



**THE REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY OSA DIVISION 8  
ANCIENT ORDER of HIBERNIANS  
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS  
<http://www.div8aoh.com/>**

**Established: 1871      *Happy Saint Patrick's Day to One and All!!!*      March 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, March 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Claddagh Pub, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA. *Corned Beef Sandwiches, compliments of Division 8, will be available from 6:30 – 7:00 for the men and ladies. Come, eat & enjoy!***

***Joint Meeting:*** Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Claddagh. Items of mutual interest to both Divisions will be discussed.

***March 2020– National Hunger Month:*** The AOH has declared March 2020, ***National Hunger Month***. All brother and sister Hibernians are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the March Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 11. All items will be donated to a local food pantry. Catholic Action & Pro-Life Chairman Mark Alaimo is coordinating this endeavor. ***Please be generous. Thank You!***

***Irish Heritage Month Exhibit and Author Series:*** A Photo Exhibit "***The Irish of Massachusetts – The Final Chapter***" will open on Sunday, March 1 at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, and run through the end of March. ***Please see the enclosed Irish Heritage Month Calendar for a complete listing of activities.***

***Looking for Some Great Ideas for Saint Patrick Day Gifts?*** If so, please contact Tim Doherty to purchase Division 8 AOH clothing. Please contact Tim at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com) or see him at our March 11 Monthly Meeting.

***Saturday, March 7, 2020:*** Our 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by ***John Connors & the Irish Express***. For tickets contact Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323.

***Friday, March 13, 2020:*** Division 8's 51st Anniversary Golden Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon will be held @ Noon. For tickets contact Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192.

***Saint Patrick's Day Parade:*** Lawrence's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 14 and Division 8 AOH & LAOH will be in the line of march. ***Please consider joining us & show your Hibernian & Irish Pride.*** Keith Murphy is serving as the Divisions Coordinator of our Marching Delegation. ***Keith can be contacted @ 978 688 9295***

**Win an Autographed Baseball!!!** Tickets to win a baseball (with Hologram) autographed by **J. D. Martinez**, will be on sale at our March Meetings, Dinner Dance and Luncheon. The drawing will be held at our Luncheon on March 13. Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

**AOH & LAOH National Convention:** The 2020 AOH & LAOH National Convention will be held in Orlando, FL from July 22 - 25. If you are interested in being a delegate, please sign up with our Recording Secretary either at our March or April Meeting. ***Delegates will be elected at our April Monthly Meeting.*** Please see the Hibernian Digest or AOH.com for more information.

**AOH National Board Scholarships:** The AOH offers two (2) Study Abroad Scholarships for the son or daughter or grandchild of an AOH member who has been accepted at a college in Ireland, and a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Program for high school students. For more info contact Bill Sullivan.

**Division 8 AOH Scholarships:** 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 or grandchildren 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. To be eligible for all scholarships, one must be a member of Division 8 for a period of at least one year. ***Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2020***

**2020 Saint Patrick's Day Program Book:** Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Program Book, will be distributed at our Dinner Dance on March 7. Program Book Chairman John Cuddy would like to express his ***Sincere Thanks*** to all Hibernians and friends who placed an ***AD*** in this year's book.

**2020 Award Recipients Announced:** ***The Very Rev. Christopher J. Casey*** has been selected as the ***2020*** recipient of the ***Richard Cardinal Cushing Award***, and ***Mark J. Alaimo*** has been selected, as our ***2020 Irishman of the Year***. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance. The ***2020 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award*** will be presented to ***Larry F. Giordano*** at our Saint Patrick's Luncheon.

**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 and ***George Thomas***, 3 Kacie Lane, East Hampstead, NH 03826.

***For a listing of Irish events throughout Massachusetts, please visit:***  
***IrishMassachusetts.com***

***Have a Blessed and Happy Saint Patrick's Day!***

**WELCOME!** At our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Andrew Bernal of Lawrence and Michael Delaney of Bradford** were initiated as members of Division 8. We hope that Andrew and Mike will join with us often at our Monthly Meetings and take an active role in their Division activities

**Project Saint Patrick!** The greatest danger to our Church today is the dwindling pool of dedicated men and women who are seeking religious vocations. To help provide stipends to those who seek a religious vocation in the Catholic Church, the AOH and LAOH have established Project St. Patrick. Please consider using the Project St Patrick Prayer Cards, which help financially those seeking a religious vocation. For more information contact our Project St Patrick Chairman, **Bob Moran** at: [docbob4@me.com](mailto:docbob4@me.com)

**Massachusetts State Board News:** A meeting of the AOH Mass State Board will take place on **Saturday, April 4, 2020** @11 am at the Home of Division 18 in Salem, MA @ 11 am. **All are welcome!**

**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/>

**Library News:** The Hibernian Collection at the South Lawrence Library is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am until 5 pm. Donations of Irish books, media and other Irish Memorabilia are always welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 29th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2020**. The Roll Call of 18 Heroes will take place. For tickets please contact Hoppy Curran at 978 685 7407.

**Do You Have an E-Mail Address?** If so, please e-mail it to Jack Lahey, so we can keep you up to date on **Hibernian News**. 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!

**For a complete listing of all MARCH ACTIVITIES, please see the Irish Heritage Month Calendar that is enclosed with this month's newsletter!**



**Irish Heritage Month is supported in part by a grant from the Lawrence Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.**

***Wishing you all the Joys of the Irish:  
Laughter, love and a carefree heart -  
Today, tomorrow and always***

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# **National Hunger Month**

# **March 2020**

Dear Brother and Sister Members of Division 8,

For the March Meeting of Division 8, we are asking **All Members** to donate one or more **Canned Goods or Non-Perishable items** at our March 11, 2020 Monthly Meeting.

All donated cans and non-perishables will be given to a local food pantry.

Thanking you in advance for your donations.

Mark Alaimo, Chairman  
Catholic Action & Pro Life