



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

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January 2025

Celebrating 154 Years of Dedication to Religion, Heritage, Charity, and Community."

MEETING NOTICE: The next meeting of the Rev. James T. O'Reilly O.S.A. Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA following a Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM. Please enter through the rear door, or the member's lounge. ***Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!***

A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR OUR MEMBERS

In 2025...

*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 2025 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 1, 2025: Jeff Sullivan, our 153rd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance Chairman, has announced that this event will be held on Saturday, March 1 at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA, 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 14, 2025: Division 8's 55th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be held at Noon at Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA. 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 1st Dinner Dance. **Mark Alaimo** will serve as Chairman. **(Please look forward to 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/>

The Installation of Officers to be held January 12th: Division 8's Joint Installation of Officers will be held on **Sunday, January 12, 2025**. Members, their family & friends are invited to attend the 11:30 am Mass at Sacred Hearts Church, 165 South Main Street, Bradford, MA, which will be celebrated by our Chaplain, the Rev. John Delaney. The Installation of Officers will follow the Mass, followed by a reception with light refreshments. Your officers work hard on your behalf. **Please try to attend.**

2025 Award Recipient Announced: Division 8 is pleased to announce that **Patricia Mariano** has been selected as the recipient of the Hon. John E. Fenton Award which will be presented at our 55th Annual Saint Patick's Day Luncheon on Friday, March 14. **Congratulations!**

Tour of Southern Italy's Island of Sicily: Fr. Patrick Armano is leading a tour to Sicily from March 9th - March 20th, 2025, departing from Boston. For more information, please visit www.marianusa.com, call 781-331-2444, or email info@marianusa.com.

Sick Committee: Please send a note of cheer to those on this month's sick list: **Tom Corrigan**, 7 Barnard Rd, Lawrence, MA 01843, **Tom Cuddy**, 68 So Bowdoin St, Lawrence, MA 01843. **Irene Dixon**, Prescott House, 140 Prescott Street, North Andover, MA 01845, **Joe Hey**, 48 Hamlet St, Lawrence, MA 01843, **Patricia Lyons**, the Residence of Salem Woods, 5 Sally Sweets Way, Room 10A, Salem, NH 03079, **Don Pelletier**, 66 Amherst St, Lawrence, MA 01843, and **Joe Sipsey**, 945 Riverside Dr, #7A, Methuen, MA 01844.

May They Rest in Peace: Sincere sympathy is extended to LAOH Past State President Kathy Rafuse on the passing of her sister-in-law, **Barbara Christo Rafuse**, who passed on November 20, and to the family of **Jack O'Brien** who passed on December 12. May their souls and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

Presidential Appointments: President Bill Sullivan has appointed **Sean McGuigan** as the Division's Deputy Historian. Sean will fill in for our Division Historian Frank O'Connor when due to work commitments, he is unable to attend our monthly meetings.

Division 8 Christmas Party: Our sincere thanks to all those who planned our Annual AOH/LAOH Christmas Party on March 10. The food was delicious and the entertainment by the StudeBops was terrific! All present, had a fantastic time.

2025 Dues: Jack Lahey, our Financial Secretary, will soon be sending out Dues Notices for your 2025 Dues. Dues may also be paid at our January 8, 2025, monthly meeting. Dues for 2025 are \$30. Your prompt payment of your dues would be greatly appreciated. **Thanks!**

Membership Drive 2025: This month, Division 8 will kick off a membership initiative to increase new members. If you know of someone interested in joining Division 8, please contact our Division Organizer @ aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com for an application and more info.

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 8, 2025**