



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

Established: 1871      *Happy Saint Patrick's Day to One and All!!!*      March 2022

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

**March 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, March 9, 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 **MANDATORY** per the City of Lawrence at this time. Seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be available for those who do not have one, as well as Hand Sanitizer. ***Corned Beef Sandwiches, compliments of Division 8, will be available from 6:15 – 7:00 for the men and ladies. Come, eat, and enjoy!***

**MARCH 2022 EVENTS**

**March 2022– National Hunger Month:** The AOH has declared March 2022, ***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 9. 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:** An Exhibit "***The Rev. James T. O'Reilly OSA, the Augustinians and their Contributions to Lawrence***" will open on Friday, March 4 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.**

**Saturday, March 5, 2022:** Our 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by ***The Silver Spears Irish Showband***. For tickets, please contact Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323.

**Friday, March 11, 2022:** Division 8's 51st Anniversary Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon will be held @ Noon at the ***Elks Hall on Andover Street in Lawrence***. For tickets, please contact Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192.

**Joint Installation of Officers to be held on Saturday, March 12:** Our Joint Installation of Officers will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2022**. Members, their family & friends are invited to attend the 4 pm 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. Your officers work hard on your behalf. **Please try to attend.**

**Saint Patrick Day Program Book:** Our Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal will be distributed at our March Dinner Dance, and is dedicated to two Division 8 AOH National Life Members who have passed since our last Dinner Dance, **George J. Thomas**, and **Francis A. O'Connor Sr.** 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.

**2022 Award Recipients Announced:** **Christopher F. Sullivan, the President of Central Catholic High School**, has been selected as the **2022 Recipient** of the **Richard Cardinal Cushing Award**, and **John Michael Pelletier** has been selected, as our **2022 Irishman of the Year**. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance on March 5. The **2022 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award** will be presented to **Larry F. Giordano** at our Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 11.

**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 9th Monthly Meeting

**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 members, the son or daughter of a member of Division 8 AOH, as well as, Division 8's **\$750 College Scholarship** for members, their children and grandchildren of members of Division 8, who is a graduating high school senior, can be obtained at our March 9 Monthly Meeting or by writing to: Robert Gauthier, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 01845. **Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2022.**

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to Albert Manzi, on the passing of his Father-in-Law, **Raymond R. Sullivan**, who passed on February 10. May his soul and all the souls of our departed members, rest in peace, Amen.

**Sick Committee:** Please say a prayer and send a Saint Patrick Day Greeting or note of cheer to our members on this month's sick list. **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 **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079 and **Richard McDonald**, PO Box 5201, Salisbury, MA 01952.

**Do You Know Someone interested in Becoming a Member of Division 8?** If so, please contact our Division Organizer @ [aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com](mailto:aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com) for an application and more info.

**Parking:** The parking lot, aside of the Claddagh, is now privately owned and charges to park there. If the Claddagh parking lot is filled, we suggest on street parking or other parking in the area that is free.

**AOH & LAOH National Convention:** The 2022 AOH & LAOH National Convention will be held in Pittsburgh PA from July 13 - 17. 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 members, the children, or grandchildren 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.

**WELCOME!** At our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, ***Andrew Hickey of Dracut*** and ***James Pacheco of Salem, NH*** were initiated as members of Division 8. We hope that Andrew and James will join with us often at our Monthly Meetings and take an active role in their Division's activities

**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/>

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 29th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2022**, at the **Relief's Inn at 7 pm**. The Roll Call of 18 Heroes will take place. Tickets \$20. 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 listing of Irish events throughout Massachusetts, please visit:  
IrishMassachusetts.com***

**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 2022**

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 9, 2022 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

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