



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

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February 2023

*Celebrating 152 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 is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, on the second floor following the Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM on the first floor of the CLADDAGH, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA.

**MARCH 2023 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.

**Saturday, March 4, 2023:** Charles Breen, our 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance Chairman, has announced that this event will be held on March 4 and will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by the Silver Spears Irish Showband. **Tickets are priced at \$45 each, and can be obtained by calling our Dinner Dance Chairman Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323**

**Friday, March 10, 2023:** Division 8's 53rd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be held at Noon. **Tickets are priced at \$50 each and can be obtained by calling our Saint Patrick's Luncheon Chairman, Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192.**

**Saint Patrick Day Program Book:** Division 8 will publish a Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal which will be distributed at our March 4th Dinner Dance. **The deadline for Ads to be received is February 11<sup>th</sup>.** **Questions? Please contact our Program Book Chairman, Mark Alaimo @ 978 689 8822 and leave a message for him. He will return your call ASAP.**

**AOH National Irish Hunger Month:** All brother and sister Hibernians are asked to bring a non-perishable food item with them to our **March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **Ellen Melvin**.

**AOH National Board Scholarships:** The National Board of the AOH offers two (2) Study Abroad Scholarships for the child or grandchild of an AOH member for study at a college in Ireland, as well as a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Program for high school students. For more info go to: **AOH.com**

*It is a Blessing to be Irish, an Honor to be a Hibernian!!!*

**Sick Committee:** Please send a note of cheer to those who are on this month's sick list; **Joe Danahy**, 5 Stonewall Circle, Newton, NH 03858, **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079, and **Joe Sipse**y, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844

**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, 2023.**

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to Jim Wefers on the passing of his wife, **Mary Wefers**, who died on December 20, and to the family of LAOH State President **Joyce Burgess**, who died on December 25. May their souls and all the souls of our departed members rest in peace.

**New Mailing Address?** If so, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842, **so that you will continue to receive your Monthly Newsletter and Hibernian Mailings.**

**Do You Know Someone interested in Becoming a Member of Division 8?** If so, please contact our Division Organizer @ [aohddivision8organizer@gmail.com](mailto:aohddivision8organizer@gmail.com) for an application and more info.

**The AOH/LAOH Massachusetts State Convention:** The AOH/LAOH State Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Hyannis over the weekend of May 5 – 7. More information on this event will be available at our February and March meetings. Anyone interested in being a delegate should sign up with our Recording Secretary ASAP. Delegates to this Convention will be elected at our March 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.

**The AOH Essex County Convention:** The AOH Essex County Convention will be held this spring. More information on this event will be available at our February and March meetings. Anyone interested in being a delegate should sign up with our Recording Secretary ASAP. Delegates to this Convention will be elected at our March 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.

**Office Filled:** Due to the recent passing of State LAOH President Joyce Burgess, State Vice President Barbara Twohig has assumed the office of LAOH State President. President Twohig has appointed Anne Marie Nyhan-Doherty to the vacant position of LAOH State Vice President until the AOH/LAOH State Convention is held this spring. Congratulations and Best Wishes Anne Marie.

**2023 Dues:** Jack Lahey recently sent out Dues Notices for your 2023 Dues. Dues may also be paid at our February 8 monthly meeting. Dues for 2023 is \$30. **Thanks!**

**Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing?** Please see the enclosed flyer that is included in this month's mailing. These items would make terrific Saint Patrick's Day Gifts! For more information, please contact Tim Doherty at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com) or see him at our February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting.



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