

**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, March 13, 2019** at 7:30PM after the joint meeting with the men at 7:00PM. Please try to make the effort to attend. **Division 8 AOH will be providing Corned Beef sandwiches to the AOH and LAOH before the meeting beginning at 6:15. Reminder: The Carroll Family has graciously offered to bring the desserts for this meeting.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please see the Mens' newsletter for information on many activities that are being held over the next month.

March 23, 2019 at 1:00PM – ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - Anyone interested in walking or riding in the parade please contact Keith Murphy at 978 688 9295 or Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty at 978-794-0911 (home) or 978-390-3400 (cell).

ST. BRIGID'S TEA - More information will be given at our March meeting and in our next newsletter.

DUES ARE NOW DUE - Please send your checks for \$30 for your 2019 LAOH dues to: Joyce Buckley, 30 Marique Dr., Lawrence, MA. 01843. 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.**

Applications for **membership** forms are available through your officers or at a Division meeting. Consider having a friend or relative join. Contact Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty at 978-794-0911 for more information. **The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members.** Contact Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358. Please help us keep this wonderful organization, young and old, growing!!

100th BIENNIAL MA STATE CONVENTION

Will be held on May 3rd and 4th, 2019 at the Sea Crest Hotel and Resort, North Falmouth, MA. Rooms are \$149 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-225-3110. Be sure to ask for the Ancient Order of Hibernians group rate. The group rate will be available April 30-May 7, 2019. Information will once again be available at the upcoming meeting about the meal package and activities that are planned in addition to the mandatory meetings on Saturday. Make your plans to attend. **This is a great way to meet members from other divisions around the State and to renew friendships.** Not only that, we have four members of Division 8 moving into higher office. Margaret O'Connor for Office of LAOH State President, Cathy Callahan for the Office of LAOH Missions & Charities, Jack Lahey for the Office of AOH State President and Keith Murphy for the Office of AOH State Secretary. They represent us, we should support them! At the next meeting, we will be asking for members to attend as delegates. If there are any questions, please feel free to ask Margaret O'Connor at 978-618-4063.

LAOH DIVISION CLOTHING

Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty has made arrangements with Exquisite Stitches to sell Division hats, polo shirts, jersey tee shirts, knit scarfs, hooded sweatshirts and vests and jackets to members. Sample sizes travel with Anne-Marie to the meetings so feel free to decide on sizes when you come. **All the more reason to attend a meeting!**

PLANS

Over the next few months, trips are being planned to visit the JFK Library as well as a Fenway Park tour, a casino trip, 45's tournaments and Left Right Center games, as well as afternoons of Irish entertainment. But we need your support to schedule these types of trips and events. Call your friends and relatives as all are welcome, Hibernian or not. **It is a great way to get people interested in becoming a member!**

DEGREES

Our State Vice President, Margaret O'Connor is working with our National liaison regarding degrees. She will provide an update at the next meeting and follow-up in the next newsletter. This is an important element in being a Hibernian and the Division would be honored if those that do not have their degrees yet would obtain them.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Division offers several scholarships for graduating seniors and one for a graduating eighth grader. Applications were distributed in last month's mailing and are also available on our website and from Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. They are due no later than April 5, 2019. Scholarships are awarded at the St. Brigid's Tea (date to be determined).

MEMBERSHIP

As you can tell by now, the theme of this month's newsletter is **MEMBERSHIP!** Want to win a piece of LAOH gear? Every LAOH member in attendance for the monthly meetings will get a ticket into a raffle. You can also get another ticket for paying your dues. The raffle will be pulled during the June meeting so you could have five chances to win! (March, April, May, June meetings and your paid dues). LAOH Members who have already paid their dues will get one ticket into the raffle. See you at the next meeting and do not forget your dues!

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. Our newsletter is posted on the first of every month. Please take a look at the website that has an abundance of information.

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

Sympathy goes out to Jackie Lamprey on the loss of her sister, Louise "Billie" Richter. May she rest in peace.

Upcoming dates to remember:

(see AOH newsletter for more information on events)

March

- 1st Irish Flag Raising
- 2nd St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
- 15th St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
- 23rd St. Patrick's Day Parade

April

- 5th Scholarship application deadline
- 24th LAOH Fundraiser at The Irish Cottage

May

- 3rd-4th 100th Biennial MA State Convention

*May your home be blessed with friendship, and your heart be touched by love,
May your days be full of laughter, and many blessings from above.*

*May your days be free from worry, and your thoughts be free from care'
May your faith grow strong through, God's great love, so wonderful to share,*

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!