



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

Established: 1871

Welcome Back!

September 2020

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, September 9, 2020 at 7 PM. Due to the Covid 19 we will NOT meet at the Claddagh Pub in Lawrence, MA. We will have a Virtual Meeting (Zoom) in its place. Please see the Virtual Meeting Notice enclosed for more information.

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 by ZOOM prior to our regularly scheduled Division meetings. Please see the Virtual Meeting Notice enclosed with this month for more information. Items of mutual interest will be discussed.

September Monthly Meeting: This pandemic has turned our world upside down and our daily activities for the most part have been curtailed. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet at the Claddagh for our September Meeting due to the Covid 19 virus. Rather we will meet by Zoom. Enclosed is a Virtual Meeting Notice from our webmaster, John Michael Pelletier, giving us all the information needed to connect to our Monthly Meeting by Zoom using your phone, computer, laptop, or iPad. Please plan on joining us on September 9th for our Monthly Meeting at 7 pm. Following our meeting we will have a social and just talk amongst yourselves and catch up using Zoom. It has been 6 long months since we were at the Claddagh in March. Please plan on joining us. ***We look forward to seeing you!***

Living our Motto to the Fullest – Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity: Every day when we listen to the daily news, we hear of the many Americans out of work due to the pandemic. Fortunately, many of us do not find ourselves in this situation. Should you be financially able, we encourage our members to consider a donation of food or money to Lazarus House, Neighbors in Need, their parish St Vincent de Paul Society or similar food pantry in these critical times.

Also, in these unprecedented times, we realize some members might not want to venture out of their homes for their groceries, medications, etc for fear of being infected by the virus. If you find yourself in this category and you need a helping hand, please contact **Tim Doherty**, our Standing Committee Chairman, at 603 203 3282 and Tim will do his best to help you out whenever possible.

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. The website address is: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

T' is a Blessing to be Irish, an Honor to be a Hibernian!

WELCOME! We are pleased to note that **Paul Heffernan**, formally of Division 1 in Newburyport, is now a member of Division 8. Paul joins **Mike Ferrick**, who also transferred from Division 1 in Newburyport

Do You Know Someone interested in Becoming a Member of Division 8? If so, please contact our Division Organizer @ aohddivision8organizer@gmail.com for an application and more information. We have been granted permission to initiate all new brothers by Zoom.

Sick Committee: Please say a prayer and please send a note of cheer to our members on this month's sick list: **Carol Connolly Ross**, 10012 Silver Bluff DR, Leeburg, FL 34788, **Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 0184; **Thomas Garvey**, Bear Mountain at Andover, 80 Andover Street, Andover, MA 01810; ; **Larry Giordano**, 76 Bonanno Ct, Methuen, MA 01844; **Patricia Lyons**, Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, MA 01845; **Betty Pierce**, MI Restorative Health Center, 172 Lawrence St, Lawrence, MA 01841 **Margaret Quirke**, Ivy Hill Court, 337 Main Street, Haverhill, Ma 01830 and **Gloria Thomas**, 3 Kacie Lane, East Hampstead, NH 03826.

Division 8 to Celebrate 150th Anniversary in 2021! Division 8 AOH will celebrate its 150 Anniversary in 2021. It is the oldest continuous Hibernian Division in Massachusetts. Details on events that will mark this Division milestone will be announced as they become available.

Tir Na'n Oq: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **James Bowers**, who died on April 19, and to Mark Murphy and his family on the passing of his father-in-law, **Jose Baron Fajardo**, who died on August 16. May their souls, & the souls of our departed members rest in peace, Amen

Project Saint Patrick! One of the greatest dangers to our Church today is the dwindling pool of men and women seeking religious vocations. To help provide stipends to those who seek a religious vocation, the AOH and LAOH have established Project St. Patrick. Please consider using the Project St Patrick Prayer Cards. For more information please contact our Project St Patrick Chairman, **Bob Moran** at: docbob4@me.com,

2020 Dues Past Due: If your membership card reads 2019, your dues are past due. Please send a check for \$25 for your 2020 AOH dues to: **Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03073.**

Change of Address Form: *If you are moving, please send your name, new address, phone number and email address to: **AOH/LAOH Address Change, PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842.***

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.

Commodore John Barry Day: September 13 is Commodore Barry Day, a National Holiday of our Order. John Barry, a native of County Wexford in Ireland, was an officer in the Continental officer during the American Revolutionary War. He has been credited as "The Father of the American Navy". After the war, he became the first commissioned U.S. naval officer, at the rank of Commodore, receiving his commission from President George Washington in 1797

Interested in Purchasing AOH Face Masks or Clothing? Please see the information below on the proposed AOH Face Mask and let us know if you would be interested in purchasing one. If there is enough interest, we will place an order following our September 9 Monthly Meeting. For more information please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com

Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 Face Coverings \$18

- **One Size Fits Most 7" W x 5" L**
- **4.2 oz., 100% cotton**
- **3-Ply fabric**
- **Washable, reusable, and breathable**
- **USA made**
- **Sold in poly-bagged packs of 25 masks.**



Prayer for the Coronavirus Pandemic

Dear Lord, we ask for your divine intervention to bring a quick end to this pandemic. Please heal the sick and comfort the grieving. May your peace replace every worried, anxious, and fearful thought. We ask for strength, protection, and energy for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers. We pray for wisdom, knowledge, and guidance for leaders in every area. Please reverse and minimize the financial devastation that is occurring. Please provide for all that are displaced and in need in any way. We ask for your grace and mercy and for you to do what only you can do. May people look to you to be their source of help, strength, and hope during these uncertain times. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things, Amen.

Stay Healthy and Safe. God Bless!