



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

**Established: 1871**

***Happy Easter***

***April 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 is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, April 12, 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.**

**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. At our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, elected to represent Division 8 at the State Convention were: ***Bob Collins, Tim Doherty, Mike Lavin, Michael Miller, Donald Pelletier, John Michael Pelletier, and Kevin Walsh.***

**The AOH Essex County Convention:** The AOH Essex County Convention will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 10 am at the Home of Division 10 AOH in Lynn. Elected at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to represent Division 8 at this convention were: ***Bob Collins, and Frank O'Connor, Jr.***

**Scholarships Anyone?:** Scholarship applications for Division 8's ***\$500 Catholic High School Scholarship;*** and the Division's ***\$500 Scholarship for a Study Abroad Program in Ireland;*** are available to a member, the son or daughter of a member; and, Division 8's ***\$750 College Scholarship*** is available to a member, the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter 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. ***Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2023.***

**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 for high school students. For information, please contact Bill Sullivan.

**Irish Heritage Month 2023:** Irish Heritage Month 2023 is now history. Our ***Thanks*** to all brother and sister Hibernians who made our multi-faceted Irish Month activities successful. Your help, participation and cooperation added to these festive events!

**Canned Food Drive:** Our sincere ***Thanks*** is extended to those who donated to the Canned Food Drive at our March Meeting. All items were donated to a local Food Pantry.

**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/>**

**Our Sincere Thanks:** Our sincere thanks are extended to **Brian Carnahan** and **Jim Jacobs** for their very recent donations to Division 8. Your generosity is much appreciated by all our members.

**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 April 12 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, **Joe Sipsey**, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844, and **Toni Trainor**, 3 Shaloo Rd, Billerica, MA 01826

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to Justine G. Croteau, on the passing of her brother, **Thomas M. Foley** who died on February 23, and to Matt Reilly on the passing of his wife, **Moira Reilly**, who died on March 11, to Mike Greenler on the passing of his uncle, **John J. Greenler M.D.**, who passed on on March 14, and to Edward "Ted" Snell on the passing of his son, **Christopher D. Snell**, who died on March 17. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

**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**.

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

**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.

**A NOTE OF THANKS:** Our **Sincere Thanks** to the **Lawrence Cultural Council**, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, who helped sponsor many of our Irish Heritage Month activities during March. Without the **Lawrence Cultural Council's** support, many events may not have taken place.

