

**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 8, 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.



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. After they went on a short tractor ride, they and their moms were treated to a delicious dinner by Lisa's brother, Christian, the owner of the Black Water Grill in Salem. The Juniors sure are a lucky bunch with these caring individuals looking after them!

Division 8 AOH Diaper Drive: This will be at our upcoming May 8 meeting in honor of Mother's Day. Items to be collected include diapers (preemies and 3-6 sizes preferred), baby wipes, baby formula or gift cards to Market Basket, Target, or Walmart. Items will be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center and/or Lazarus House. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

An Gorta Mor: Great Hunger Commemoration – 2024 -Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a Commemoration of the Great Hunger on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the An Gorta Mor Memorial in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA at 1:00 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 8th Monthly Meeting. All AOH & LAOH members, their families and friends are welcome.

Looking forward: Plans are in the works for (1) a bus trip to Fenway Park with a restaurant stop, (2) a bus trip to the Brook in Seabrook with a restaurant stop and (3) a bus trip to JFK Library with a restaurant stop. We are also planning a few events that will be shared with the Elks.

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.

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, 2024.

Our LAOH and AOH National Convention: Our National Convention is to be held in Orlando, FL from August 7-11. Any member in good standing that would like to attend, please notify your President.

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.

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:

MAY

8th Division meeting
10th - Scholarship application deadline

JUNE

1st – An Gorta Morta Memorial
12th Division meeting

***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