



**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 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, March 8, 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. ***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 2023 EVENTS

Irish Heritage Month Exhibit and Author Series: An Exhibit "*Dublin 1916: A Look Back in Time*" will open on Sunday, March 5 at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, and run through March 28. **Please see the enclosed Irish Heritage Month Calendar for a complete listing of activities.**

Saturday, March 4, 2023: Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance 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. **Tickets are priced at \$45 each, and can be obtained by calling our Dinner Dance Chairman Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323**

Friday, March 10, 2023: Division 8's 52nd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be held at Noon. **Tickets are priced at \$50 each and can be obtained by calling our Saint Patrick's Luncheon Chairman, Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192.**

March 2022– National Hunger Month: The AOH has declared March 2023, ***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 8. 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!***

Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal: Our Program Book Chairman, **Mark Alaimo**, would like to express his ***Sincere Thanks*** to all Hibernians and friends who placed an **AD** in this year's book, which will be distributed at our 151st Dinner Dance on March 4th.

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

2023 Award Recipients Announced: *Mary Alice Rock, the Director of Pastoral Ministries at Saint Michael Parish in North Andover*, has been selected as the **2023 Recipient** of the *Richard Cardinal Cushing Award*, and *Eric Alaimo*, has been selected, as our **2023 Irishman of the Year**. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance on March 4. The **2023 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award** will be presented to the **Hon. Daniel Rivera**, at our Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 10

Sick Committee: Please send a note of cheer to those who are on this month's sick list; *Jerry Bateman*, 399 Main Street, North Andover, MA 01845, *Joe Danahy*, 5 Stonewall Circle, Newton, NH 03858, *Irene Dixon*, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 01845, *Patricia Lyons*, the Residence at Salem Woods, Sally Sweet Way, Salem, NH 03079, *Neil Perry*, PO Box 2156, Methuen, MA 01844, and *Joe Sipsev*, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844

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 the son or daughter of a member; or a member of Division 8 AOH, as well as, Division 8's **\$750 College Scholarship** for the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a member of Division 8, as well as a member of Division 8, who is a graduating high school senior can be obtained at our March Monthly Meeting or by writing to: Robert Gauthier, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 01845. **Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2023.**

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of *Paul W. MacDonald*, of Division 18 AOH and the Captain of the Mass AOH State Board Color Guard Team, who passed on January 14; to the Breen Family on the passing of their Grandfather, *William Dziadosz*, who passed on January 21, to Bob Collins, on the passing of his sister, *Barbara Lamoureux*, who died on January 28, and to Bob Gauthier, on the passing of his son, *Robert Gauthier Jr.*, who died on February 10. 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.

The AOH/LAOH Massachusetts State Convention: The AOH/LAOH State Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Hyannis over the weekend of May 5 – 7. Due to the new timeline imposed by the State Board, we needed to elect our delegates at the February Meeting. Anyone interested in being a delegate to this Convention must speak up at our March 8th Monthly Meeting.

The AOH Essex County Convention: The AOH Essex County Convention will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 10 am at the Home of Division 10 AOH in Lynn. Anyone interested in being a delegate should sign up with our Recording Secretary ASAP. Delegates to this Convention will be elected at our March 8th Monthly Meeting.

2023 Dues: Jack Lahey recently sent out Dues Notices for your 2023 Dues. Dues may be mailed to Jack Lahey, or also be paid at our March 8 monthly meeting. **Thanks!**

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 or see him at our March 8th Monthly Meeting

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

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.

Congratulations: On Saturday, February 4, Division 8 member, **Mike Lavin**, along with other Hibernian Brothers across the Bay State, braved the sub 0 temperatures, and traveled to Albany, NY to receive his Major Degree. ***Congratulations Mike from all of us!!!***

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 30th Annual Lawrence Vietnam Memorial Scholarship Cabaret will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2023**, at the **Relief's Inn at 7 pm**. 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.

***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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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 8, 2023, 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!