



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

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Web Site: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>

January 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, January 11, 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. An ATTENDANCE PRIZE will be awarded to some lucky person who attends the Men's Meeting!

A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR OUR MEMBERS

In 2023...

*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 Happy New Year!

MARCH 2023 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 4, 2023: Charles Breen, our 151st 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. **(Please watch your mail for a special letter that will be sent to all members in January.)**

Friday, March 10, 2023: Division 8's 53rd 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. **(Please watch your mail for a special letter that will be sent to all members in January.)**

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. **Mark Alaimo** will serve as Chairman. **(Please watch for a special letter that will be sent in January.)**

Mass State Board & Essex County Board News: : The next Meeting of the Essex County Board will take place on **Saturday, January 14, 2022** @ 9 am at the Home of Division 11, Lowell Street, Peabody, MA . A meeting of the Mass AOH State Board will follow @ **10 am**. All AOH members are welcome!

Joint Installation of Officers to be held in January: Our AOH/LAOH Joint Installation of Officers will be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2022.** (**Snow Date: Sunday, February 5**) 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, followed by a reception with light refreshments. Your officers work hard on your behalf. **All are welcome to attend this event.**

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 11.**

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 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 Sipsey**, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844

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

Welcome! Recently, **Aiden M. O'Shaughnessy** of Methuen was initiated as a member of Division 8. We hope to see him often at our meetings and events. **WELCOME ABOARD!**

Parking: The parking lot, aside the Claddagh, is now privately owned. If the Claddagh parking lot is filled, we suggest street parking or other parking in the area that is free

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to Bob Gauthier on the passing of his wife, **Anne Gauthier**, who passed away on November 24, and on the passing of his son-in-law, **Fran Peters**, who died on November 27. Sincere sympathy is also extended to Ted Snell, on the passing of his sister-in-law, **Marcelle C Snell**, who died on December 8, and to Elaine Taylor on the passing of her son, **David**. 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 @ aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com for an application and more info.

2023 Dues: Jack Lahey, our Financial Secretary, will soon be sending out Dues Notices for your 2023 Dues. Dues may also be paid at our January 11, 2023, monthly meeting. Dues for 2023 is \$30. Your prompt payment of your dues would be greatly appreciated. **Thanks!**

Interested in AOH Clothing? Please visit Division 8's Website for the newest in AOH clothing. For more information, please contact Tim Doherty @ 603 203 3282.

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