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LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### CHRISTMAS GATHERING:

As you all know, typically we hold our Christmas Party on our December meeting night, however, this year is different. In an effort to stay in touch a Christmas gathering on the first floor at the Claddagh is being planned for Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Members, who would like to attend, must register no later than Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. **If you do not register you cannot attend.** We need this information for Brian Farrell to set up the area for social distancing, food count and contact tracing. There will be no charge to attend and pizza will be served. The event would begin at 7 pm. Due to Mass Covid regulations, reservations are limited. Please contact our AOH/LAOH Reservation Chair Anne Marie Nyhan-Doherty @ 978 390 3400 or [dancingds@comcast.net](mailto:dancingds@comcast.net).

**CHRISTMAS CALENDAR:** The Christmas Calendar is back by popular demand. Please make an effort to support your Division 8 LAOH and mail in the calendar request that was included in last month's newsletter to Mary Ellen Pelletier. A copy of the flyer is also on Facebook and on our website.

### MESSAGE FROM JOHN CUDDY, AOH VETERANS' CHAIR

Mr. Cuddy has requested that we inform our members that the next Division 8 Veteran's Committee event is Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Bourne National Cemetery, "Wreaths Across America". Clam Chowder at Captain Parker's is to follow. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16175/overview/?relatedId=0>



***Please Patronize Our Local Irish Restaurants!!!***



Please consider supporting your Brother Hibernians who own local Irish Restaurants. (Jim Kearney of the Irish Cottage and Brian Farrell of the Claddagh) ***The Irish Cottage and the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant*** are great restaurants with terrific food and beverages, and have a great venue for watching your favorite sports team's games, or for just relaxing with family or friends. Naturally, all mandates by Governor Baker are in place. Masks must be worn except when sitting at tables, and there can be no more than 10 people at a table. All tables must be 6 feet apart and food must be purchased with all alcoholic drinks. If you are planning to go somewhere to watch the Patriots or ***to get takeout food and/or beverages, or just to eat out,*** the ***Claddagh or Irish Cottage*** would be the perfect place! ***We know they will thank you for your support!!!***

**MASKS FOR OUR LAOH MEMBERS**– we have made arrangements to purchase masks with Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians on them. The lettering is gold and the shamrocks are green. We also have the plastic sliders to enable adjustment in size. Let Anne-Marie know if you are interested by emailing [dancingds@comcast.net](mailto:dancingds@comcast.net).

**ELECTIONS** – At our November Monthly Zoom Meeting a motion was made and seconded to elect the existing slate of officers. The following ladies were elected:

President – Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty  
Vice President – Carol Calderon  
Secretary – Marie Pacheco  
Treasurer – Ellen Melvin  
Historian – Helen Mathison  
Financial Secretary – Joyce Buckley  
Catholic Action – Cathy Callahan  
Missions & Charities – Nora Carrol Bevilacqua  
Mistress at Arms – Kathleen Melvin  
Sentinel – Lisa Breen

Please give these officers your support and commitment. In these uneasy times, we are doing the best we can to keep this organization moving forward but we can only do that if we do that together!

We have been fortunate to have a couple of our members volunteer to lend a helping hand to those that need a little help, either with raking, shoveling, grocery shopping, etc. PLEASE feel free to email us at [dancingds@comcast.net](mailto:dancingds@comcast.net) or [division8aoh@verizon.com](mailto:division8aoh@verizon.com) and we will do our best to help you if possible.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE** – If you have not yet sent in your 2020 LAOH dues, please send your checks for \$30 for your 2020 LAOH dues to: Joyce Buckley, 30 Marique Dr., Lawrence, MA. 01843. Please enclose your Traveling Card. It will be marked and returned. Please note that 2021 dues will be coming due next month.

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.

Let us continue to pray for those most affected by the Covid-19 virus especially those that are mourning losses within their family.

**During the coming Christmas season**

**May you be blessed**

**With the spirit of the season**

**Which is peace,**

**The gladness of the season,**

**Which is hope,**

**And the heart of the season,**

**Which is love.**

**Irish Christmas Blessing**