



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

Established 1871

January 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 8, 2020 at 7:30 pm on the second floor at the Claddagh, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA.

**Joint Meeting:** Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 on the first floor at the Claddagh Pub. Items of mutual interest will be discussed.

**A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR OUR MEMBERS**

*In 2020...*

*May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures*



***Have a Blessed, Safe, Prosperous Healthy and a Happy New Year!***

**MARCH 2020 EVENTS**

**Irish Heritage Month:** A full month of activities will take place during March and members of Division 8 will be receiving an Irish Heritage Month Calendar in the mail in February. Some of these events are noted below.

**Saturday, March 6, 2020:** Charles Breen, our 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance Chairman, has announced that this event will be held on March 6 and will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by John Connors & the Irish Express. **(Please watch your mail for a special letter that will be sent to all members in January.)**

**Friday, March 13, 2020:** Division 8's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be held at Noon. For tickets please contact our Saint Patrick's Luncheon Chairman, Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192. **(A letter with more details is enclosed with this month's newsletter.)**

**Saint Patrick Day Program Book:** Division 8 will publish a Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal which will be distributed at our March 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance. **John Cuddy** will serve as Chairman and **George Thomas** as Honorary Chairman. **(Please watch for a special letter that will be sent in January.)**

**For Our Snowbirds:** The AOH will hold an event at Tom Finnigan's Pub, 2885 S Federal Highway, Delray Beach, FL on **February 12 from 12 Noon – 3 pm. There will be a Hot Lunch with one drink. Cost \$25 - Reservations are required. For more info contact: Tim Myles at [Timtam614@aol.com](mailto:Timtam614@aol.com) or 516-660-7456 or Jim Sullivan at [Jim@brooklynirish.org](mailto:Jim@brooklynirish.org) or 347 224 4832.**

**Note of Thanks:** A note of **THANKS** is extended to those members who planned our Christmas Party. A good time was had by all. A report on this event will follow at our January 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**Thank You!** Our sincere thanks to all those who have already returned their raffle tickets for our **FFAI Christmas Appeal**. If you have not returned your tickets, **please do so by January 8.**

**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**

**AOH Clothing?** Tim Doherty will have a selection of clothing apparel at our January 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting. For more info, please contact Tim at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com)

**Congratulation!** Our sincere congratulations to our Division 8 LAOH Sister, **Denise Donlan**, on receiving the Archdiocese of Boston's Cheverus Award for Service on November 25.

**Sick Committee:** **Please send a note of cheer to our members on this month's sick list:**

**Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 0184

**Thomas Garvey**, Bear Mountain at Andover, 80 Andover Street, Andover, MA 01810

**Patricia Lyons**, Ashland Farms, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover, MA 01845

**Margaret Quirke**, Ivy Hill Court, 337 Main Street, Haverhill, Ma 01830

**George Thomas**, 3 Kacie Lane, East Hampstead, NH 0384

**Mass State Board & Essex County Board News:** A meeting of the Essex County Board will take place on **Saturday, February 29, 2020** @11 at the Home of Division 10, Lynn. The next Meeting of the Mass AOH State Board will take place on **Saturday, April 4, 2020** at the Home of Division 18, Salem, MA @ 11 am.

**Division 8 Website:** For the latest updates on our events, please take a look at Division 8's website that is regularly updated by our Webmaster John Michael Pelletier. Google: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

**2020 Dues:** Jack Lahey, our Financial Secretary, will soon be sending out Dues Notices for your 2020 Dues. Your 2020 Dues may also be paid at our January 8 Monthly Meeting. **Thanks!**

**Saint Patrick!** Please consider using Project St Patrick Prayer Cards, which help financially those seeking a vocation. Please contact Bob Moran @ [docbob4@me.com](mailto:docbob4@me.com)

**Library News:** The Hibernian Collection at the South Lawrence Library is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am until 5 pm and Sundays 1 – 4 pm. Donations of Irish books, media and other Irish Memorabilia are always welcome. Please contact Bill Sullivan for more information.

**Do You Have an E-Mail Address?** If so, please e-mail it to Jack Lahey, so we can keep you up to date with Division 8 Web Blasts. Jack's e-mail address is: [limeric@comcast.net](mailto:limeric@comcast.net).

**Change of Address:** If you have a new mailing address, please send it to us at: PO Box 1407, Lawrence, MA 01842 so that we can keep you up to date on Hibernian Events!

***A Blessed, Healthy and Happy New Year to All!***