



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

Established: 1871

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

October 2021

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

October 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, October 13, 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 October Meeting.

October Meeting to Feature Nomination of Officers: Nomination of Officers for the year 2022 will be accepted at our **October 13, 2021**, Monthly Meeting. Any Brother interested in running for office should be prepared to have his name placed in nomination at this meeting. Before you consider running for office, be sure you can honor your commitment. To be eligible for office, you must be a member of Division 8 for at least a period of one year.

Your Division needs capable, sincere, hardworking officers, who can dedicate their time and talents to the objectives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Elections will be held at our November Monthly Meeting on **November 10, 2021**. Nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

**President - Vice President – Recording Secretary – Financial Secretary - Treasurer –
Chairman of the Standing Committee – Sentinel – Marshall**

Division 8's 150th Anniversary Celebration: On page 4 of this month's newsletter is a calendar of fall events that will mark Division 8's 150th Anniversary Celebration. You will note that this fall's events will include an Author/ Lecture Series, a Flag Raising Ceremony, a Concert, and a Cabaret. The Cabaret will take place on November 5th, the exact same day, that in 1871 Division 8 was organized. A 150th birthday celebration comes only once in a lifetime. 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. Tickets will be available at our October 13th meeting. More information will be available at our October Monthly Meeting.

Division 8 Website: For the latest updates on Hibernian News, please see Division 8's website that is regularly updated by our Webmaster John Michael Pelletier. The website address is:
<http://www.div8aoh.com/>

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

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

Interested in AOH Clothing? Please visit Division 8's newest clothing and apparel featuring our 150th Anniversary Logo on our Division Website.. For more information, please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or call 603 203 3282.

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

Dues Past Due: If your AOH Membership Card reads 2020, your dues are past due. Please send your check for \$25 for your 2021 dues to: Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03073

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**.

Save the Date: The **24th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Run or Walk 4 Mile Road Race** will be held on **Sunday, October 31, 2021**, 11:00 a.m. (Rain or Shine) Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Registration: \$25.00 **Start/Finish:** Claddagh Pub 399 Canal St. Lawrence, MA – For more information & race applications, please e-mail **Hoppy Curran**, Race Director at: TheCooze14@yahoo.com

Please Patronize Our Local Irish Restaurants: The **Irish Cottage** and the **Claddagh Pub** serve terrific food and beverages. Please patronize them when you are looking for a great place to eat at or to get takeout. Thanks!

Congratulations: The Methuen Rotary Club recently presented the 2020-2021 Rotarian of the Year Award to our brother, **John Breen** for his efforts to exhibit the club's motto of "service above self. We are so lucky to have John as a member of our Division. **Congratulations John!**

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to family of **Francis A. O'Connor Sr**, who passed on August 20; to the family of **Elizabeth Pierce** who also passed on August 20 and to the family of **Louise Fitzpatrick**, who died on September 22. May perpetual light always shine upon them.

Would You Like to Receive Timely Updates of Division 8 Happenings? If so, please e-mail Jack Lahey, your email address. Jack's e-mail address is: limeric@comcast.net.

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**.

FFAI Annual Christmas Appeal: All members will soon be receiving in the mail information on our Annual Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal. Please be generous to this cause.

Christmas Party: Mark your calendar now for our Annual AOH/LAOH Christmas Party which will be held on **Wednesday evening, December 8** at the Claddagh. More information will be available soon. 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!

Boston Honors Luncheon: On **October 29** the Boston Irish Magazine will host its Irish Honors Luncheon in Boston. Interested in attending? Please see Bill Sullivan for more information.

Nuts for the Troops! John Cuddy reported that 6 cases of nuts were donated by our members at our September meeting, The nuts were sent to soldiers in Iraq. Thank you for caring!

Bill Bateman Scholarship: The A1 Deli Howard Association is raising funds for a scholarship to Central Catholic High School in memory of William "Billy" Bateman who passed suddenly on June 15, 2021. A dedicated teacher, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Billy was a man of loyalty, perseverance and humility. The worthiest recipient of the Billy Bateman Scholarship will exemplify these characteristics. To make an online donation in memory of Billy, visit: www.centralcatholic.net/giving or, send checks payable to Central Catholic High School. 300 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA 01841 Attn: Billy Bateman Scholarship

PLEASE SEE DIVISION 8 LAOH NEWSLETTER FOR A HOST OF ACTIVITIES THEY ARE HAVING

150th Anniversary Celebration: Please see our **150th Anniversary Celebration Calendar** that is enclosed with this month's newsletter for a listing of all events



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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 150th Anniversary Celebration***

Saturday, October 30, 2021: Lecture by Professor Richard Pardova 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

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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 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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