

**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 14, 2023 at 7:30PM after the joint meeting with the men at 7:00PM**. Please try to make the effort to attend. If this should change, or if there are any other updates regarding this meeting, they will be posted on our Division website and Facebook page.

**Clothing Drive:** At the June meeting we will be holding a clothing drive that will benefit Pegasus House in Lawrence and runs through the Psychological Center. Those who can, can donate gently used clothes, paper towels or toilet tissue. For more information on Pegasus House: <https://psychologicalcenter.com/our-programs/pegasus-house/>

It's hard to believe that it's June already! Division 8 LAOH has been busy since we started off our year last September. Thank you to all that have been supportive of our organization. It does matter to us!!

Thank you for all that participated in our Green Pound sale and our "Luck of the Irish" Lottery Board Raffle to benefit the Missions and Catholic Action.

**State Convention:** our Massachusetts State Convention was held during the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Carol Calderone for being elected to the Office of State Historian and Susan Fink for being elected to the Office of State Catholic Action. Also, a huge thank you to Cathy Callahan for her service on the State Board. Also, congratulations to Jack Lahey for being elected to the Office of AOH State Treasurer and Keith Murphy for being elected to the Office of AOH State Secretary. We are a proud Division LAOH and AOH alike.

**Scholarships and History Essay winners:** The Division is proud to announce the winners of our scholarships for a graduating senior and one for a graduating eighth grader who will be attending a Catholic High School. The winner of the *Eileen Donovan \$1000.00 Scholarship* is Lea McGuigan and the winner of our *Grammar School Division 8 LAOH \$500.00 Scholarship* is Julia Alaimo. Congratulations to both these well-deserving recipients. The winners of the History Essay contest are High School - First Place – Maggie Bernal, Second Place – William Guggenberger and Third Place – Lea McGuigan. The winners from Grade School are First Place – Ethan McGuigan and Second Place – Jake Fiore. Congratulations to all.

**John Boyle O'Reilly Commemoration – Holyhood Cemetery, 584 Heath St., Chestnut Hill, MA** – Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Ice Cream Social - June 21st** at 6:30PM outside at the Claddagh. Please join us, AOH and LAOH Members and family. The Men and Ladies Divisions will be awarding their scholarships and History Essay winners at this event. Come early and have a delicious Claddagh dinner! Helen Mathison has once again offered to make Mrs. Crowley's delicious hot fudge sauce! Lucky us! Our Juniors have also been invited! And who doesn't like Ice Cream!

**Fisher Cats Game** – August 13, 2023 @ 1:30PM – Manchester, NH - see Men's newsletter for additional information.

**Save the dates!** Plans are already in the works for a couple of fall events. September 9, 2023 – AOH Cornhole Tournament, September 17, 2023 – Irish Afternoon of Music with The Jolly Tinkers, October 20, 2023 – 3 card bingo and on December 10, 2023 we will hold our third annual Irish Christmas Festival. Looking forward to all three events. More information will follow in our newsletters.

**Important:** Please notify an officer of the Division if you have a change of address as it costs the Division money if the mail is returned.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE – PLEASE** send your checks for \$30.00 for your 2023 LAOH dues to Joyce Buckley at 30 Marique Drive, Lawrence, MA and 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. 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.

**Parking:** Please know that there has been the occasion when there is a charge to park in the parking lot adjacent to the Claddagh. Although we apologize, we have no control over the use of that lot nor does the Claddagh. If the Claddagh parking lot is full, we would suggest on street parking or other parking lots in the area that are free.

Applications for membership forms are available through your officers or at a Division meeting. Consider having a friend or relative join. Contact an officer of the Division for more information. The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members. Contact Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

**June**

- 10<sup>th</sup> – John Boyle O'Reilly Commemoration
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Division meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Ice Cream Social and Scholarships and History Essay awards

**August**

- 13<sup>th</sup> – Fisher Cats Game

**September**

- 9<sup>th</sup> – AOH Cornhole Tournament
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Division meeting
- 17<sup>h</sup> – Irish Afternoon of Music with The Jolly Tinkers
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Division 8 AOH Cornhole Tournament – Claddagh Pub

**October**

- 11<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Division meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 3 card Bingo

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

***HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!***