



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

Established: 1871

<http://www.div8aoh.com/>

November 2021

*Celebrating 150 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community."*

**November Monthly Meeting:** 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, November 10, 2021, at 7 PM **IN PERSON AT THE CLADDAGH**, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA on the second floor. We will not have a Joint AOH/LAOH Meeting this month. If this should change, or if there are any other updates regarding this meeting, it will be posted on our Division website. Please note that masks are optional unless you are NOT VACCINATED or the Claddagh, City of Lawrence or the State of Massachusetts make them mandatory. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be available for those who wish to wear one, as well as Hand Sanitizer. We believe these safeguards will provide for a safe and enjoyable November Meeting.

**November Meeting to Feature Election of Officers:** At our October 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting the following names were placed in nomination for office for a one-year term. (2022)

<b>President:</b>	William J. Sullivan
<b>Vice President</b>	Keith M. Murphy
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Eric Alaimo
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	John T. Lahey
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Michael P. Miller
<b>Standing Committee:</b>	Timothy Doherty
<b>Marshall:</b>	Robert R. Gauthier
<b>Sentinel</b>	Kevin Walsh

The election of Officers will take place at our November 10, 2021, Meeting.

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

**Will You Be a Part of History???** Included with this month's newsletter is a calendar of events that will mark Division 8's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. You will read that these events include an **Author/ Lecture Series, a Flag Raising Ceremony, a Concert, and a Cabaret**. The Cabaret will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup>, the exact same day, that in 1871 Division 8 was organized. **A 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration comes only once in a lifetime! By attending these events you will be a part of Division 8's history!** Tickets for the Cabaret cost \$15 and can be obtained by **calling Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192**. You are encouraged to bring your own munchies and snacks on that night.

## *PLEASE JOIN US!!!*

**150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1871-2021**

**AOH DIVISION 8 - LAWRENCE, MA**

**Dedicated to Religion, Heritage, Charity & Community**

**Music by the Silver Spears**

**O'SHEA-CHAPLIN IRISH STEP DANCERS & More**

**Friday, November 5, 2021, 7:00 -11:00 PM**

**Elk's Hall 652 ANDOVER ST. LAWRENCE MA**

**Cash Bar Bring your own Munchies**

**\$15.00**

**NO: 1871**

**Sick Committee:** Please say a prayer and send a note of cheer to our members on this month's sick list: **Bob Bateman**, 16 Rockledge Ave 5P1, Ossining, NY 10562; **Joseph Danahy**, 5 Stonewall Circle, Newton, NH 03858; **Irene Dixon**, 140 Prescott St, North Andover, MA 01845; **Anne Gauthier**, 330 Sutton St, North Andover, MA 01845 and **Patricia Lyons**, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 0184

**AOH National Board Scholarships:** The AOH National Board offers two (2) College Study Abroad Scholarships for study in Ireland. For more information go to: **AOH.com. /Scholarships**

**Congratulations:** Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Aaron Canney** on the birth of his daughter, **Sawyer Grace**, on October 8.

**Interested in AOH Clothing?** Please visit Division 8's clothing featuring our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo on our Division Website. For more info contact Tim Doherty @ 603 203 3282.

**Annual Christmas Appeal:** All members will soon receive information on our annual Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal. Please be generous to this cause, **Thank you!**

**Division 8 Website:** Please visit Division 8's website that is regularly updated with the latest information by our Webmaster, John Michael Pelletier. The website address is:  
<http://www.div8aoh.com/>

**Christmas Party:** Mark your calendar for our AOH/LAOH Christmas Party which will be held on **Wednesday evening, December 8** at the Claddagh. More information will be available at our November Meeting. This event is open to all Hibernians, their families, and friends. Your guests do not have to be members of the LAOH or AOH to attend.



**Division 8's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is supported in part by a grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency**

## **It's Time to Celebrate Division 8's 150th Anniversary!!!**

***"150 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community"***

***How many organizations do you know that are still in existence today after 150 years?*** Well, the Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA Division Eight AOH was founded on November 5, 1871, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and for the past 150 years has helped preserve Irish culture, history and traditions in a multifaceted way. The talents of its members have been recognized beyond the borders of the Lawrence area. The Men's Division has produced two National Presidents, and the Ladies Division one. In addition to these three National Presidents, three members have served as National Directors of the Order. Several members have gone on to serve in elected and appointed positions at the National, State and County Board levels.

Division 8 locally due, to your support, has been involved in a host of community endeavors and has been supportive of many civic and charitable causes. The Division yearly hosts numerous social events and activities and has scholarship opportunities on the high school and college level, including a college scholarship for study in Ireland.

Division 8, under the guidance of the late David R. Burke, developed; and today volunteer members assist in maintaining a collection of over 20,000 plus Irish books, media and memorabilia that is housed at the South Lawrence Branch Library in Lawrence. This collection is one of the largest Irish Collections on the east coast of the United States, which in itself is a remarkable achievement. Division 8 today has partnered in many cultural endeavors with the New England Irish Cultural Center in Canton, MA, the Burns Library at Boston College, the Maine Irish Heritage Center in Portland Maine amongst others.

In 2006, Division 8 erected a \$40,000 Great Hunger Memorial at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery to honor the memory not only for the victims of this event, but for all the Irish who came before us and settled in the Greater Lawrence area. In May of each year, the Division holds a service at the Memorial for our deceased ancestors and members.

As you are aware, Division 8 AOH meets at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant on the second Wednesday of each month. Membership is open to those who are 16 years of age or older; Irish by birth, descent, or adoption, and who are practicing Catholics. If you know of someone who would like to join our Division, please email: [division8aoh@verizon.net](mailto:division8aoh@verizon.net)

In recognition of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone, Division 8 is hosting a number of events for our 150th Anniversary Celebration which will continue into 2022. A listing of some of these events planned to recognize Division 8's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for this fall is noted on the reverse side of this page. ***Honor your Division and those who came before us, by attending some or all of these events. By doing so you will be part of history!*** Division 8's milestone event is supported in part by a grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

***What have you done for your Division today?***



**Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA Division Eight  
Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Lawrence, Massachusetts**

*"150 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community"*

***Celebrating 150 Years of Irish Culture in the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts!  
Division 8 AOH 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

***Saturday, October 30, 2021: Lecture by Professor Richard Padova of Northern Essex Community College on "The Irish Settlement of Lawrence" at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH (FREE) – Handicap Accessible***

***Sunday, October 31, 2021 - The 24th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Run or Walk 4 Mile Road Race @ 11:00 a.m. (Rain or Shine) Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Start/Finish: Claddagh Pub 399 Canal St. Lawrence, MA – For more information & race applications, please e-mail [Hopyy Curran](mailto:HopyyCurran), Race Director at: [TheCooze14@yahoo.com](mailto:TheCooze14@yahoo.com)***

***Friday, November 5, 2021 - IRISH FLAG RAISING Across from City Hall – Common St. @11 a.m.***

***Friday, November 5, 2021 - THE 150th Anniversary Celebration of Division 8 AOH at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA featuring the Silver Spears Irish Showband, the O'Shea-Chaplin Irish Step Dancers and more. 7 pm – 11 pm – Awarding of the 50 Year AOH Membership Pins. For more information, please contact Jack Lahey at 603 560 8192. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH – Handicap Accessible***

***Saturday, November 13, 2021 - IRISH AUTHOR SERIES: with Michael Connelly – Mr. Connelly will discuss his book, "Murkey Overhead" - at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm. Copies of Mr. Connelly's book may be purchased beforehand at [www.towerpub.com](http://www.towerpub.com) Sponsored by Division 8 AOH (FREE) – Handicap Accessible***

***Sunday, November 21, 2021 – JOIN PIANIST TERRI KELLEY AND VOCALIST BILL DONELAN FOR A PROGRAM OF CELTIC MELODIES For A TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS A. O'CONNOR SR. - at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm, Presented by Division 8 (FREE) – Handicap Accessible***



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