



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

Established: 1871

Happy Easter

April 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 Joint Meeting of Division 8 AOH and LAOH will be held Virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7 PM by Zoom. During the Joint session, John Francis Patrick Murphy will speak on his book, *Our Immigrants Son*. 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.

AOH/LAOH Joint Meeting: At our April 14th Joint Meeting, **John Francis Patrick Murphy** will speak on his book, *Our Immigrant's Son*. Mr. Murphy tells the story of his family immigrating from Ireland, settling in Lawrence, which would be home for five generations of Murphys. Mr. Murphy will speak for 20 – 25. This should make for an interesting meeting!

Irish American Heritage Month: Irish American Heritage Month 2021 is now behind us. In scope, it was totally different from previous years. At our annual Irish Flag raising on the Campagnone Memorial Common on March 1, Mayor Vasquez presented Division 8 with a proclamation declaring, March 2021, as Irish American Heritage Month in the City of Lawrence. The Irish Flag also flew over the City of Lawrence from March 1 – March 31. We want to thank Mayor Vasquez for his assistance so that a great tradition would continue despite the pandemic!

Division 8 Website: For the latest updates on Hibernian News, please visit Division 8's website that is regularly updated. The website address is: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

AOH Essex County & State Conventions: The AOH Essex County Board Convention will be held by ZOOM on Saturday, April 10. Representing Division 8 at this convention will be: Jim Keleher, Bob Collins, Tim Doherty, Mike Greenler, Jack Lahey, John Cuddy. John Michael Pelletier, Mike Miller, Keith Murphy. Kevin Walsh and Bill Sullivan. Our best to those running for office from Division 8: Mike Miller, Keith Murphy, Kevin Walsh, and any unannounced candidates.

Mass AOH State Board News: The AOH Mass State Board Convention will be held on June 5. Delegates to the Mass State Convention were/will be nominated at our March and April Monthly Meetings. Election of delegates will take at our April Monthly Meeting. Updated details on the convention, will be available at our April 14 meeting from our State Officers.

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.

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.

Change of Address: If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842, **so that you will continue to receive your Monthly newsletter.**

Dues Past Due: If your 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. Thanks**

Welcome! At our March 13th Meeting, **Declan Murphy of Lawrence, MA**, and **Michael Lavin of Pelham NH** were initiated as members of Division 8. We hope that Declan and Michael will join with us often at our Monthly Meetings, and take an active role in their 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 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, 2021.**

Sick Committee: Please say a prayer and send an Easter Greeting 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.

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, and a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Program for high school students. For more info go to: **AOH.com**.

Tir Na'n Og: Sincere sympathy is extended to Gerald Darcy (Mass AOH State Board Marshall) on the passing of his sister, **Janet Richards**, who died on February 23. May her soul 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 dine in, to get takeout from, and also have a great venue to watch your favorite sports team's games. Please support them!

Interested in AOH Clothing? Please visit our Division 8 AOH website to view Division 8's newest clothing featuring our 150th Anniversary Logo. For more information, 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, e-mail Jack Lahey and let him know that you want to get the latest news. Jack's email address is: limeric@comcast.net