



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

Established: 1871 *Happy Saint Patrick's Day to One and All!!!* March 2019

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Claddagh Pub, 399 Canal St., Lawrence, MA. *Corned Beef Sandwiches, compliments of Division 8, will be available from 6:30 – 7:00 for the men and ladies. Come, eat & enjoy!*

Joint Meeting: Division 8 AOH and LAOH will hold a joint meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Claddagh. Items of mutual interest to both Divisions will be discussed.

Membership Dive 2019! Division 8's Organizer Team Members: Charlie Breen, Hoppy Curran and Jim Murphy, will be providing information and soliciting membership applications after all weekend Masses on March 9 & 10 (March 16 & 17 if there is significant snow) at Our Lady of Good Council Parish, Methuen/Lawrence. Help is needed! Masses to be Covered are *Saturday 4 pm Mass @ St Theresa; Sunday 8 AM Mass @ Saint Theresa and Sunday, 10:30 am Mass @ St Augustine*. Interested in helping out? Contact Bill Sullivan @ 978 376 4356. Thanks!

March 2019– National 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 to the March Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 13. 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!***

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

Irish Heritage Month Exhibit and Author Series: A Photo Exhibit "***The Irish of Massachusetts***" will open on Sunday, March 3 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.***

Interested in Purchasing AOH Clothing? If so, please contact Tim Doherty at: Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com or see him at our March 13 Monthly Meeting.

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

Friday, March 15, 2019: Division 8's 50th Anniversary Golden Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon will be held @ Noon. For tickets contact Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: Lawrence's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 23 and Division 8 AOH & LAOH will be in the line of march. **Please consider joining us & show your Hibernian & Irish Pride.** Keith Murphy is serving as the Divisions Coordinator of our Marching Delegation. **Keith can be contacted @ 978 688 9295**

Win an Autographed Baseball!!! Tickets to win a baseball (with Hologram) autographed by 2018 MVP Mookie Betts, will be on sale at our March Meeting, Dinner Dance and Luncheon. The drawing will be held at our Luncheon on March 15. Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Keith Murphy & Mike Miller are coordinating this fundraiser.

2019 Saint Patrick's Day Program Book: Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Program Book, was **Dedicated to the LAOH on their 125th Anniversary**, and was distributed at our Dinner Dance. 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.

2019 Award Recipients Announced: **Robert A. Crowley** has been selected as the **2019** recipient of the **Richard Cardinal Cushing Award**, and **John E. Cuddy** has been selected, as our **2019 Irishman of the Year**. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance. The **2019 John E. Fenton Service Award** will be presented to **the Cor Unum Meal Center** at our Saint Patrick's Luncheon.

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.

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 March 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.**

***For a listing of Irish events throughout Massachusetts, please visit:
IrishMassachusetts.com***

They Rest In Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to the Nyhan, Pelletier and Doherty families on the death of their Uncle, ***Donald Nyhan***, who died on February 3 and to Karen Casey on the death of her Mother; to Neil Casey on the death of his Mother-in-Law and to Jim Finn and Jackie Lamprey on the death of their sister, ***Louise Richter*** who died on February 17. May their souls and the souls of our departed members, rest in peace, Amen.

Sick Members: Please send a St Patrick Day Greeting to those 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

Project Saint Patrick! Please consider using Project St Patrick Prayer Cards, which help financially those seeking a vocation. Please contact Bob Moran @ docbob4@me.com

Library News: The Hibernian Collection at the South Lawrence Library is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am until 5 pm. Donations of Irish books, media and other Irish Memorabilia are always welcome.

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.

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 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***

Have a Blessed and Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

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"148 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity and Community"

National Hunger Month March 2019

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 13, 2019 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