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Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Lawrence, Massachusetts**

*"149 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community"*

***Irish Heritage Month March 2020  
Lawrence, Massachusetts  
Preserving and Fostering our Heritage and Culture***

***Sunday, March 1, 2020: OPENING of the EXHIBIT "The Irish of Massachusetts – The Final Chapter"*** at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, MA Sponsored by Division 8 AOH (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

***Sunday, March 1, 2020 - 26th ANNUAL CLADDAGH PUB 4 MILE Classic ROAD RACE - 11 am***, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA (rain or shine) - For more information contact 978 688 8337 or the Barry Kara Foundation. (Race # 9 of the Wild Rover Series)

***Monday, March 2, 2020 - IRISH FLAG RAISING*** Across from City Hall – Common St. @11 a.m.

***Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY*** - South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA: **OPEN HOUSE** 10:30 am – 1 pm Showcase of Irish Books, CD's, DVD's, photos and memorabilia – Sponsored by Division 8 (FREE) – Handicap Accessible

***Saturday, March 7, 2020 – AUTHOR SERIES – with JOHN DESMOND*** – Mr. Desmond will discuss his book, *"The Black Thorn"* – at the Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm (FREE) - Handicap Accessible

***Saturday, March 7, 2020 - THE 149th ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET AND DANCE*** at the Reliefs' In, One Market Street, Lawrence, MA Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with dancing to *John Connors & the Irish Express* from 6 pm – 11 pm – Awarding of the Richard Cardinal Cushing and Irishman & Irishwoman of the Year Awards. For more information contact Charles Breen at 508 328 0323. Sponsored by Division 8 AOH – Handicap Accessible

***Sunday, March 8, 2020 – WHITE FUND LECTURE – with ROBIN GERRY*** - Ms. Gerry will discuss her book, *"Healing the Family Heart Holes: A Genealogical Quest to Solve an Illegal Adoption Mystery Using DNA, Old Records, and Irish Luck"* - at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm (FREE) - Handicap Accessible

***Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - AOH NATIONAL HUNGER MONTH FOOD DRIVE:*** Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable food items. All food items received will be donated to a local food pantry. 6 pm – 7:30 pm Claddagh Pub, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence MA:

**Friday, March 13, 2020 – 51st ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON** at the Reliefs’ In, One Market Street, Lawrence, MA Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with entertainment by the Silver Spears Irish Show Band at NOON. Awarding of the Honorable John E. Fenton Citizenship Award - For more information contact Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192 Sponsored by Division 8 AOH – **Handicap Accessible**

**Saturday, March 14, 2020 – SAINT PATRICK’S DAY PARADE @ 1 pm** – For more information please contact [mcheco@cityoflawrence.com](mailto:mcheco@cityoflawrence.com)

**Saturday, March 14, 2020 – ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CLADDAGH** – featuring the Veterans Den Band – 2 - 6 pm – 399 Canal S., Lawrence, MA For more information contact the Claddagh at 978 688 8337.

**Sunday, March 15 2020 – FAMILY DAY AT THE CLADDAGH** – featuring the Veterans Den Band 2 – 6 pm – 399 Canal S., Lawrence, MA For more information please contact the Claddagh at 978 688 8337.

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 – WHITE FUND LECTURE – with JOSEPH BLANCHETTE** – Mr. Blanchette will discuss his book, *“The View from Shanty Pond”* - at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm **(FREE) - Handicap Accessible**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020 - LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY** - South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA: **OPEN HOUSE** 10:30 am – 1 pm Showcase of Irish Books, CD’s, DVD’s, photos and memorabilia - Sponsored by Division 8 **(FREE) – Handicap Accessible**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020 – JOIN PIANIST TERRI KELLEY AND VOCALIST BILL DONELAN FOR AN ALL NEW PROGRAM OF CELTIC MELODIES - FROM ANCIENT GAELIC AIRES TO CURRENT SONGS** - at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA @ 2 pm Presented by Division 8 **(FREE) – Handicap Accessible**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020 - LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY** - South Lawrence Branch, 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA: **OPEN HOUSE** 10:30 am – 12 Noon Showcase of Irish Books, CD’s, DVD’s, photos and memorabilia – Sponsored by Division 8 **(FREE) – Handicap Accessible**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020 - IRISH FILM FESTIVAL** at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence @ 10 am Sponsored by Division 8 AOH **(FREE) – Handicap Accessible**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020: EXHIBIT CLOSES “The Irish of Massachusetts – The Final Chapter”** at Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence **(FREE) – Handicap Accessible**

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