



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

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

October 2022

Celebrating 151 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity, and Community

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 12, 2022, following the Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM on the first floor of the CLADDAGH, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. The Men's Monthly Meeting will follow on the second floor.

October Meeting to Feature Nomination of Officers: Nomination of Officers for the years 2023 – 2024 will be accepted at our **October 12, 2022**, 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.

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 9, 2022**. Nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

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

AOH/LAOH Mass State Board President's Dinner: The AOH/LAOH Massachusetts State Presidents Dinner will be held on Sunday October 23, 2022. The day will begin with a 12 Noon Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 770 Mt. Auburn St. Watertown, MA. The Presidents Dinner will follow immediately after Mass at the home of Division 14, 151 Watertown St, Watertown, MA.

This dinner will feature a family style offering with the choice of two main dishes: grilled chicken breast with mild Cajun lemon butter on the side and roasted pork loin with pork gravy on the side. Tickets cost \$30 per person, and all checks should be made payable to the AOH/LAOH Convention Committee and received by Friday October 2, 2022. Please mail checks to: Attn. Joe McCusker, Division 14, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471

Major Degree: AOH State Vice President Joe McCusker has decided to postpone the offering of the Major Degree of the Order to a later date. More information will be available when it is announced.

DUES INCREASE PROPOSED: At the recent AOH National Convention held in Pittsburgh, the delegates approved a national assessment increase of \$4.00 per member. At our September 14 Monthly Meeting, a Motion was made to increase our dues from \$25 to \$30 beginning January 1, 2023. This Motion will be voted on at our October 12 Monthly Meeting.

Save the Date: The **25th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Run or Walk 4 Mile Road Race** will be held on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**, 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

WELCOME! At our September 14th meeting, **Kevin O'Donnell** of North Andover **was** initiated as members of Division 8. We hope that Kevin will join with us often at our Monthly Meetings and take an active role in his division's activities

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

Save the Date: **An Irish Afternoon with the Jolly Tinkers** is slated for Sunday, November **27, 2022**. Food will be served. This event is jointly sponsored by Division 8 AOH and LAOH. More information will be in next month's newsletter. A Special thanks to the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant for their hospitality in hosting this event. Tickets will be available at the October and November meetings.

Interested in AOH Clothing? Please visit our division's website to view Division 8's newest clothing and apparel. For more information, please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or call 603 203 3282.

Division 8's Chairman of Veterans Affairs: We are pleased to announce that **Edward "Hoppy" Curran** has been appointed as Division 8's new Chairman of Veterans Affairs. Hoppy has the knowledge and experience in Veterans issues to serve our Veterans well. He will be a great asset to our division!

The Hibernian Irish Collection: After 20 plus years, the Lawrence Public Library has decided to move the Hibernian Irish Collection from the South Lawrence Library to the main library building on Lawrence Street. Materials that the library will not be taking to the Lawrence Street Library (Irish Newspapers, magazines, CD's and VCR tapes) are being donated to other Irish Cultural Centers throughout New England. Stay tuned for more updates in future newsletters.

May She Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to Joe Sipsey on the passing of his granddaughter, **Jordan T. Sipsey**, who died on September 6. May her soul and the souls of our departed members, rest in peace.

Sick Committee: Please send a note of cheer to those who are on this month's sick list: **Irene Dixon**, 140 Prescott St, North Andover, MA 01845; **Anne Gauthier**, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 0184; **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079; **Red McDonald**, PO Box 5201, Salisbury, MA 01952, and **Joe Sipsey**, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844

Do You Know Someone interested in Joining Division 8? If so, please contact our Division Organizer @ aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com for an application & more information.

Bereavement Committee: As previously noted, Division 8 is in the process of establishing a Bereavement Committee, whose members would attend the wakes of deceased members and if possible, their funeral. To date, three members have stepped forward. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please contact Bill Sullivan. Thank you!

