



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

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March 2026

*“Celebrating 155 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, March 11, 2026**, at the Elks Hall, 652 Andover Street, Lawrence, MA following a Joint Meeting with the LAOH at 7 PM on the first floor. Please enter through the members' lounge. ***Corned Beef Sandwiches, compliments of Division 8, will be available from 6:00 – 7:00 in the members lounge for the men and ladies. Come, eat, and enjoy!***

**MARCH 2026 EVENTS**

**Irish Heritage Month Exhibit and Author Series:** An Exhibit ***“THE PEMBERTON MILL: THE WORST INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN MASSACHUSETTS HISTORY”*** will open on Sunday, March 8 at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, and run through March 31.

**Saturday, March 7, 2026:** Our 154th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Banquet and Dance will be held at the Elks Hall in Lawrence on March 7th and will feature a full course Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, ***Irish Step Dancers*** and music by the Celtic Crew Irish Showband. The Cardinal Cushing Award will be presented to ***Dan Halloran***, the Irishman of the year Award will be presented to ***Joe Sipsey***, and the Irishwoman of the Year Award will be presented to ***Ellen McGuigan***. Tickets are priced at \$55 each and can be obtained by calling our Dinner Dance Chairman ***Bill Sullivan*** at: 978 376 4356. (Please leave voicemail if there is no answer)

**Friday, March 13, 2026:** Division 8's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be held at Noon at the Lawrence Elks Hall. ***The Honorable John E. Fenton Citizenship Award will be presented to Lane Glenn, the President of Northern Essex Community Colleges.*** For tickets, please contact our Saint Patrick's Luncheon Chairman, Jack Lahey @ 603 560 8192. Tickets cost \$55 per person.

**Saint Patrick's Day Souvenir Journal:** Our Program Book Chairman, ***Mark Alaimo***, would like to express his ***Sincere Thanks*** to all Hibernians and friends who placed an ***AD*** in this year's book, which will be distributed at our 154th Dinner Dance on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**2026 Dues:** Jack Lahey recently sent out Dues Notices for your 2026 Dues. Dues may also be paid at our March 11th monthly meeting. Dues for the year 2026 are \$30. ***Thanks!***

**Irish Heritage Month:** Please see our ***Irish Heritage Month Calendar*** that is enclosed with this month's newsletter for a complete listing of all March events.

**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, 2026.***

**Sick Committee:** Please send a note of cheer to those on this month's sick list: ***Tom Corrigan***, 7 Barnard Rd, Lawrence, MA 01843; ***Jim Finn***, 11 West Union St, Goffstown, NH 03045, ***Mike*** and ***Mildred Greenler***, 67 Cochrane Circle, Methuen, MA 01844, and ***Joe Sipse***y, 945 Riverside Dr, 7A, Methuen, MA 01844.

**May They Rest in Peace:** Sincere sympathy is extended to Jeff Sullivan, on the passing of his wife, ***Denise E. Sullivan***, who passed on January 21. May her soul and the souls of all our departed members rest in peace.

**March 2026 – National Hunger Month:** The AOH has declared March 2026, ***National Hunger Month***. All brother and sister Hibernians are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the March 11<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting. 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!***

**2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY -- WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!** Who can you ask? A son, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, nephew, neighbor, co-worker, friend, your parish priest! Membership is open to those of Irish birth, descent or those who have been legally adopted by someone of Irish Ancestry. Membership is also open to **all Catholic priests regardless of nationality**. Membership Applications will be available at our March Meeting. Questions? Please speak up at our monthly meeting or email our Division Organizer @ [aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com](mailto:aohdivision8organizer@gmail.com)

**WELCOME:** At our February Meeting we welcomed ***Edward Murphy*** of Methuen, as a member of Division 8. We look forward to seeing him at our future monthly meetings and events.  
***Welcome aboard Ed!***

**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**.

**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.**

**Would You Like to Receive Timely Updates of Division 8 Happenings?** If so, please e-mail Jack Lahey and let him know that you want to get the latest news from Division 8. Jack's e-mail address is: [limeric@comcast.net](mailto:limeric@comcast.net).

**Looking for Some Great Ideas for Saint Patrick Day Gifts?** If so, please contact Tim Doherty to purchase Division 8 AOH clothing. Please contact Tim at: [Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com](mailto:Timothy.Doherty@sedgwickcms.com)

**Methuen Saint Patrick's Day Parade:** A Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Methuen on Saturday, March 21. The parade will begin at Nickleson Stadium and end in a parking lot in the area of the Claddagh, which is about a 2.5 route. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Nyhan Doherty at 978 390 3400 who is coordinating the Hibernian contingent. More information will be available at our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**St Monica K of C Irish Nights:** St Monica Council 14725 will hold a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at St Lucy's Church Hall, 254 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA from 5 – 9 pm. Tickets cost \$35 and can be obtained by calling Larry Giordano @ 978 683 4287.

**Saint Patrick's Celebration:** On **Saturday, March 21, Saint Patrick's Parish** will celebrate their parish's patron, Saint Patrick, with a special Mass and dinner. Mass will be at 4:00 pm in the upper church, with dinner following in the parish center at 5:00 pm. The evening's celebration will include a variety of foods: Shepherd's Pie, Irish soda bread, Vietnamese spring rolls, pastelitos, salad, and assorted desserts. ***Tickets for the dinner are only \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased after Masses on March 7 & 8 and 14 & 15, or at the parish office.***

**Leave of Absence:** Michael Lavin, Division 8's Recording Secretary, due to his new position at work, has taken a leave from his Recording Secretary position through June. President Sullivan has appointed Immediate Past Recording Secretary Eric Alaimo as Acting Recording Secretary.

**AOH & LAOH National Convention:** The 2022 AOH & LAOH National Convention will be held in Omaha, NB from **July 15 - 19**. If you are interested in being a delegate, please sign up with our Recording Secretary either at our March or April Meeting. ***Delegates will be elected at our April Monthly Meeting.*** Please see the Hibernian Digest or AOH.com for more information.

**Division 8 Website:** For the latest updates on our events, please take a look at Division 8's website that is regularly updated by our Webmaster John Michael Pelletier. Google: <http://www.div8aoh.com/>.

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

**For a complete listing of all MARCH ACTIVITIES, please see the Irish Heritage Month Calendar that is enclosed with this month's newsletter!**



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## **National Hunger Month**

# **March 2026**

Dear Brother and Sister Members of Division 8,

At the March Meeting of Division 8 AOH, we are asking **All Members** to bring in one or more **Nonperishables** and **Canned Goods** to our March 11, 2026, meeting.

All donated cans and nonperishables will be given to a local food pantry.

Thanking you in advance for your donations.

Mark Alaimo, Chairman  
Catholic Action & Pro Life

*Have a Blessed and Happy Saint Patrick's Day!*

