



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

Established: 1871

Merry Christmas!!!

December 2020

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 PM. We will not have a December Monthly Meeting. More information about our January Monthly Meeting will be available in our January newsletter.

Holiday Greetings: The Officers of your Division extend to every member and their families:

***Nollaig Shona Dhuitt Agus Blain NUA Faoi Mhaise Dhuitt!
(A Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year)***

And so, May 2021 have these blessings for you...

***May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.***

***May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.***

***May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.***

***May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!***

A Happy, Healthy and Blessed Christmas to All...

A Happy, Healthy and Holy 2021 to All!

Christmas Gathering: A Christmas gathering on the first floor at the Claddagh is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th. Members, who would like to attend, must register no later than Sunday, December 6. **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. This event will begin at 7 pm. Due to Mass Covid regulations, reservations are limited. Please consider your health status in light of the widespread Covid 19 virus if you are thinking of attending. If you are sick, you should not attend. Please contact our AOH/LAOH Reservation Chair Anne Marie Nyhan- Doherty @ 978 390 3400 or @ dancingds@comcast.net

Looking for Unique AOH Clothing Christmas Gifts? If so, please contact Tim Doherty for more information or to place an order. You can contact Tim at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or call 603 203 3282.

Thank You! Our sincere thanks to those who have already returned their tickets for our annual **FFAI Christmas Appeal**. If you have not returned your tickets, please do so as soon as possible. **Please make checks payable to Division 8.** Anyone in need of more tickets should contact Bob Collins @ 603 895 2345. Your support for our Annual Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal is greatly appreciated. **Deadline for returns: January 12, 2021**

Would You Like to Receive Timely Updates of Division 8 Happenings? If so, please e-mail Jack Lahey. Jack's e-mail address is: limeric@comcast.net.

Veteran's Report: On Saturday, November 7, Division 8 members helped place flags on 77,000 Veteran's graves at the Bourne National Cemetery. The next Veteran's Committee event is Saturday December 19th, at the Bourne National Cemetery, "***Wreaths Across America***". For more information please contact our Veterans Committee Chairman John Cuddy @ 978 382 0742.

Sick Committee: *Please send a Christmas Greeting 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 St, North Andover, MA 01845; *Larry Giordano*, 76 Bonanno Ct, Methuen, MA 01844; *Patricia Lyons*, Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Rd, North Andover, MA 01845; *Betty Pierce*, MI Restorative Health Center, 172 Lawrence St, Lawrence, MA 01841 and *Margaret Quirke*, Ivy Hill Court, 337 Main St, Haverhill, Ma 01830.

Let Us Not Forget: As ***2020 ends***, please take a moment and remember our members who left us this year: ***Vincent B. Landers, Donald R. Donahue, George J. Thomas, Robert F. Burke, James Bowers, John Troy, and Brother Brendan Brennan FMS.*** May their souls and the souls of our departed members, rest in eternal peace, Amen.

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 visit Division 8's website that is regularly updated by our Webmaster John Michael Pelletier. The website address is: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

Election of Officers: At our November 11 Monthly Meeting, the Division's present slate of officers were reelected and will serve until the Division is able to meet in person. At that time, nominations for office will be held at the second in person Meeting of Division 8, followed by the election of officers at the following in person Division 8 Monthly Meeting.

Living our Motto to the Fullest – Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity: With the pandemic, we realize some members might not want to venture out for their groceries, medications, or whatever for fear of being infected by the virus. If you find yourself in this category and need a helping hand, please contact ***Tim Doherty***, at 603 203 3282 and Tim will do his best to help you.

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*** serve 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. If you plan to go somewhere to watch the Patriots; ***to get takeout food or beverages; or just to eat out;*** the ***Claddagh or Irish Cottage*** is the perfect place! ***And Remember: Gift certificates to either of these restaurants would be the perfect Christmas gift for your family or friends.***

A Blessed, Healthy and Happy New Year to All!

