



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

Website <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

Established 1871

Happy Valentine's Day

February 2022

Celebrating 151 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community."

February Monthly Meeting: The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7 PM **IN PERSON AT THE CLADDAGH**, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA on the second floor. We will not have a Joint AOH/LAOH Meeting this month. If this should change, or if there are any other updates regarding this meeting, it will be posted on our Division Website. Please note that masks are MANDATORY per the City of Lawrence. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be available for those who do not have one, as well as Hand Sanitizer. We believe these safeguards will provide for a safe February Monthly Meeting.

Installation of Officers and January Monthly Meeting: As you know, we postponed our Installation of Officers that was scheduled for January 9 and held our January 12th Monthly Meeting by Zoom due to the high number of positive cases of COVID in Massachusetts and the Greater Lawrence area. Our Joint Installation of Officers will be rescheduled to a date in the near future as soon as the pandemic eases, and one that does not conflict with our March activities. Stay tuned for future updates on our Installation of Officers.

MARCH 2022 EVENTS

Irish Heritage Month: Please watch for our *Irish Heritage Month Calendar* that will be mailed to you in Mid-February with a complete listing of all events that will take place in March. Some of these events are noted below.

Saint Patrick Day Program Book: Our Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal, which will be distributed at our March Dinner Dance, will be dedicated to two AOH National Life Members who have died since our last Dinner Dance, **George J. Thomas**, and **Francis A. O'Connor Sr.**, For more information, please contact our Program Book Chairman, John Cuddy @ 978 382 0742. **Deadline for Ads - February 12.**

Saturday, March 5, 2022: Our 150th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance will be held on March 5 and will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by the Silver Spears Irish Showband. **For tickets, please call our Dinner Dance Chairman Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323**

Friday, March 11, 2022: Division 8's 51st Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be held at Noon at the Elks Hall on Andover Street in Lawrence. For tickets, please contact our **Luncheon Chairman, Jack Lahey, @ 603 560 8192.**

AOH National Irish Hunger Month: All brother and sister Hibernians are asked to bring a non-perishable food item with them to our **March 9th Meeting**. All items that are received will be donated to a local food pantry. Catholic Action and Pro-Life Chairman **Mark Alaimo** is coordinating this endeavor.

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 **Doug Mitchell**.

AOH National Board Scholarships: For information on AOH scholarships for study in Ireland for high school and college students, please visit AOH.com

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 February Monthly Meeting or by writing to: Robert Gauthier, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 01845. **Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2022.**

Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing? If so, please see Division 8’s website to view an AOH Clothing flyer and price list. These items would make terrific Saint Patrick’s Day Gifts! For more information contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or see him at our February 9th Meeting.

May They Rest In Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Rita Jensen** who died on December 24; to Kathleen Ryan on the death of her Mother, **Jeannette Donnelly**, who died on December 29; to Michael Volpone and Ryan Volpone on the death of their Mother and Grandmother, **Jane Volpone**, who died on January 1; to Patricia Conte on the death of her sister, **Ann Foderaro**, who died on January 6, and to Sheila Ramsden on the death of her husband, **Douglas Ramsden**, who died on January 7. May their souls and all the souls of our departed members, rest in peace, Amen.

Sick Committee: Please say a prayer and send a note of cheer to our members on this month’s sick list. **Tom Connors**, 8 Jefferson Street, Lawrence, MA 01843, **Irene Dixon**, 140 Prescott St, North Andover, MA 01845; **Anne Gauthier**, 330 Sutton St, North Andover, MA 01845, **Gail Halloran**, PO Box 734, Andover, MA 01810 and **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079.

Parking: The parking lot, aside of the Claddagh, is privately owned and charges to park there. If the Claddagh parking lot is filled, we suggest on street parking or other parking in the area that is free.

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 info.

Essex County Board News: A meeting of the Essex County Board will take place on **Saturday, February 5, 2022** @11 am at the Home of Division 10, Federal Street, Lynn. MA. All are welcome to attend.



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