

**REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY DIVISION 8  
LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

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**LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST**

**September Monthly Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held downstairs at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:30PM after the joint meeting with the men at 7:00PM.** Please try to make the effort to attend.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our own Helen Nassar! She turns 66 on September 25, 2023!

**New Division 8 Home Search:** As many of you have heard, the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant will be moving from its Lawrence location at the end of the year and hopes to open in a new location soon. We want to thank Brian and his staff for the many courtesies that they extended to us in the 20 plus years we have been there. A search committee has been appointed to look for a new (hopefully temporary) location for us to meet. The committee is comprised of AOH members Mark Alaimo, Jack Lahey and Keith Murphy and LAOH members, Ellen Melvin, Susan Fink and Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. A progress report will be given at our September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Anticipated Congrats to the AOH on a very successful Cornhole tournament being held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Claddagh. It will surely be a bunch of fun and they hope to schedule another in the future.

**State Board Meeting:** A joint AOH/LAOH State Board meeting is to be held before we individually split up into AOH State Board and LAOH State Board meetings on **September 10, 2023** at 11:00AM at the Watertown AOH Home at 151 Watertown St., Watertown, MA. Separate Board meetings are to follow at 12:00PM. **ALL** members are welcome to attend.

**Save the Date:** Division 8 LAOH has a couple of events scheduled and we are all hoping that we have a good turnout at all. Enclosed you will find a flyer on the **Afternoon of Irish Music with the Jolly Tinkers** event to take place at The Claddagh Pub and Restaurant on **September 17, 2023 (Halfway to St. Patrick's Day)** from 1- 4 and on **October 20, 2023**, we are holding a **3 card bingo night**, also to be held at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant at 6:30-9.

We are asking that members and friends attend so that we can have a great time. Please spread the word. See the enclosed flyers. Signups will be available at the next two meetings. Thank you to the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant for the hospitality in hosting these events.

The Hibernians will have a booth at the **Lowell Irish Festival** to help promote the organization and recruit members. It is taking place on **September 23, 2023**. The link that can be accessed for information about the Festival and tickets is [www.lowellirishfestival.com](http://www.lowellirishfestival.com).

**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.

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.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

***September 10, 2023– State Board meeting at the Watertown AOH Home***

***September 13, 2023 – Division meeting at the Claddagh Pub @ 7:00PM***

***September 17, 2022 – An Afternoon of Irish Music with the Jolly Tinkers at the Claddagh Pub @ 1:00PM  
(well before the Pat’s game)  
(Partially funded by the Lawrence Cultural Council)***

***October 20, 2023 – 3 Card Bingo – Claddagh Pub @ 6:30PM***

***December 10, 2023– Our third annual Irish Christmas Festival with entertainment and vendors  
(downstairs in the Claddagh Pub)  
And an Irish Ceili with the Silver Spears and dancing (upstairs)  
sponsored by the O’Shea Chaplin School of Irish Dance  
(both partially funded by the Lawrence Cultural Council)***

“In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life:  
it goes on.”

— Robert Frost