



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

Established: 1871

Happy Spring!!!

April 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, April 10, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Claddagh Pub and Restaurant, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA.

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Claddagh to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Essex County Convention: The Biennial AOH Essex County Convention was hosted by Division 8, Lawrence on April 6. More information will be available at our April 10 Monthly Meeting.

AOH/LAOH Convention: Our State Convention will be held in Falmouth, MA on the weekend of May 3 - 5. We wish our candidates from Division 8 much success at the Convention: **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. The following brothers were elected as Delegates at our April Meeting to represent Division 8: **Bob Collins, Tim Doherty, Jim Murphy, Frank O'Connor Sr, Frank O'Connor Jr., John Michael Pelletier and Kevin Walsh.** Good Luck and Best Wishes!

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 April 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, 2019.**

Canned Food Drive: Our sincere **Thanks** is extended to those who donated to the Canned Food Drive at our March Meeting. All items were donated to Lazarus House.

Thank You! Our sincere **THANKS** is extended to those who purchased tickets for the "**2018 MVP Mookie Betts Baseball**". The winner of the baseball was **Luke Manzi** of North Andover. Special thanks to **Keith Murphy & Mike Miller** for coordinating this activity and to **Pat Burke** for donating the Mookie Betts Baseball. Also special **THANKS** to **Tom Connors** for his generous donation to cover the cost of the prize for our Christmas Appeal drawing in January. It was greatly appreciated!

Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing? Division 8 has a new selection of AOH clothing apparel. Interested? If so, please contact Tim Doherty for more information @ Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or see Division 8's Website for more information for clothing photos and an ordering sheet. <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 AOH dues to: **Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03073.** Dues may also be paid at our April Meeting. **Thanks!**

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, June 1 @ 1 pm** our Annual An Gorta Mor Commemoration will be held at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. At this ceremony there will be the awarding of the AOH Veterans Pins and 50 Year AOH Member Pins. All are welcome. More details at our April Meeting.

Membership Dive 2019! On March 9 and 10 Division 8 held a Membership Drive at Our Lady of Good Council Parish in Lawrence and Methuen. The Division's Organizing Team will meet in late April to review the results of this Drive and plan their next activity.

Library News: The Hibernian Collection at the South Lawrence Library is open on Monday, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am until 5 pm. Donations of Irish books, media and other Irish Memorabilia are always welcome.

AOH National Board Scholarships: The AOH National Board offers two (2) Study Abroad Scholarships for the son or daughter or grandchild of an AOH member who has been accepted at a college in Ireland, and a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Program for high school students. For more info contact Bill Sullivan.

Sick Members: *Please send an Easter Greeting to those on this month's sick list:*

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

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

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. More information at our April 10 Monthly Meeting and in our May Newsletter.

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 Pielletier. Google: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

Scholarship Benefit: The 28th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on **Saturday, May 4** at the Reliefs' In from 7 – 11:30 pm. There will be a Disc Jockey, pasta dinner, Raffles, Door Prizes & a cash bar. The Roll Call of 18 Heroes will take place at 7:40 pm. Tickets are \$20 each. For tickets contact Hoppy Curran at 978 685 7407.

A NOTE OF THANKS: Our **Sincere Thanks** to the **Lawrence Cultural Council**, who helped sponsor many of our 2019 Irish Heritage Month activities during March. Without the **Lawrence Cultural Council's** support, many of these events may not have taken place

