



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

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April 2025

Happy Easter!

Celebrating 154 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, April 9, 2025**, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA following a Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM. Please enter through the members' lounge or by the rear entrance of the building. The Men's Meeting will follow on the first floor of the Elks Hall.

AOH/LAOH Massachusetts State Convention: The AOH/LAOH State Convention will be held at the Cape Cod Irish Village in Hyannis over the weekend of **May 30 – June 1**. Anyone interested in being a delegate should sign up with our **Recording Secretary Mike Lavin** at our April Monthly Meetings. The election of Delegates will take place at our **April Monthly Meeting**.

The AOH Essex County Convention: The AOH Essex County Convention will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, at the home of Division 11 in Peabody at 10 am. Anyone interested in being a delegate should sign up with our Recording Secretary at our April Monthly Meetings. The election of Delegates will take place at our April 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**, and Division 8's **\$750 College Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors** can be obtained at our March 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. **The deadline for all materials is April 30, 2025.**

Sick Committee: Please send a note of cheer to those on this month's sick list: **Dan Cheetham**, 5 Sally Sweets Way, Salem, NH 03079, **Tom Corrigan**, 7 Barnard Rd, Lawrence, MA 01843, **Joe Hey**, 48 Hamlet St, Lawrence, MA 01843, **Dennis Lavin**, 3 Canterbury Ct. Salem, NH 03079, **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence of Salem Woods, 5 Sally Sweets Way, Room 10A, Salem, NH 03079, **Paul Paris**, 6 Gaston Street, Methuen, MA 01844, **Don Pelletier**, 66 Amherst St, Lawrence, MA 01843, and **Joe Sipsev**, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844.

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**.

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to Mike, Andy and Brendan Miller on the passing of their father, **Andrew James Miller Jr**, on March 11 and to Bob Mundry on the passing of his mother, **Patricia Ann Mundry**, on March 12. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

Canned Food Drive: Our sincere **Thanks** is extended to those who donated to the Canned Food Drive at our March Meeting. Over \$1,000 in canned goods was collected, and all items were donated to Bread and Roses.

Membership Drive 2025: Division 8 has kicked off a membership initiative to increase our membership. More information will be available at our April Meeting. If you know of someone interested in joining Division 8, please contact our Division Organizer @ aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com for an application and more information.

2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year: The Bishop of the Manchester Diocese is sponsoring a trip to Rome from July 16 – 24, 2025. For information, please call Colette Tours 1-800-852-5655.

Irish Heritage Month 2025: Irish Heritage Month 2025 is now history. Our **Thanks** to all brother and sister Hibernians who made our multi-faceted Irish Month activities successful. Your help, participation and cooperation added to these festive events!

AOH National Board Scholarships: The AOH National Board offers two (2) College Study Abroad Scholarships, for members, the child or grandchild of an AOH member for study at a college in Ireland, as well as a \$1,000 Scholarship for the Irish Way Program for high school students. For more info go to: **AOH.com or contact Bill Sullivan.**

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/>

2025 Dues Past Due: If your AOH Membership Card reads 2024, your dues are past due. Please send your check for \$30 for your 2024 AOH dues to: **Jack Lahey, P. O. Box 133, North Salem, NH 03079.** Dues may also be paid at our April 9 Monthly Meeting.

A NOTE OF THANKS: Our **Sincere Thanks** to the **Lawrence Cultural Council**, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, who will help sponsor many of our Irish Heritage Month activities during March. Without the **Lawrence Cultural Council's** support, many of these events would not have taken place.

