



THE REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY OSA DIVISION 8  
ANCIENT ORDER of HIBERNIANS  
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

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Established: 1871

*Happy Mother's Day!*

May 2023

*Celebrating 152 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity, and Community."*

**MEETING NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, on the second floor following the Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM on the first floor of the CLADDAGH, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA.

**Great Hunger Commemoration – Saturday June 3, 2023:** Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a Commemoration of the Great Hunger on **Saturday, June 3, 2023**, 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 10th Monthly Meeting. **All AOH & LAOH members, their families and friends are welcome.**

**Division 8 Scholarship Update:** Our Scholarship Panel will soon announce the recipients of this year's Division Scholarships. We thank all applicants for their interest and wish them all much success. Our scholarships will be presented on Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:30 pm at the ice cream social with the LAOH scholarship recipients.

**The AOH/LAOH Massachusetts State Convention:** The AOH/LAOH State Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Hyannis over the weekend of May 5 – 7. We wish all the candidates from Division 8 success in their quest for state office! They are **Keith M. Murphy** for AOH Mass State Secretary; **Jack Lahey** for AOH Mass State Treasurer; **Cathy Callahan** for LAOH Mass State Vice President; **Carol Calderone** for LAOH Mass State Historian and **Susan Fink** for LAOH Mass State Chairlady of Catholic Action.

**The AOH Essex County Convention:** At the AOH Essex County Convention held on April 1 at the Home of Division 10 AOH in Lynn. The following members of Division 8 were elected to office. **Keith Murphy**, Essex County President; **Kevin Walsh**, Essex County Chairman of the Standing Committee and **Frank O'Connor, Jr.** Essex County Sentinel. Congratulations. We know you will represent us well!

**New Mailing Address?** If so, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842, **so that you will continue to receive your Monthly Newsletter and Hibernian Mailings**

**AOH National Board Scholarships:** The AOH National Board offers two (2) Study Abroad College Scholarships for a member, the son or daughter or grandchild of an AOH member who has been accepted at a college in Ireland, and a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Program Summer Program for high school students. For more information, please contact Bill Sullivan.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** We apologize to those who came to our April 12th Monthly Meeting and found the Claddagh closed. We were notified shortly before 5 pm that the Claddagh had plumbing issues and could not open. As a result, a decision was made to hold our Joint meeting in the parking lot, and to cancel our April Monthly Men's Meeting. We apologize for this inconvenience.

**Division 8 Website:** For the latest updates on our events, please take a look at Division 8's website that is regularly updated, Google: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

**Scholarship Benefit:** The 30th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2023**, at the **Relief's Inn at 7 pm**. The Roll Call of 18 Heroes will take place. For tickets, please contact Hoppy Curran at 978 685 7407.

**2023 Dues Past Due:** If your AOH Membership Card reads 2022, your dues are past due. Please send your check for \$30 for your 2023 AOH dues to: **Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03079**. Dues may also be paid at our May 10 Monthly Meeting.

**Do You Know Someone interested in Joining Division 8?** If so, please contact our Division Organizer @ [aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com](mailto:aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com) for an application & more info.

**Sick Committee:** Please send a note of cheer to those who are on this month's sick list; **Jerry Bateman**, 399 Main Street, North Andover, MA 01845, **Joe Danahy**, 5 Stonewall Circle, Newton, NH 03858, **Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 01845, **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079, **Neil Perry**, PO Box 2156, Methuen, MA 01844, and **Joe Sipsey**, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844.

**Parking:** The parking lot, besides the Claddagh, is now privately owned. If the Claddagh parking lot is filled, we suggest street parking or other parking in the area that is free.

**Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing?** If so, please contact Tim Doherty at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com)

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Past AOH Essex County President, **Robert Kane** who died on March 24; to the family **Tonie Trainor** who passed on April 1 and to the family of **Marguerite Keene** who passed on April 9. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Our 2023 AOH Cornhole Tournament will be held on Saturday September 9th @ 1 pm in the Claddagh Pub Parking Lot. Registration Forms for this event are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more updates!

***T' is a Blessing to be Irish, an Honor to be a Hibernian!***