



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

Established: 1871

Happy Halloween to All!

October 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, October 14, 2020 at 7 PM. Due to Covid 19 we will NOT meet at the Claddagh Pub in Lawrence, MA. We will have a Virtual Zoom Meeting in its place. Please see the enclosed Virtual Meeting Notice from our webmaster, John Michael Pelletier, giving you all the information needed to connect to this meeting using your phone, computer, laptop, or iPad. Following our meeting, we will have a social and just talk amongst ourselves and catch up using Zoom. *We look forward to seeing you!*

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 by ZOOM prior to our regularly scheduled Division meetings. Please see the Zoom Virtual Meeting Notice enclosed with this month's newsletter for more information.

Nomination and Election of Officers: Normally, our October Monthly Meeting in even numbered years, features Nomination of Officers and our November Monthly Meeting features Election of Officers for the next two (2) years. Due to the fact that Division 8 at this time can only meet by Zoom, which all members do not have access to, your Division Officers are recommending that nominations and elections be postponed until we are able to meet in person. Under this proposal, the present slate of officers would remain in office until we are able to meet in person. Nominations for office would be held at the second meeting that Division 8 is able to meet in person, followed by the election of officers at the following in person monthly meeting of Division 8. This proposal will be discussed at our Monthly Meeting on October 14th and voted on at that time. Your input on this especially important topic would be appreciated.

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

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

Change of Address: If you move, please notify us of your new address ASAP and mail it to: **AOH & LAOH Change of Address, Post Office Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842. Thanks!**

WELCOME! We are pleased to note that **Dan Cleary, Michael Volpone and Ryan Volpone**, formally of Division 1 in Newburyport, have joined Mike Ferrick and Paul Heffernan and are now members of Division 8.

Living our Motto to the Fullest – Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity: In these unprecedented times, we realize some members might not want to venture out of their homes for their groceries, medications, or whatever 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.

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/>

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; **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! As noted in our September newsletter, Division 8 AOH will celebrate its 150 Anniversary in 2021. Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, planning for events that will mark this Division milestone have been put on hold at this time. As details becomes available on this historic event, they will be announced.

Tir Na'n Og: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Margaret Brady Martin**, who died on August 21; to the family of **Mary Ellen Joyce Fullen**, who died on August 23; to the family of **Kathleen A. Borys**, who died on August 25; to the Carroll Family on the passing of **Rachel A. Carroll** on August 27; to the family of **Thomas J. Garvey**, who died on September 3; to the family of **William Mahoney** of Division 11 in Peabody who died on September 16 and to the family of **John F. Troy**, a 39 nine year member of Division 8 and our 2007 Irishman of the Year, who died on September 27. May their souls, and the souls of our departed members rest in peace, Amen

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.**

Would You Like to Receive Timely Updates of Division 8 Happenings? If so, please e-mail Jack Lahey and let him know that you want to get the latest news from Division 8. Jack's e-mail address is: limeric@comcast.net.

AOH Mass State & AOH Essex County Board News: Mass AOH State President Jack Lahey has announced that a State Board Zoom Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17 @ 10 am. For more information, please contact Jack at 603 560 8192.

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

Please Patronize Our Local Irish Restaurants!!! Please consider supporting your Brother Hibernians who own local Irish Restaurants. (Jim Kearney of the Irish Cottage and Brian Farrell of the Claddagh) ***The Irish Cottage and the Claddagh*** are great restaurants with terrific food and beverages, and have a great venue for watching your favorite sports team's games, or for just relaxing with family or friends.

Naturally, all mandates by Governor Baker are in place. Masks must be worn except when sitting at tables, and there can be no more than 10 people at a table. All tables must be 6 feet apart and food must be purchased with all alcoholic drinks. If you are planning to go somewhere to watch the Patriots, ***to get takeout food and/or beverages, or just to eat out***, the ***Claddagh or Irish Cottage*** would be the perfect place! ***We know they will thank you for your support!!!***

Halloween and Its Origins in Ireland: Halloween had its origins from the Irish festival of Samhain, which marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the winter season. Samhain was also a time to honor the dead and gods using pagan rituals.

As Christianity spread to Ireland, the pagan rituals of Samhain passed over time. In its place, Halloween became the main festivity although some of the traditions of Samhain remained. Some of those traditions are still with us today such as: Bonfires, Jack-O-Lanterns, Costumes and Trick or Treating just to note a few!

As Irish immigrants immigrated to the United States, they brought many of their traditions with them, including those associated with Halloween. Today Halloween in many parts of our country is celebrated yearly thanks to those Irish immigrants, and has become part of our American culture.

Interested in Purchasing AOH Face Masks or Clothing? Last month's newsletter pictured our new Division 8 Facemasks. Tim Doherty has been able to get the price decreased from \$18 to \$15 each. Please see below for additional information on these new AOH Face Masks and let us know if you would be interested in purchasing one. For more information please contact Tim at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or call 603 203 3282

***Division 8 Ancient Order of Hibernians
Face Coverings \$15
One Size Fits Most 7" W x 5" L 4.2 oz.,
100% cotton 3-Ply fabric
Washable, reusable, and breathable
made in the USA***

Stay Healthy, Safe and Strong. God Bless!