



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

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January 2024

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, January 10, 2024, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA** following a Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM. **Please enter by the rear entrance of the building.** The Men's Meeting will follow on the first floor of the Elks Hall.

A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR OUR MEMBERS

In 2024...

*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures*



Have a Blessed, Safe, Prosperous Healthy and Happy New Year!

MARCH 2024 EVENTS

Irish Heritage Month: A full month of activities will take place during March and members of Division 8 will be receiving an Irish Heritage Month Calendar in the mail in February. Some of these events are noted below.

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 2 and will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with music by the Silver Spears Irish Showband. Tickets will cost \$50 per person. **(Please watch your mail for a special letter that will be sent to all members in January.)**

Friday, March 15, 2024: Division 8's 54th Annual 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. Tickets cost \$50 per person. **(Please watch your mail for a special letter that will be sent to all members in January.)**

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. **Mark Alaimo** will serve as Chairman. **(Please watch for a special letter that will be sent in January.)**

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/>

2024 Award Recipients Announced: Division 8 is pleased to announce that **Cardinal Sean O'Malley** has been selected as the recipient of the Richard Cardinal Cushing Award that will be presented at our Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance on Saturday, March 2, and **Dalia Diaz** has been selected as the recipient of the Hon. John E. Fenton Award which will be presented at our 54th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon on Friday, March 15.

2024 Dues: Jack Lahey, our Financial Secretary, will soon be sending out Dues Notices for your 2024 Dues. Dues may also be paid at our January 10, 2024, monthly meeting. Dues for 2024 are \$30. Your prompt payment of your dues would be greatly appreciated. **Thanks!**

MAJOR DEGREE: The next Major Degree of the order will take place at the home of Division 5 in Abany, New York on **Saturday, February 4th, 2024**. Interested? Please contact our Division Vice President Keith Murphy for more information.

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, and **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence at Salem Woods, 5 Sally Sweets Way Room 10A, Salem, NH 03079.

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.

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 .

Thank You! Our sincere thanks to those who have already returned their tickets for our annual **FFAI Christmas Appeal**. If you have not returned your tickets, please do so as soon as possible. **Please make checks payable to Division 8**. Your support for our Annual Freedom for All Ireland Christmas Appeal is greatly appreciated. **Deadline for returns: January 10, 2024**

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to Ruth Caisse and her family, on the loss of her granddaughter, **Brenna Caisse**, who passed away on November 10, to Kevin Quin and his wife on the passing of her Mother and his Mother-in-Law, **Noreen Amiss**, on November 11, to Lori McCarthy on the passing of her Mother, **Barbara Roderick**, who passed on November 21, to the family of **Atty. Robert F. Kelley**, who passed on November 30, to Ted Snell on the passing of his brother, **Calvin R. Snell**, who passed on December 4, and to the family of **Rejeanne Keeley** who passed on December 5. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

In the Footsteps of St Augustine: Father Bill Waters is planning a trip May 23 – June 1, 2024, to Italy. The price (\$5999) includes the air fare, transportation while there, dinners and staying at 4-star hotels, etc. Interested? **If so, please contact Father Bill at: h2ososa@aol.com**

Interested in AOH Clothing? Please visit Division 8's Website for the newest in AOH clothing. For more information, please contact Tim Doherty @ 603 203 3282.

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