

**REV. JAMES T. O'REILLY DIVISION 8
LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

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LAOH NEWS OF INTEREST

The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA following a Joint Meeting with the AOH at 7 PM. Please enter by the rear entrance of the building. The Ladies' Meeting will follow in the same room.

Corned Beef Sandwiches, compliments of Division 8, will be available from 6:00 – 7:00 for the men and ladies. Come, eat, and enjoy!

Division 8 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is proud to announce **Kate Pacheco** as our **2025 Irish Woman of the Year**. The honor is given to a member whose contributions and dedication to our Division is recognized as going above and beyond. The first award was given to Mary Hueston in 1984. Katie has been a member of Division 8 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians since 2007 and holds the Historian. Katie will receive her award at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance to be held on March 1, 2025 at the Elks in Lawrence. Kate is the third generation to receive this wonderful honor as her grandmother, Marie Farrell and her mother, Marie Pacheco have both received this award. Congratulations to Katie!!

Congratulations to the Division 8 AOH 2025 Award Winners: The Cardinal Cushing Award will be presented to the **Bishop Robert Reed**, and the Irishman of the year Award will be presented to **Mike Greenler**. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance on March 2nd. The **2025 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award** will be presented to **Patricia Mariano** at the Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 14th.

50-50 RAFFLE: The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser. Each ticket is \$10. Please send entry fee to Erin Capano via Venmo, check, or cash. You do not need to be a Hibernian to enter this raffle! Raffle will be drawn on Facebook Live at 3:17pm on St. Patrick's Day. (Monday, March 17th). 50% will go to the winner and 50% will go to the Ladies Ancient Order thank of Hibernians. Thank you for your support.

STATE CONVENTION: Our 2025 Massachusetts State Convention will be held on the weekend of May 30th – June 1st at the Cape Cod Irish Village in Hyannis, MA. If you are interested in being a delegate, please inform your President, Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty at 978-390-3400 or dancingds@comcast.net or at the upcoming meeting.

DUES ARE NOW DUE: PLEASE send your checks for \$30.00 for your 2025 LAOH dues to Joyce Buckley at 30 Marique Drive, Lawrence, MA and please enclose your Traveling Card. It will be marked and returned. Better yet, come to a meeting and enjoy the company of your fellow members. Those of you that want to take advantage of paying your dues via **Venmo**, our Venmo account is: @JABuckley. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne-Marie at 978-794-0911.

Scholarships

The Division offers several scholarships for graduating seniors and one for a graduating eighth grader. Applications requirements are shown below and applications are also available on our website and from Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty. If you have a qualifying child or grandchild, please feel to apply. They are due no later than May 10, 2025.

Requirements

The eligibility requirements call for ANY **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO PLANS TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING** And ANY **GRADUATING 8TH GRADER WHO PLANS TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** AND WHOSE MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER IS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF DIVISION 8, LAOH OR IS A MEMBER HERSELF MAY APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. A participating member is considered a member who has attended at least six (6) meetings from January 2024 to April 2025.

See the Men's' newsletter for cancellation of meetings and events information.

Important: Please notify an officer of the Division if you have a change of address as it costs the Division money if the mail is returned.

The Division 8 LAOH Junior Division is also seeking members. Contact Christina Edler at 978-390-1464 or Isabelle Gannon for more information at 978-688-4358.

Upcoming dates to remember:

(see AOH newsletter for more information on events)

March

1st St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
3rd Flag Raising across from City Hall
14th- St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

*Let's all put on our dancin' shoes
And wear our shamrocks green
And toast our friends both here and there
And everywhere between*

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!