

**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, June 12, 2019 at 7:30PM after the joint meeting with the men at 7:00PM. Please try to make the effort to attend. After our meeting we will be serving our Ice Cream Sundaes topped off with Mrs. Crowley's recipe of delicious hot fudge sauce (thanks to Helen Mathison).

It's hard to believe that it's June already! Division 8 LAOH has been busy since we started off our year last September. We are strong and growing in our membership. Since January Division 8 LAOH has reinstated one member and installed three new members and one will be installed at our June meeting. Thirty-Eight Ladies attended our last meeting.

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Calendar Raffle- Mary Ellen Pelletier has graciously agreed to run a Halfway to St. Patrick's Day calendar raffle for us this summer. A prize is drawn every day in the month of September with prizes ranging from \$25-\$100 for a total of \$875.00. The calendar is \$10 and you get 30 chances to win. This is a Division 8 LAOH fundraiser so please support this cause. Additional calendars can be purchased from Mary Ellen. Her contact info is on the enclosed calendar flyer.

Bakeless Bake Sale – Our State President, Margaret O'Connor and Jackie Lamprey, a Past State President are busy working on a Bakeless Bake Sale. Before you know it, you will receive a request for the Bake Sale and an envelope in the mail. No running out at the last minute to buy a brownie mix, or cake or cookie mix. This is the simplest way to "bake." Use the envelope to mail your contribution to our Treasurer. We will be most grateful for any donation.

These fundraisers are helping to defray some of the costs of sending our delegates to the State Convention this past May 4th as well as the July 2020 National Convention. **As you know, fundraising efforts never stop.**

Call for donations. One of the greatest jobs a man can have is to be a father. Being a father also means changing diapers. To honor our own fathers in the month of June, Sue Fink will be doing a diaper collection at the June meeting. Diapers will be donated to Lazarus House. The greatest need is for diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6. This will help those families who are not as fortunate as we all are. Be grateful for all of the blessings that you have and support those who need our help.



Thinking ahead:

Commemoration of the Great Hunger and awarding of a 50 Year AOH Membership Pins to those who are celebrating their Golden Anniversary as members of Division 8, as well as AOH & LAOH Veteran Pins to members who served in the US Armed forces on **Saturday, June 1, 2019** at the **An Gorta Mor Memorial** in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA at **1:00 pm**.

The commemoration will include: a memorial service led by our Division Chaplain, the Very Rev. John W. Delaney, V.F; a short address by Bob Bateman, Past National Historian and member of Division 8, the awarding of the 50 Year AOH Membership Pins and AOH & LAOH Veterans Pins and the placing of a wreath at the memorial. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Mausoleum on the grounds of the cemetery. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony. **All AOH & LAOH members, their families and friends are welcome.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 – JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY COMMEMORATION – HOLYHOOD CEMETERY, BROOKLINE with a mass at **11:00AM**. The Massachusetts AOH and LAOH gathers annually to honor O'Reilly, the great Irish Patriot and poet who lived in Boston between 1870 and 1890. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Watertown AOH, 151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019 - Congratulations are in order. **The 150th Anniversary Celebration** for the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home will be held at **11:00 AM** at the Lawrence Funeral Home 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence. Hoping you can all join them.

REMINDER!! -JUNE 30, 2019 – FENWAY PARK TOUR/BUNRATTY TAVERN TRIP - The bus will leave the Claddagh Pub at 9:30AM on Sunday, June 30, 2019 for a 10:30AM scheduled tour of Fenway Park. The bus will leave the Park at approximately noon and we will travel to Bunratty Tavern in Reading. A limited luncheon menu will be provided for us. We will be back at the Claddagh by approximately 2:30PM. PLEASE JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS. ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HIBERNIANS TO COME ALONG WITH US. A signup sheet will be available at the June meeting. And cutoff will be June 15, 2019 to sign up. The price, which includes the bus and the Fenway tour, is \$42.00. Lunch is on your own. Please call Anne-Marie at 978-794-0911 if more information is needed.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE... Last Chance to win a piece of LAOH gear. Every LAOH member in attendance for the monthly meeting 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 only ONE more chance to win! 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 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.

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!!

Did you know these facts about Irish America?

1. Nine signatories of the Declaration of Independence were Irish.
2. Two hundred and fifty-three Irish-born men received a Medal of Honor.
3. 153,248 people living in the US are Irish-born.
4. Almost 69% are homeowners.
5. There are 16 Dublins in the USA. *(from the 2014 U S Census data)*

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:

June 1st An Gorta Mor Memorial
June 12th – Division meeting at the Claddagh
June 15th – John Boyle O'Reilly event
June 29th – John Breen Funeral Home Anniversary celebration
June 30th Fenway Park Tour/Bunratty Tavern

Watch your mail during the summer for more events to come.

Let us make this an active Division and enjoy each other's company during social events as well as our meetings.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, May the luck of the Irish be there with you.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!