

**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 11, 2026**, 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 AOH, 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 **Ellen McGuigan** as our **2026 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. Ellen has been a member of Division 8 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians since 1981. She will receive her award at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance to be held on March 7, 2026 at the Elks in Lawrence. Congratulations to Ellen!!

**Congratulations to the Division 8 AOH 2026 Award Winners:** The Cardinal Cushing Award will be presented to **Dan Halloran**; the Executive Director of Lawrence Prospera and the Irishman of the year Award will be presented to **Joseph Sipse**. Both awards will be presented at our Dinner Dance on March 2nd. The **2026 John E. Fenton Citizenship Award** will be presented to **Lane Glenn**, the President of Northern Essex Community College at the Saint Patrick's Luncheon on March 13th.

**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. (Tuesday, 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.

**Congratulations to us!** Division 8 LAOH has been awarded a \$1750.00 Grant by The Lawrence Cultural Council. Your officers will be busy planning an event for which this grant money can be put to good use.

**Methuen St. Patrick's Day Parade –** As mentioned in the last newsletter, the City of Methuen is holding a St. Patrick's Day Parade this year on March 21<sup>st</sup>. They have invited our Division Hibernians. Would it not be exciting and make us all proud to carry the 32 flags of Ireland's Counties? If you are interested in participating, please let Anne-Marie know or sign up at the March meeting. We are able to provide a couple of cars for those that cannot walk. If there are any questions about the parade route or line-up time, please feel free to give Anne-Marie a call at 978-390-3400. Other Divisions have also been invited.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE: PLEASE** send your checks for \$30.00 for your 2026 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 2025 to March 2026. The applications are available through your officers, the website - <http://www.div8aoh.com>, or our Division 8 LAOH Facebook page. **DEADLINE: May 2, 2026, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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**

2nd	Irish Flag Raising @11AM – across from Lawrence City Hall
7th	St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
11 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly meeting
13th	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Patrick's Day Parade in Methuen

*As he brought new faith to Ireland  
So may he bring to you,  
A touch of Irish happiness  
In everything you do...  
And through the good Saint Patrick  
May your home and life be blessed,  
With all God's special favors  
That make you happiest.*

***Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!***