



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

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September 2021

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

**September Monthly Meeting:** The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7 PM IN PERSON AT THE CLADDAGH PUB AND RESTAURANT, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA. If this should change, or if there are any other updates regarding this meeting, they will be posted on our Division website and Facebook page. 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. The Joint meeting between the AOH and LAOH will take place outside in the eating/parking lot area at 7 pm. The men's monthly meeting will follow the joint meeting on the second floor, and seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be available for those who wish to wear one, as well as Hand Sanitizer. We believe that these safeguards will provide for a safe and enjoyable September Meeting.

**AOH Mass State Board Convention:** The Mass AOH State Board Convention was held on June 5 at the home of Division 14 in Watertown. **Jack Lahey** was reelected AOH State President and **Keith M. Murphy** was reelected AOH State Secretary. The LAOH State Convention was held at the home of Division 36 in Worcester also on June 5. **Cathy Callahan** was elected LAOH State Secretary and **Carol Calderone** was elected LAOH State Chairlady of Missions and Charities. Our sincere thanks to **Margaret O'Connor** for serving as LAOH State President for the past two years. **Congratulations & Best Wishes to all elected officers for a successful term of office!**

**Division 8 Cornhole Tournament!** Division 8 held a successful Corn Hole Tournament on July 17 at the Claddagh. All attending, whether they were participants or onlookers cheering on family members or friends, had a super July Saturday afternoon under picture perfect skies and mild temperatures. Tim Doherty chaired this committee and will give a report at our September Monthly Meeting. **We thank Tim and the Cornhole Tournament Committee**, for their hard work, time, and effort. Tim and his committee are already making plans for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornhole Tournament next year!

**National Night Out:** Division 8 participated in North Andover's National Night Out on August 3 thanks to the endeavors of **Jim Murphy**. A Membership Booth staffed by the officers of both Divisions was well received by those in attendance. The Division hopes to take part in this well-rounded family event next year!

**Welcome!** At our June 16<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social, we welcomed **Sean McCarthy** of Salem, NH as a member of Division 8, Sean was one of this year's Division 8 Scholarship recipients.

**You are Invited:** Father Bill Waters OSA, the immediate Past Chaplain of Division 8, will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Because Father Bill has spent 30 of his 50 years as a priest in the Merrimack Valley, he would like you to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, September 18th at 5:30 PM at Our Good Counsel Parish (St. Theresa Church, 22 Plymouth St., Methuen) followed by a reception in the parish hall. As you can appreciate, for planning purposes, it is important to have a sense of numbers. If you can join us, please contact Ellen Curran ([momcurran707@yahoo.com](mailto:momcurran707@yahoo.com)) or Carol-Ann Ramirez ([jdracar02@comcast.net](mailto:jdracar02@comcast.net)) by Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> or ASAP.

**Nominations and Elections** – As decided last year, our nominations of officers for the years 2021-2022 would not be held until we met in person. Since we plan to resume our in-person meetings, Nominations will take place in October, and Elections will take place in November unless Covid restrictions interrupt our meeting schedule. This term of office for the elected officers in this election will be for one year.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News:** With the lifting of the Massachusetts regulations regarding gatherings and other events in June, we have begun to replan our Division's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for this fall with hopes of having an Author/ Lecture Series; Concert and Cabaret. With the recent increase in the delta variant, planning has become difficult. More information on these events will be available at our September Monthly Meeting. **WATCH YOUR MAIL IN SEPTEMBER FOR A SPECIAL 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS!**

**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 information. We have been granted permission to initiate all new brothers by Zoom if needed.

**Interested in AOH Clothing?** Please see the enclosed Clothing Flyer visit to view Division 8's newest clothing and apparel featuring our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo. For more information, please contact Tim Doherty at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto: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; **Patricia Lyons**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 01845 and **Betty Pierce**, MI Restorative Health Center, 172 Lawrence St, Lawrence, MA 01841.

**Mass State Board:** The **Mass State Board** will hold its next meeting on Sunday, September 12. @ 11 am at the Home of Division 10 AOH, 105 Federal St, Lynn, MA. All members are welcome!

**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](mailto:TheCooze14@yahoo.com)

**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/>

**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!

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to John Wilson Jr, on the passing of his sister, **Sheila A Hudson**, on June 4; to the family of **Philip Retelle**, who died on June 16; to John Cuddy on the passing of his Mother-in-Law, **Joan Underwood**, who died on June 17; to Robert Burke on the passing of his Mother-in-Law, **Mary Leonard Murray**, on June 28; to Sheila Burke Amero on the passing of her Mother, **Bernice M. Burke**, on July 17; to Patricia Boutlier on the passing of her son-in-law, **Jonathan Peters** on July 16; to Thomas P. Casey on the passing of his son, **Thomas P. Casey Jr.**, who died on July 26, and to Maeve Joyce and Erin Abdula on the passing of their brother, **Peter Joyce**, who died on July 23. 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](mailto: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**.

**Project Saint Patrick!** Please consider using the Project St Patrick Prayer Cards, which help financially men and women seeking a religious vocation. For more information, please contact **Bob Moran** at: [docbob4@me.com](mailto:docbob4@me.com), **Thank you!**

**PLEASE SEE DIVISION 8 LAOH NEWSLETTER FOR A HOST OF ACTIVITIES THEY PLAN TO HAVE**

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

**Sunday, September 12:** AOH and LAOH Mass State Board Meeting – Lynn, MA @ 11 am

**Wednesday, September 8:** Division 8 AOH and LAOH September Monthly Meeting

**Wednesday, October 13:** Division 8 AOH Nomination of Officers for 2022

**October 14 – 17:** AOH Interim National Board Meeting, Youngsville, Ohio

**Wednesday, November 10:** Election of Division 8 AOH Officers for 2022

**Wednesday, December 8:** Division 8 Christmas Party

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