

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

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**LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST**

**IMPORTANT: May Monthly Meeting Location Change:** Our May 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting will be held at the Offices of American Training, 6 Campanelli Dr, Andover, MA. A Cookout will be held prior to our Monthly Meetings beginning at 6 pm compliments of Tom Connors of American Training. As noted above, our Joint Meeting with the AOH will begin @ 7 pm and Division 8 LAOH Monthly Meeting will follow. As a reminder: American Training is no longer located in the Lawrence Industrial Park, but on Campanelli Drive in Andover. Campanelli Drive is located off of Old River Rd in Andover near the Courtyard Hotel and Doubletree Hotel in Andover Hope you can join us!

Sincere ***Congratulations*** to **Margaret O'Connor** our new State LAOH President, **Cathy Callahan**, our new State LAOH Missions and Charities officer, **Jack Lahey**, our new State AOH President and **Keith Murphy** our new AOH State Secretary. You sure do our Division proud by representing us. Thank you to all the delegates that attended as well to represent each and every one us. It is much appreciated.

**Scholarship Winners:** Congratulations to our scholarship winners. We are happy to announce the winners of our 2019 scholarships. The winner of the \$1000.00 Margaret Webb Scholarship is the Treasurer of our Junior Division, Erin O'Neill and the winner of the \$1000.00 Eileen Donovan scholarship is the President of our Junior Division, Emilie Fiore. The winner of the \$750.00 LAOH Scholarship is Daxylee Murphy and the Winner of the \$500.00 LAOH Scholarship is Brigid Lamprey. All recipients were very talented and deserving candidates.



**Thinking ahead:**

Commemoration of the Great Hunger and awarding of a 50 Year AOH Membership Pins to those who are celebrating their Golden Anniversary as members of Division 8, as well as AOH & LAOH Veteran Pins to members who served in the US Armed forces on **Saturday, June 1, 2019** at the **An Gorta Mor Memorial** in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA at **1:00 pm**.

The commemoration will include: a memorial service led by our Division Chaplain, the Very Rev. John W. Delaney, V.F; a short address by Bob Bateman, Past National Historian and member of Division 8, the awarding of the 50 Year AOH Membership Pins and AOH & LAOH Veterans Pins 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.**

**Fenway Park Tour/Bunratty Tavern Trip - Sunday, June 30, 2019.** The bus will leave the Claddagh Pub at 9:30AM on Sunday, June 30, 2019 for a 10:30AM scheduled tour of Fenway Park. The bus will leave the Park at approximately noon and we will travel to Bunratty Tavern in Reading. (NOTE change of restaurant). A limited luncheon menu will be provided for us. We will be back at the Claddagh by approximately 2:30PM. PLEASE JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS. ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HIBERNIANS TO COME ALONG WITH US. A sign up sheet will be available at the May and June meetings. And cutoff will be June 15, 2019. The price, which includes the bus and the Fenway tour, is \$42.00. Lunch is on your own. Please call Anne-Marie at 978-794-0911 if more information is needed.

**Sympathy** – our sympathy goes out to Jackie Lamprey on the loss of her nephew, James Finn, Jr., also the son of past Division President, James Finn. May he rest in peace.

**REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE...** 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 two more chances to win! (May and 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!

**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!**

**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!!

**Did you know: Number of Irish Americans: 34.5 million.**

According to the Census, there are **34.5 million** Americans who list their heritage as either primarily or partially Irish. That number is, incidentally, **seven** times larger than the population of Ireland itself (**4.68 million**). Irish is the second-most common ancestry among Americans, falling just behind German.

**Interesting:** In Massachusetts, **21.5** percent of the population — or just under **1.5 million** people — claimed Irish ancestry, according to the survey.

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 on the first of every month on the above noted website. 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.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Division meeting at the Offices of American Training, 6 Campanelli Dr, Andover, MA.**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup>** *An Gorta Mor Memorial*  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>**                      **Fenway Park Tour/Bunratty Tavern**

May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day.  
May songbirds serenade you every step along the way.  
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue.  
And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through.  
~Irish Blessing