



**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 Sipsey**, 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](mailto: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.

