## 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, May 14, 2025** 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.

Thank you to those that attended our **LAOH Fundraiser at The Irish Cottage in Methuen.** We appreciate your support.

**Thank you!** A big thank you goes out to Lisa Breen who hosted our Juniors at her farm in Salem, NH for their April meeting. The girls got to feed the animals which included baby lambs, chickens and two beautiful horses. The Juniors sure are a lucky bunch with these caring individuals looking after them!

May 22, 2025 - LAOH Fundraiser at The Claddagh Pub in Methuen - Come for a delicious dinner between the hours of 4:00PM – 10:00PM and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverages (dine in or take out) from all of the checks with the enclosed flyer is given to Division 8 LAOH. Again, this is a great fundraiser and will benefit our scholarship fund. We are asking all of our Hibernian members to please support it. Please spread the word and copy the flyer for your friends. One does not have to be a Hibernian to have the 20% come to us as long as they have the flyer in hand.

An Gorta Mor: Great Hunger Commemoration – 2025 -Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a Commemoration of the Great Hunger on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the An Gorta Mor Memorial in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA at 11:00 pm. During this service we will also remember all our deceased members. The commemoration will include: a memorial service led by our Division Chaplain, the Very Rev. John W. Delaney, V.F; a short address by our Division Historian, Frank O'Connor Jr., 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. More information will be available at our May 14th Monthly Meeting. All AOH & LAOH members, their families and friends are welcome.

**Scholarships:** The Division offers several scholarships for graduating seniors and one for a graduating eighth grader who will be attending a Catholic High School. Applications requirements were shown on last month's newsletter 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, 2025.

**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.

<u>DUES ARE NOW DUE – PLEASE</u> send your checks for \$30.00 for your 2025 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 <u>Venmo</u>, our Venmo account is: @JABuckley. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne-Marie at 978-794-0911.

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 Christina Edler at 978-390-1464 or Isabelle Gannon at 978-688-4358 for more information.

## **Upcoming dates to remember:**

## May

10<sup>th</sup> Scholarship application deadline
14<sup>th</sup> Division meeting
22<sup>nd</sup> LAOH Fundraiser at The Claddagh Pub and Restaurant to benefit our Scholarship Fund
(Flyer enclosed)

24th - An Gorta Morta Memorial

There is but one
And only one
Whose love will
Fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun
With constant fond endeavor.

There is but one and only one on Earth there is no other.
In Heaven a noble work was done
When God gave man a mother.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY