM. Please try to make the effort to attend.

Reminder: Denise Donlan and Maureen Fraser have graciously offered to bring the desserts for this meeting.

March was quite a busy month. Thank you to everyone that supported the various activities during Irish Heritage month. A huge thank you goes out to everyone that participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade this year. We were all so proud to be part of this organization and it was evident by our enthusiasm as we walked the imaginary green line through the City of Lawrence. **SHOUT OUT to the Breen Funeral Home who is celebrating 150 years this year. They donated the funds for our Officers' sash embroidery.**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kathleen Melvin** our 2019 Irish Woman of the Year and to **John Cuddy**, the 2019 Irish Man of the Year, an award that was well deserved by both honorees.



Pound Sale at our April meeting – In the spirit of Lent and the anticipation of Easter, we will be holding a "Purple Pound Sale" after our business meeting. Members are asked to bring a pound of something purple, wrapped as to camouflage it and we will bid on the packages. It's a fun way to have the Division make a little money and it is sure to produce some laughs when we open up our pound of purple candy, grapes or eggplant!!

Save the Date:



LAOH Dining Out Fundraiser – Wednesday, April 24, 2019 Irish Cottage in Methuen, MA – 4:00PM – 10:00PM – Come for a delicious dinner between the hours of 4:00PM – 10:00PM and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverages from all of the checks with the enclosed flyer is given to the Division 8 LAOH. Again, this is a great fundraiser and we are asking **all** of our Hibernian members to please support it. This fundraiser is being held to help defray some of the costs of the Division officers' expenses while representing our Division at our State AOH-LAOH Convention in May. Please spread the word and copy the flyer for your friends. One does not have to be a Hibernian to have the 20% comes to us as long as they have the flyer in hand.



St Brigid's Tea is Sunday, April 28th at 1:00 at Lawrence Heritage State Park. Ellen Melvin, Helen Mathison and Marie Pacheco have graciously accepted the task of chairing the event. Gerard Hayes, author of several books on the Blasket Islands will speak. The Blasket Islands are off the coast of Kerry and the Irish government closed the island and all the inhabitants had to leave. The author's father, Michael Carney, was one of the inhabitants that was forced to leave. Mr. Carney settled in Massachusetts. Please join us for a lovely afternoon of lunch and friendship. The tickets are \$15.00. Please called Ellen Melvin for tickets 978-794-8621.

May 3rd-4th 100th Biennial MA State Convention – Don't forget to wish Margaret O'Connor and Jack Lahey, Cathy Callahan and Keith Murphy, our State Board candidates good luck at the upcoming Convention!

May Monthly Meeting Location Change: Our May 8th Monthly Meeting will be held at the Offices of American Training, 6 Campanelli Dr, Andover, MA. A Cookout will be held prior to our Monthly Meetings. More information at our April 10th Monthly Meeting and in our May Newsletter.



Thinking ahead:

Great Hunger Commemoration – June 1, 2019 -Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a Commemoration of the Great Hunger on **Saturday, June 1, 2019** at the **An Gorta Mor Memorial** in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts at **1:00 pm**. A host of County, State and National AOH and LAOH representatives along with other dignitaries are expected to be present. Our Veteran's Pinning will also take place at this ceremony.

Fenway Park Tour/Waxy O'Connor Trip - Sunday, June 30, 2019. One does not have to be a member of the AOH or LAOH to attend. More information to follow.

Degrees

Our State Vice President, Margaret O'Connor is working with our National liaison regarding degrees. She will provide an update at the next meeting and follow-up when information becomes available. This is an important element in being a Hibernian and the Division would be honored if those that do not have their degrees yet would obtain them.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE... Want to win a piece of LAOH gear? Every LAOH member in attendance for the monthly meetings will get a ticket into a raffle. You can also get another ticket for paying your dues. The raffle will be pulled during the June meeting so you could have FOUR chances to win! (April, May, June meetings and your paid dues). LAOH Members who have already paid their dues will get one ticket into the raffle. See you at the next meeting and do not forget your dues!

LAOH Division Clothing-

Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty has made arrangements with Exquisite Stitches to sell Division hats, polo shirts, jersey tee shirts, knit scarfs, hooded sweatshirts and vests and jackets to members. Sample sizes travel with Anne-Marie to the meetings so feel free to decide on sizes when you come. All the more reason to attend a meeting!

DUES ARE NOW DUE - Please send your checks for \$30 for your 2019 LAOH dues to: Joyce Buckley, 30 Marique Dr., Lawrence, MA. 01843. 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.**

Applications for 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. **The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members.** Contact Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358. Please help us keep this wonderful organization, young and old, growing!!

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 on the first of every month on the above noted website. Please take a look at the website that has an abundance of information.

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

Upcoming dates to remember:

- April 10th Division meeting – Purple Pound Sale
- April 24th LAOH Fundraiser at the Irish Cottage
- April 28th St. Brigid's Tea
- May 3rd-4th 100th Biennial MA State Convention
- May 8th Division meeting at the Offices of American Training, 6 Campanelli Dr, Andover, MA.
- June 1st An Gorta Mor Memorial
- June 30th Fenway Park Tour/Waxy's trip

May God bless you at Easter, and keep you all year through. May God give you all the faith you need, to make your dreams come true. May His love and wisdom always help, to guide you on your way. May His light shine down upon you now, to bless your Easter Day. -Author Unknown



HAPPY

EASTER

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Dining Out Fundraiser

When: *Wednesday April 24, 2019*

Where: *The Irish Cottage Restaurant
17 Branch Street, Methuen Ma*

Time: *From 4pm to 10pm*

Information:

On Wednesday April 24, 2019

Beginning at 4pm For Both Dine-In And Take Out

Come by and Help Support

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

*In their fundraising efforts. Bring in this flyer And give to
your server when cashing out and The Irish Cottage will
donate 20% of your Bills total (excluding alcohol) for both
dine-in Or take out to*

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

*In addition those in attendance for the Fundraiser The
Irish Cottage Will Donate an extra \$1.00 per guest on the
night of the event.*

