



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

Established 1871

Happy Valentine's Day

February 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, February 10, 2021 at 7 PM by Zoom. We will NOT meet at the Claddagh Pub. Please see the enclosed Virtual Meeting Notice from our webmaster, John Michael Pelletier, giving you all the information that you will need to connect to this meeting using your phone, computer, laptop, or iPad.

150th Division 8 AOH Anniversary Logo Adopted: At our January Meeting, Division 8 formally adopted Division 8's 150th Anniversary Logo. To view this logo please see the enclosed AOH clothing flyer or it can be viewed in color online at: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

Irish Heritage Month 2021: Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, this year's Irish Heritage Month events will be limited. We are hopeful that our annual Irish Flag raising on the Campagnone Memorial Common on March 1 @ 11 am will be able to take place. With 2021 marking Division 8 AOH's 150 Anniversary, hopefully many of our events that were planned to mark this milestone will take place later this year. Updated information on events will be available at our February 10th Monthly Meeting and by email.

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.

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/>

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.

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 AOH who is a graduating high school senior can be obtained at our February 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; **Peg LoPiano**, 19 Fountain Drive, 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.

Tir Na'n Og: Sincere sympathy is extended to Deacon Steven Murphy on the passing of his Mother, **Sophie A. Murphy**, who died on December 16; to Jim Barry on the passing of his wife, **Sheila Barry**, who died on December 20, and to the family of **Margaret Quirke** who died on January 15. May their souls and the souls of our departed members rest in peace, Amen.

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**.

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!**

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.**

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. Please support them!

Thank You! Our sincere **THANKS** to those who purchased tickets for the **"Dinner for Two and a Movie"**. Your support for our Christmas FFAI Appeal was greatly appreciated. The winner was **Anne Collins**.

Essex County Board News: Essex County President Mike Miller has called a meeting of the AOH Essex County Board for Saturday, February 13 @ 11 am by Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent to those members we have email addresses for. We encourage you to attend by Zoom if possible and show your support.

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

150th Anniversary AOH Clothing: Please see the enclosed AOH Clothing flyer noting our 150th Anniversary Logo. All these items would make terrific Saint Patrick's Day Gifts! For more information on Division 8 clothing please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com

Snowbird Social! The 4th Annual Hibernian Snowbird Social will be held at Tom Finnigan's Pub, 2885 S Federal Highway, Delray Beach, FL on February 25 from 12 Noon – 3 pm. There will be a lunch with one drink and entertainment. Cost \$25 - **Reservations are required.** For more info contact: **Tim Myles at Timtam614@aol.com or 516-660-7456.**

Stay Healthy, Safe, Positive and Strong! God Bless!

