**Ancient Order of Hibernians**

of Hampden Hampshire Counties

PO Box 6535 Holyoke, MA 01041-6535

Next meeting – AOH – Monday, November 7, 7 p.m. at The Wherehouse?

LAOH – Monday, November 7, 6 p.m. at The Wherehouse?

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  **Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 term will be held at the November 7 meeting.** The following members have been nominated: Joe O’Connor, President; Patrick Hogan, VP; Jay Whelihan, Treasurer; Peter Hogan, Financial Secretary; Owen Donohue, Recording Secretary; and Steve Suprenant, Sargeant at Arms. Nominations will close and voting will take place.

  **2023 March Saint Patrick Calendar raffle tickets will be on sale at the November meeting.** The price is $10 and make great stocking stuffers for Christmas. Last year we sold out all 350 tickets. Get yours early by attending a meeting or by calling Peter Hogan at 330-6635 or pjhogan71@gmail.com.

 **Jennie Adamczyk, Executive Director of Providence Ministries has sent out a plea to replenish the food pantry for the winter.** The following items are needed: soup, ramen noodles; meals in a can, ravioli, spaghetti, meatballs, beef stew, canned tuna, snacks, desserts, cookies, cake mix, brownie mix, granola bars, stuffing, instant potatoes, Pasta Roni, pasta, baked beans, oatmeal, canned cranberry sauce and turkey gravy.

 **The Providence Ministries for the Needy is unable to staff Kate’s Kitchen on the weekends. So, on Sunday, November 20 and December 18 we will again be making PB&J sandwiches.** Thank you to Deb Schaier and the Holy Cross Springfield Cursillo group for helping at Kate’s in October.

 **Working with AOH member James Kelly and the Polish National Credit Union,** the AOH and LAOH are combining efforts for a food drive. More information to follow.

 **Members who owe dues for more than 3 years, please contact Peter Hogan at 330-6635 or** **pjhogan71@gmail.com****. At the November meeting your membership will be suspended.** If you are not sure of your membership status, please contact Peter.

 **With the Saint Patrick’s Parade only 5 months away, Peter Hogan is checking into the cost to shrink-wrap the AOH floats.** Right now they are outside under 2 tarps, not so water-tight.

 **The Healy’s Irish Radio is now broadcasting at Kool Radio WACM 100.1 FM 1270 AM on Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm.** You can also listen to their program at your leisure on the internet at www.healysirishprogram.com.

 **At the November meeting there will be continued discussion on the Adult Christmas Party**, Communion Breakfast, Irish Night, Summer Picnic and Food drive.

**LAOH News**

 **The President's Dinner in Watertown was a successful event to raise money for the State Convention.** Paul Hogan was remembered and honored for his service to the Massachusetts Hibernians.

 **The LAOH (and the AOH) will be choosing new Hibernians of the Year for 2023**, in preparation for the Christmas season.

 **Have you asked to help stitch the award winning, decorative, soon to be family treasure LAOH quilt?** Quilters are hard at work and looking for volunteers, if you would like to help, contact, Paula Paoli at 210-6031.

 **Monsignor David Joyce is one of the parishioners of St. Jerome Church to be mentioned in a Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, November 6, at 10:30 a.m. Parishioners are also mentioned in a special book.**

 **Yearly dues for the LAOH are $25.00.** If you are unsure if you owe dues at this time, please contact Pat Murphy at 413-530-3121, or 413-530-9165, Paula Paoli at 413-210-6031.

**A Mass for St Brigid has been requested for Feb.5 at 8:00 a.m., and the Mass to remember deceased Hibernians is scheduled for March 12, at 8:00 a.m., both at St. Jerome’s.**

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 **Upcoming Events:**

**Kate’s Kitchen** – PB&J sandwich making on Sunday**,** November 20 and December 18.

**Adult Christmas Party-** Details to follow.

**St Brigid’s Mass** – A Sunday Feb 5, 8 a.m. at St. Jerome Church

**Irish Nite** – Saturday, February 25 at The Log Cabin with details to follow

**Communion Breakfast and Mass in Remembrance for deceased Hibernians** - Sunday, March 12, 8:00 at St. Jerome Church.

**ICC News / The Trinity Pub**

**The Trinity Pub at the Irish Cultural Center is open 5 days a week; Wednesday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Remember the AOH in Your Will**

**Please consider the Order when writing or rewriting your will,** and add a paragraph with the lines of “I leave to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America (X percent of my estate or a specific dollar amount) for its charitable works.”

 **In continued memory of Doc Dean and our commitment to Kate’s Kitchen.**  Providence Ministries is in need of canned goods. Please bring a can or two to the meeting on Monday night.

 **Danny Bresnahan, your name card was picked at the October meeting for the 50/50 raffle. Too bad, you weren’t at the meeting.** There hasn’t been a winner since the pandemic started. The pot is almost overflowing. You have to be in attendance to win. See everyone on Monday night.

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