



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

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Celebrating 153 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, February 14, 2024, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA** following a Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM. **Please enter members lounge or by the rear entrance of the building.** The Men's Meeting will follow on the first floor of the Elks Hal

Saturday, March 2, 2024: Charles Breen, our 152nd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance Chairman, has announced that this event will be held on March 2nd and will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner featuring a **New Caterer (Simply Elegant Catering)** with music by the Silver Spears Irish Showband. The Cardinal Cushing Award will be presented to **Cardinal Sean O'Malley**, the Irishman of the year Award will be presented to **Brian Farrell**, and the Irishwoman of the Year Award will be given at this event. **Tickets are priced at \$50 each, and can be obtained by calling our Dinner Dance Chairman Charlie Breen @ 508 328 0323**

Friday, March 15, 2024: Division 8's 54th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon featuring a **New Caterer (Simply Elegant Catering)** will be held at Noon. **The Honorable John E. Fenton Citizenship Award will be presented to Dalia Diaz of Rumbo News.** For tickets, please contact our Saint Patrick's Luncheon Chairman, Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192. Tickets cost \$50 per person.

Saint Patrick Day Program Book: Division 8 will publish a Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal which will be distributed at our March 2nd Dinner Dance. This year's book will be dedicated to **Attorney Robert F. Kelley**. **The deadline for Ads to be received is February 10th. Questions? Please contact our Program Book Chairman, Mark Alaimo @ 978 689 8822 and leave a message for him. He will return your call ASAP.**

2024 Dues: Jack Lahey recently sent out Dues Notices for your 2024 Dues. Dues may also be paid at our February 14th monthly meeting. Dues for the year 2024 is \$30. **Thanks!**

MAJOR DEGREE: The next Major Degree of the order will take place at the home of Division 5 in Abany, New York on **February 3rd, 2024**. Interested? Please contact our Division Vice President Keith Murphy for more information.

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

Sick Committee: Please say a prayer and send a note of cheer to those who are on this month's sick list; **Joe Danahy**, 5 Stonewall Circle, Newton, NH 03858, **Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 01845, **Sue Fink**, 6 Rockwood Lane, Lawrence, MA 01843, **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, 5 Sally Sweets Way Room 10A, Salem, NH 03079, and the **Rev. William Waters** OSA, St Augustine Parish, 243 North Lawrence St, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Do You Know Someone interested in Becoming a Member of Division 8? If so, please contact our Division Organizer @ for an application and more information.

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Eward J. Connolly** who passed on December 19, and to the family of **Michael H. Logan**, who passed on January 18. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing? Please see the **enclosed flyer** that is included in this month's mailing. These items would make terrific Saint Patrick's Day Gifts! For more information, please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or see him at our February 14th Meeting.

AOH National Irish 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.

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 **Neil Casey of North Andover**.

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**, and Division 8's **\$750 College Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors** can be obtained at our February Monthly Meeting or by writing to: Robert Gauthier, 330 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA 01845. **Who's eligible for these scholarships?** Members and the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a member of Division 8 AOH. **Deadline for all materials is April 30, 2024.**

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/>

AOH National Board Scholarships: The AOH National Board offers two (2) College Study Abroad Scholarships, as well as a scholarship for the Irish Way Program, which is a program for American high school. For more information go to: AOH.com/Scholarships



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