



**THE REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY OSA DIVISION 8  
ANCIENT ORDER of HIBERNIANS  
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS  
<http://www.div8aoh.com/>**

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*A Happy and Blessed Easter To All!!!*

April 2020

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA. Due to the COVID - 19 virus, please check our Division Website <http://www.div8aoh.com/> or your email to see if our meeting is cancelled due to this virus.

**Joint Meeting:** Division 8 AOH and LAOH is scheduled to hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the Claddagh. Due to the COVID - 19 virus, please check our Division Website or your email to see if our meeting is cancelled due to this virus.

**2020 Irish Heritage Month Like No Other:** Irish Heritage Month 2020 offered us much promise as it began. Unfortunately, things quickly changed on Monday, March 9 as the Irish World began to unravel very quickly. We must look at this disruption in our activities as just a bump in the road and remember better days are ahead. Hopefully, by cancelling the many Irish events throughout the area that were to take place, many will be spared from sickness and loss of life. Our sincere **Thanks** to all Brother and Sister Hibernians who helped to make our Irish Month activities that did take place successful. **PLEASE NOTE:** Some of our scheduled events that were not held have been postponed until the fall. More later.

**Food Drive:** Our sincere **Thanks** to those who donated to our Food Drive at our March Meeting. Sincere **Thanks** also to Mark Alaimo for coordinating this project. All items were donated to Lazarus House.

**Thank You!** Our sincere **THANKS** is extended to those who purchased tickets for the autographed "**J. D. Martinez**" baseball. The winner of the baseball was **Rick Dube** of Andover. Special thanks to **Keith Murphy & Mike Miller** for coordinating this activity and to **Pat Burke** for donating the baseball.

**AOH & LAOH National Convention:** The 2020 AOH & LAOH National Convention is scheduled to be held in Orlando, FL from July 22 - 25. If you are interested in being a delegate, please sign up with our Recording Secretary at our April Meeting, or email: [division8aoh@verizon.net](mailto:division8aoh@verizon.net) prior to our April Meeting. **Delegates will be elected at our April Meeting.**

**Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing?** Division 8 has a large selection of AOH clothing apparel. Interested? If so, please contact Tim Doherty at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com)

**Sick Committee:** Please send a note of cheer to our members on this month's sick list:

**Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 0184; **Thomas Garvey**, Bear Mountain at Andover, 80 Andover Street, Andover, MA 01810; **Patricia Lyons**, Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, MA 01845; **Margaret Quirke**, Ivy Hill Court, 337 Main Street, Haverhill, Ma 01830, **Gerry Rheume**, Whittier Rehab Hospital, 145 Ward Hill Ave, Bradford, MA 01835 and **George Thomas**, 3 Kacie Lane, East Hampstead, NH 03826.

**Division 8 AOH Scholarships:** Scholarship applications for Division 8's ***\$500 Catholic High School Scholarship***; the Division's ***\$500 Scholarship for a Study Abroad Program in Ireland***; both of these scholarships are available to the son or daughter of a member of Division 8 AOH, as well as Division 8's ***\$750 College Scholarship*** for the son, daughter or grandchildren of a member of Division 8 who is a graduating high school senior can be obtained at our April Monthly Meeting or by writing to: Robert Gauthier, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 01845. To be eligible for all scholarships, one must be a member of Division 8 for a period of at least one year. ***Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2020***

**AOH National Board Scholarships:** The AOH offers two (2) Study Abroad Scholarships for 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 for high school students. For more info contact Bill Sullivan.

**Change of Address:** If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842 so that we can keep you up to date on Hibernian Events!

**Dues Past Due:** If your AOH Membership Card reads 2019, your dues are past due. Please send your check for \$25 for your 2020 AOH dues to: ***Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03073***. Dues may also be paid at our April Meeting. ***Thanks!***

**Massachusetts State Board News:** A meeting of the AOH Mass State Board is scheduled to take place on ***Saturday, April 4, 2020 @11 am*** at the Home of Division 18 in Salem, MA. ***All are welcome!***

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to Neil P. Perry on the passing of his Mother, ***Patricia Perry***, who died on March 7, and to the family of ***Sister Margaret Shine SC***, who died on March 10. May their souls and the souls of our departed members, rest in peace.

**Project Saint Patrick!** To help provide stipends to those who seek a religious vocation in the Catholic Church, the AOH and LAOH have established Project St. Patrick. Please consider using the Project St Patrick Prayer Cards, which help financially those seeking a religious vocation. For more information please contact our Project St Patrick Chairman, ***Bob Moran*** at: [docbob4@me.com](mailto:docbob4@me.com),

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 29th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on ***Saturday, May 2, 2020***. The Roll Call of 18 Heroes will take place. For tickets please contact Hoppy Curran at 978 685 7407.

**Do You Have an E-Mail Address?** If so, please e-mail it to Jack Lahey, so we can keep you up to date on ***Hibernian News***. Jack's e-mail address is: [limeric@comcast.net](mailto:limeric@comcast.net).

**A NOTE OF THANKS:** ***Our Sincere Thanks to the Lawrence Cultural Council***, who helped sponsor many of our 2020 Irish Heritage Month events. Some events have been postponed to the fall. Without the ***Lawrence Cultural Council's*** support, many of these events would not be possible.

