



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

Established 1871

January 2022

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

January 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, January 12, 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 optional unless you are NOT VACCINATED or the Claddagh, City of Lawrence or the State of Massachusetts make them mandatory. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be available for those who wish to wear one, as well as Hand Sanitizer. We believe these safeguards will provide for a safe and enjoyable January Monthly Meeting.

A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR OUR MEMBERS

In 2022...

*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 2022 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 5, 2022: Charles Breen, our 150th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance Chairman, has announced that this event 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. **(Please watch your mail for a special letter that will be sent to all members in January.)**

Friday, March 11, 2022: Division 8's 52nd 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 5th Dinner Dance. **John Cuddy** will serve as Chairman. **(Please watch for a special letter that will be sent in January.)**

Joint Installation of Officers to be held in January: Our Joint Installation of Officers will be held on **Sunday, January 9, 2022**. Members, their family & friends are invited to attend the 11:30 am Mass at Sacred Hearts Church, 165 South Main Street, Bradford, MA, which will be celebrated by our Chaplain, the Rev. John Delaney. The Installation of Officers will follow the Mass and a reception will follow the Installation in the lower church hall. Light refreshments will be served. Your officers work hard on your behalf. **Please try to attend.**

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 12.**

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**

Sick Committee: Please say a prayer and send a Card 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

Mass State Board & Essex County Board News: : The next Meeting of the Mass AOH State Board will take place on **Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 10 am** at the Home of Division 11, Lowell Street, Peabody, MA. 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.

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.**

Parking: As many of you now know, the parking lot aside of the Claddagh, is now privately owned and charges \$10 or more to park there. Should the Claddagh parking lot be filled, we suggest on street parking or other parking lots in the area that are 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.

Interested in AOH Clothing? Please visit Division 8's Website for clothing featuring our 150th Anniversary Logo. For more information, please contact Tim Doherty @ 603 203 3282.

May She Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Helen Kennedy**, who died on December 13. May her soul and the souls of our departed members rest in peace, Amen.

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/>

2022 Dues: Jack Lahey, our Financial Secretary, will soon be sending out Dues Notices for your 2022 Dues. Your 2022 Dues may also be paid at our January 12 Monthly Meeting. **Thanks!**