



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

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Happy Mother's Day!

May 2019

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Offices of American Training, 6 Campanelli Drive, Andover, MA 01810.

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 8 at the Offices of American Training 6 Campanelli Drive Andover, MA. Local Author, Jack Desmond will speak on his book, *The Black Thorn*, for about 10 minutes at the conclusion of our Joint Meeting.

May Monthly Meeting Location Change: Our May 8th Monthly Meeting will be held at the Offices of American Training, 6 Campanelli Dr, Andover, MA. A Cookout will be held prior to our Monthly Meetings beginning at 6 pm compliments of Tom Connors of American Training. Our Joint Meeting with the LAOH will begin @ 7 pm and Division 8's AOH Monthly Meeting will follow. As a reminder: American Training is no longer located in the Lawrence Industrial Park, but on Campanelli Drive in Andover. Campanelli Drive is located off of Old River Rd in Andover near the Marriott Courtyard Hotel and DoubleTree Hotel in Andover. Hope you can join us!

Great Hunger Commemoration, AOH Fifty Year Pin & Veteran Pin Award Ceremony –

Saturday June 1, 2019: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a Commemoration of the Great Hunger and award 50 Year AOH Membership Pins to those who are celebrating their Golden Anniversary as members of Division 8, as well as the AOH & LAOH Veteran Pins to members who served in the US Armed forces on **Saturday, June 1, 2019** at the **An Gorta Mor Memorial** in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA at **1:00 pm**.

The commemoration will include: a memorial service led by our Division Chaplain, the Very Rev. John W. Delaney, V.F; a short address by Bob Bateman, Past National Historian and member of Division 8, the awarding of the 50 Year AOH Membership Pins and AOH & LAOH Veterans Pins and the placing of a wreath at the memorial. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Mausoleum on the grounds of the cemetery. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony. More information will be available at our May 8th Monthly Meeting. **All AOH & LAOH members, their families and friends are welcome.**

Essex County Convention: The Biennial AOH Essex County Convention was hosted by Division 8 in Lawrence on March 30. Division 8 members elected as officers of the AOH Essex County Board were: **Michael P. Miller**, President; **Keith Murphy**, Vice President and **Kevin Walsh**, Sentinel. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all!

Membership Dive 2019! Division 8's Membership Organizing Team met on April 17 to evaluate the recent Membership Recruitment Drive in March at Our Lady of Good Council Parish, as well as to discuss and plan their next recruitment event. More information on their plans will be available at our May 8th Meeting.

Division 8 Scholarship Update: Our Scholarship Panel will soon announce the recipients of this year's Division Scholarships. We thank all applicants for their interest and wish all much success.

AOH/LAOH State Convention: AOH & LAOH delegates meet *in* Falmouth, MA on the weekend of May 3 – 5. We wish our candidates from Division 8 much success: **Jack Lahey** for AOH State President, **Keith Murphy** for AOH State Secretary, **Margaret O'Connor** for LAOH State President and **Cathy Callahan** for the office of LAOH Missions and Charities. Good Luck and Best Wishes to all!!!

Division 8 Website: For the latest updates on our events, please take a look at Division 8's new website that has been designed by our Webmaster John Michael Pelletier. Google: <http://www.div8aoh.com>

Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing? If so, contact Tim Doherty @ Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or see Division 8's Website for clothing photos and an ordering form. <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

Dues Past Due: If your AOH Membership Card reads 2018, your dues are past due. Please send your check for \$25 for your 2019 dues to: Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03073. Dues may also be paid at our May 8 Meeting. **Thanks!**

Sick Members: Please send a Greeting to those on this month's sick list:

Irene Dixon, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 01845

Edward Fink, 6 Rockwood Lane, Lawrence, MA 01843

Margaret Quirke, Ivy Hill Court, 337 Main Street, Haverhill, Ma 01830

Mary Takesian, Sutton Hill Center, 1801 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845

George Thomas, 3 Kacie Lane, East Hampstead, NH 03841

Welcome! At our April 10th meeting, **Bob Mundry** of Methuen, was initiated as a member of Division 8. We hope that he will join with us often at our Monthly Meetings and take an active role in his Division activities

Change of Address: If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842 so that we can keep you up to date on Hibernian events.

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to Division 8 Past President James R. Finn, his wife Annie and the entire Finn Family on the passing of their son-in-law, **Matthew Goulet**, on March 30 and on the passing of their son, **James R. Finn Jr.**, on April 18. May their souls and the souls of our departed members, rest in peace.

Veterans Den Patriotic Concert: Saturday, May 25th from 7 – 9 pm at the American Legion Hall in Dracut. There will be a 50-50; door prizes and refreshments will be provided. A free will offering will be taken up. Join the Veterans Den Band as we honor our fallen hero's Memorial Day weekend. Also, the 28th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on **Saturday, May 4** at the Reliefs' In from 7 – 11:30 & on **Saturday, May 11** at the Reliefs' In, a Three Card Bingo Game will be held from 4 -6 pm to benefit the Lawrence Vietnam Scholarship. All welcome!

SAVE the DATE:

Saturday, June 15 - John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial Exercises at Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline @ 11 am.

Tuesday, August 6: National Night Out – Division 8 AOH Membership Drive.

Saturday, September 14 – Division 8 Friends & Family Irish Outing, Boathouse, Lawrence

October 18 – 20: AOH Interim National Board Meeting, Washington DC

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