



**THE REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY OSA DIVISION 8
ANCIENT ORDER of HIBERNIANS
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS
<http://www.div8aoh.com/>**

Established: 1871 *Happy Saint Patrick's Day to One and All!!!* March 2021

Celebrating 150 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, and a Joint Meeting of Division 8 AOH and LAOH will be held Virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 PM by Zoom. During the Joint session with the LAOH, Ed "Hoppy" Curran will sing and play several Irish Songs to get us all in the Saint Patrick's Day spirit. Please see the enclosed Virtual Meeting Notice from John Michael Pelletier, giving you all the information that you will need to connect to this meeting using your phone, computer, laptop, or iPad.

Irish Heritage Month 2021: Our annual Irish Flag raising on the Campagnone Memorial Common will be held on March 1 @ 11 am. Attendance is limited to 25 due to the COVID 19 restrictions. At our February Monthly Meeting, 25 members signed up. If you would like to be on our waiting list, please email Bill Sullivan at: williamjsullivan@verizon.net We need to have a list of those in attendance for contact tracing.

This year, our Irish Heritage Month Celebrations will be different from previous years. As noted above, we will have our Annual Irish Flag Raising on March 1; the Veterans Den Band will present a live stream Concert on March 7 via the OLGC parish website; a repertoire of Irish ballads by Hoppy Curran will take place at our Joint Monthly Meeting on March 10; and a Pre-Saint Patrick's Day Gathering at the Claddagh will be held on March 11. Should we be able to add other events to our calendar, we will email you. If you are not receiving our timely emails, please get in touch with us. With 2021 marking Division 8 AOH's 150 Anniversary, many of our events that were planned to mark this milestone during Irish Heritage Month, will hopefully be able to place later this year. Stay tuned!

Pre-Saint-Patrick's Day Gathering: A Pre Saint-Patrick Day gathering on the first floor at the Claddagh is scheduled for Thursday, March 11 at 7 pm. Members, who would like to attend, must register no later than Monday, March 8. **If you do not register you cannot attend.** We need this information for Brian Farrell to set up the area for social distancing, food count and contact tracing. There will be no charge to attend and pizza will be served. Menu items will also be available for purchase. Due to Mass COVID-19 regulations, reservations are limited. Please consider your health status in light of the widespread COVID-19 virus. If you are sick, you should not attend. Please contact our AOH/LAOH Reservation Chair Anne Marie Nyhan- Doherty @ 978 390 3400 or by email @ dancingds@comcast.net

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/>

For a listing of Irish events throughout Massachusetts, please visit: IrishMassachusetts.com.

Interested in Learning How to Use Zoom? If so, come to the **Claddagh Pub on Wednesday, March 10 @ 7 pm** and our Webmaster, John Michael Pelletier, will show you how to use Zoom. This training session will take place during our March 10th Monthly Meeting, so that you will be able to watch our March Meeting, while at the same time learning how to use Zoom. This training session is limited to 10 AOH Brothers, and you must register ahead of time. To register, please contact John Michael Pelletier at: div8aoh@gmail.com or call him at: 978 828 9741.

An Irish Den Band Concert: The Irish Den Band will be presenting a live stream concert on Sunday March 7th at 7pm. To watch the Concert, go to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Website. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the LVM Veterans Fund, please send it to: Ed Curran, 19 Reservoir Street, Methuen MA 01844

AOH Essex County & State Conventions: The AOH Essex County Board Convention will be held by ZOOM on Saturday, April 10. The AOH Mass State Board Convention will be held by ZOOM on June 5. Delegate to the Essex County Convention will be nominated and elected at our March 10th Meeting. Delegates to Mass State Convention will be nominated at our March and April Monthly Meetings and elected at our April Monthly Meeting.

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.

The AOH Motto in Practice – Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity: We realize some of our members might be unable to leave their homes for their groceries, medications, etc. due to COVID-19. If you find yourself in this category, please contact **Tim Doherty** at 603 203 3282 and Tim will do his best to help you out.

Welcome! At our February 13th Meeting, meeting, **Ernest Coutermarsh of Lawrence**, was initiated as a member of Division 8. We hope that Ernie will join with us often at our Monthly Meetings and take an active role in his Division activities.

Scholarships Anyone?: Scholarship applications for Division 8's **\$500 Catholic High School Scholarship**; the Division's **\$500 Scholarship for a Study Abroad Program in Ireland**; both of these scholarships are available to the son or daughter of a member of Division 8 AOH, as well as, Division 8's **\$750 College Scholarship** for the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a member of Division 8 who is a graduating high school senior can be obtained at our March Monthly Meeting or by writing to: Robert Gauthier, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 01845. To be eligible for all scholarships, one must be a member of Division 8 for a period of at least one year. **Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2021.**

Sick Committee: Please say a prayer and send a note of cheer to our members on this month's sick list: **Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott St, North Andover, MA 01845; **Larry Giordano**, 76 Bonanno Ct, Methuen, MA 01844; **Jackie Lamprey**, 2 Bingham Way, North Andover, MA 01845; **Patricia Lyons**, Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Rd, North Andover, MA 01845 and **Betty Pierce**, MI Restorative Health Center, 172 Lawrence St, Lawrence, MA 01841.

2021 Dues: Jack Lahey, our Financial Secretary, recently sent out Dues Notices for your 2021 Dues. Your prompt payment of your dues would be greatly appreciated. **Thanks!**

AOH National Board Scholarships: The AOH National Board offers two (2) College Study Abroad Scholarships for study in Ireland for the child or grandchild of an AOH member, as well, as a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Summer Program for high school students. For more info go to: AOH.com.

Change of Address: If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842. **If you do not inform us of your new address you will not receive your Monthly Newsletter.**

Project Saint Patrick! Please consider using Project St Patrick Prayer Cards, which help financially those seeking a vocation. Please contact Bob Moran @ docbob4@me.com.

Tir Na'n Og: Sincere sympathy is extended to Bob and Maryanne Moran on the passing of their son-in-law, **Gary Wolzorn**, who died on January 24; to Frank Devan on the passing of his brother, **Raymond G. Devan**, who died on January 30; to the family of **Margaret Lopiano**, who died on February 12; to the family of Mass AOH Past State President **Paul Hogan** of Division 1 AOH in Holyoke, who died on February 14, and to Richard Garvey on the passing of his wife, **Mary Anne Garvey**, who died on February 16. May their souls and the souls of our departed members rest in peace, Amen.

Please Patronize Our Local Irish Restaurants!!! The **Irish Cottage** and the **Claddagh Pub** serve terrific food and beverages to eat at, to get takeout food and beverages from, have a great venue to watch your favorite sports team's games, as well as, for just relaxing with family or friends. **And Remember: Gift certificates to either of these restaurants would be the perfect Saint Patrick's Day gift for your family or friends** Please support them!

Looking for Unique Saint Patrick's Day Gifts? Please visit our Division 8 AOH website to view **Division 8's AOH Clothing Flyer featuring our newest AOH clothing with our 150th Anniversary Logo**. All these items would make terrific Saint Patrick's Day Gifts! And remember: a 150th Anniversary only comes one in a lifetime! For more information on Division 8 clothing please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or call 603 203 3282.

Want to Catch Up with 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

***Wishing you all the Joys of the Irish:
Laughter, love, and a carefree heart -
Today, tomorrow, and always***

Have a Blessed and Happy Saint Have Patrick's Day!



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