



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

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

November 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, November 8, 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. Please plan to join us!

**Would You Like Some Irish Memorabilia?** Due to our move from the Claddagh next month, Division 8 will **be giving away FREE Framed Pictures, and other items at our Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.** These items were collected over the last 40 plus years and have been in storage for 20 plus years. Any pictures or items not taken on that night will be donated to other Irish organizations.

**Den Band Concert:** On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> the Veterans Den Band will have a Patriotic Concert and Sing a long in the church hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 22 Plymouth Street, Methuen, MA from 7 – 9 pm. Light refreshments will be served, and a free will-offering will take place. All are welcome.

**AOH & LAOH Division 8 to Host Christmas Party:** Our Annual AOH/LAOH Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm at the **Claddagh on the first floor**, and will feature a buffet, prizes, and entertainment. 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! More information will be available at our November Meeting. ***Come & enjoy the spirit of the season!***

**Looking for a Terrific Christmas Gift?** Tim Doherty has a great selection of Division 8 AOH Clothing that would make terrific gifts. Please check out our division's website to see what clothing items are available. Contact Tim for more information @ 603 203 3282 or at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com)

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to the Jim and Maureen Murphy on the death of Jim's Brother, **William Murphy**, who passed on October 2, and Maureen's aunt, **Sister Elizabeth O'Connor**, who died on October 6. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

**AOH National Board Scholarships:** The AOH National Board offers two (2) College Study Abroad Scholarships, as well as a scholarship for the Irish Way Program, which is a program for American high school. Both of these scholarships are for study in Ireland. For more information go to: [AOH.com/Scholarships](http://AOH.com/Scholarships)

**Saint Patrick Day Chairman Announced:** President Bill Sullivan has appointed the following 2024 Saint Patrick Day Festivities Chairmen: Saint Patrick's Day Banquet & Dance: **Charles Breen**; Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal: **Mark Alaimo** and Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon, **Jack Lahey**.

**Welcome!** **Michael O'Connell** of Andover, MA was initiated as a member of Division 8 at our October Monthly Meeting. Welcome aboard!

**David Burke Golden Bridges Award:** The Irish Echo will present this coveted award **to Former Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan** at the Irish Consulate in Boston on **Thursday, November 16**. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mike!

**Dues Past Due:** If your AOH Membership Card reads **2022**, your dues are past due. Please send your check for \$30 for your 2023 dues to: Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03073

**Congratulations!** **Kathy Savage** of Division 10 in Lynn has been selected to be the first recipient of the Constance Markievicz Award at the National LAOH President's Dinner on November 11 in Ohio. **Our Sincere Congratulations and Best Wishes to Kathy!**

**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.

**Sick Committee:** Please say a prayer and send a note of cheer to those who are on this month's sick list; **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, 5 Sally Sweets Way Room 10A, Salem, NH 03079, and **Bob Mason**, 15 Moraine St, Andover, MA 01810.

**Division 8 Website:** For the latest updates on Hibernian News, please look at Division 8's website that is regularly updated by our Webmaster John Michael Pelletier.

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**FFAI Annual Christmas Appeal:** All members will soon be receiving in the mail information on our Annual Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal. Division 8 has pledged \$1,000 to this drive. Please be generous to this cause. **Thank You!**

**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.**

**Would You Like to Receive Timely Updates of Division 8 Happenings?** If so, please e-mail Jack Lahey. Jack's e-mail address is: [limeric@comcast.net](mailto:limeric@comcast.net).

#### **UPCOMING AOH/LAOH EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, December 13:** Division 8 AOH & LAOH Christmas Party at the Claddagh.

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024** Division 8 Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm at the Elks Hall, Andover St Lawrence

**Saturday, March 2, 2024:** 152 Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance @ the Elks Hall

**Friday, March 15, 2024:** Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon @ Noon at the Elks Hall