



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

Established 1871
2019

Happy Valentine's Day

February

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM on the second floor at the Claddagh, 399 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA.

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 on the first floor at the Claddagh Pub. Items of mutual interest will be discussed.

Saturday, March 2, 2019: Charles Breen, our 148th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance Chairman, has announced that this event will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by **John Connors & the Irish Express**. For tickets please contact Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323

Friday, March 15, 2019: Division 8's 50th Annual Golden 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.

Saint Patrick Day Program Book: Division 8 will publish a Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal which will be distributed at our March Dinner Dance and will be dedicated to the LAOH on their 125th Anniversary. John Cuddy is serving as Chairman and George Thomas as Honorary Chairman. For more information, please contact John Cuddy @ 978 382 0742. **Deadline for Ads - February 9.**

AOH National Irish Hunger Month: The AOH has declared, **March 2019 - National Hunger Month**. All brother and sister Hibernians are asked to bring a non-perishable food item with them to our **March 13th Meeting**. All items that are received will be donated to a local food pantry. Catholic Action and Pro-Life Chairman Mark Alaimo is coordinating this endeavor. ***Please be generous. Thank You!***

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: Lawrence's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Saturday, March 23** and Division 8 AOH and LAOH will be in the line of March. Keith Murphy is serving as the Organizer of our Marching Delegation. At our February 13 Meeting anyone interested in marching with Division 8's delegation is asked to sign up with Keith. Keith can be contacted @ 978 688 9295.

Membership Dive 2019! Division 8's Organizer Team Members, Charlie Breen, Hoppy Curran and Jim Murphy, along with Division 8 Member Joe Danahy met during January to develop and implement a plan for membership recruitment. A report will follow at our February Meeting.

Thank You! Our sincere **THANKS** to those who purchased tickets for the **"Dinner for Two and a Movie"**. Your support for our Christmas FFAI Appeal was greatly appreciated. The winner was **Mark Murphy**.

Irish Heritage Month: Please see our **Irish Heritage Month Calendar** that is enclosed with this month's newsletter for a complete listing of all events

Win an Autographed Baseball!!!! Tickets to win a baseball (with Hologram) autographed by 2018 MVP Mookie Betts, will be on sale at our February and March Meetings, Dinner Dance and Luncheon. The drawing will be held at our Luncheon on March 15. Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Library News: Our thanks to **Angela Bishop** for her donation of books to the Hibernian Collection. Donations of Irish books, media & memorabilia are always welcome. For more info contact Bill Sullivan.

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.

AOH & LAOH Essex County & State Conventions: The AOH Essex County Board and the AOH & LAOH State Board Conventions will be held in 2019. The State Convention will be held in Falmouth the weekend of May 3 -5 and the Essex County Convention will be held in Lawrence on Saturday, April 6. If you are interested in being a delegate to either of these Conventions, you must sign up with our Recording Secretary at our February or March Monthly Meeting. Delegates to the Essex County Convention & the State Board Convention will be elected at our March 13 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 the son or daughter of 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 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, 2019.**

Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing? If so, please see the enclosed AOH Clothing flyer and price list. These items would make terrific Saint Patrick's Day Gifts! For more information contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or see him at our February 13th Monthly Meeting. **Thanks!**

May They Rest In Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Rev Paul Keyes**, who died on January 1; to Rev. James Wenzel on the death of his Sister-in-Law, **Marilyn I. Wenzel**, who died on January 4 and to Catherine McCarthy on the death of her sister, **Ann M. Hickey**, who died on January 14. May their souls all the souls of our departed members, rest in peace, Amen.

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 01845

Margaret Quirke, Ivy Hill Court, 337 Main Street, Haverhill, Ma 01830

Mary Takesian, Sutton Hill Center, 1801 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845

George Thomas, 3 Kacie Lane, East Hampstead, NH 03841



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