

**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, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA following a Joint Meeting with the AOH at 7 PM. Please enter by the rear entrance of the building. The Ladies' Meeting will follow in the same room.

Corned Beef Sandwiches, compliments of Division 8, will be available from 6:00 – 7:00 for the men and ladies. Come, eat, and enjoy!

After 40 years of keeping the identity of our Irish Woman of the Year a secret until the traditional dinner dance every March, the past Irish Woman of the Year of the Division 8 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians recently voted to make our honoree's name public. The honor is given to a member whose contributions and dedication to our Division is recognized as going above and beyond. The first award was given to Mary Hueston in 1984. **The 2024 recipient of Irish Woman of the Year, the highest honor of our Ladies Division, is Nora Carroll Bevilacqua.** Nora and her husband, Rick, along with their daughter, Mary, live in Haverhill. Nora has been a member of Division 8 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians since 2012 and holds the Office of Missions and Charities. Nora will receive her award at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance to be held on March 2, 2024 at the Elks in Lawrence. Congratulations to Nora!!

Congratulations to the Division 8 AOH 2024 Award Winners: Cardinal Sean O'Malley has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the **Richard Cardinal Cushing Award**, and Brian Farrell has been selected, as their **2024 Irishman of the Year**. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance on March 2nd. The **2024 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award** will be presented to Dalia Diaz at our Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 15th.

50-50 Raffle: The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser. Each ticket is \$10. Please send entry fee to Erin Capano via Venmo, check, or cash. You do not need to be a Hibernian to enter this raffle! Raffle will be drawn on Facebook Live at 3:17pm on St. Patrick's Day. (Sunday, March 17th). 50% will go to the winner and 50% will go to the Ladies Ancient Order thank of Hibernians. Thank you for your support.

Clothing: Consider sponsoring a member to join our Division 8 LAOH and receive \$25.00 towards a piece of LAOH clothing. Sponsor two members and receive \$40.00 towards a piece of LAOH clothing! 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.

Ladies Hibernian Herald: It is strongly suggested that you sign up to receive the Ladies Hibernian Herald. Contact Kim DePeaux, Editor, Lady Hibernian Herald, Assistant Editor, Hibernian Digest via email at laohnationalnews@gmail.com to request that you be added to the email list. It is an online "newsletter" from National that provides updates on many LAOH Divisions across the Country. You will find it quite informative.

Scholarships

The Division offers several scholarships for graduating seniors and one for a graduating eighth grader. Applications requirements are shown below and applications are also available on our website and from Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. If you have a qualifying child or grandchild, please feel to apply. They are due no later than May 10, 2024.

Requirements

The eligibility requirements call for ANY **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO PLANS TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING** And ANY **GRADUATING 8TH GRADER WHO PLANS TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** AND WHOSE MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER IS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF DIVISION 8, LAOH OR IS A MEMBER HERSELF MAY APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. A participating member is considered a member who has attended at least six (6) meetings from January 2023 to April 2024.

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

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 2024 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.

The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members. Contact Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358.

Upcoming dates to remember:

(see AOH newsletter for more information on events)

March

2nd St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
15th- St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

***May the dreams you hold dearest
Be those which come true and
The kindness you spread
Keep returning to you***

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!