

Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY November/December 2020



President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

Our next division meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 8:00 pm in our hall. Our December Christmas meeting will be held Wednesday December 2nd. All members are encouraged to attend.

Welcome, welcome, welcome to the 24 new members that joined the AOH Division 7 during our last meeting. This was our first Shamrock degree in over a year and our organizer, **Bob Knockenhauer**, did a great job.

We look forward to getting to know our new members in the coming months. Please remember that Division 7 encourages all our members to make their major degree as soon as the Tara Court Major Degree Team can safely resume conducting the major degree.

I want to thank all the members that came out for our deceased member's Mass. We had to move the Mass from St. Mary's Church to an outdoor service in our parking lot and it was the right decision considering the number of members that attended the Mass. A special thank you to **John Owen, Leslie Lanigan, Father Don and Father John** for making the Mass and continental breakfast such a success.

Our Flu Shot Day was also a big success and we want to thank **Ryan Baist** for taking the time to provide a Flu shot to over 50 of our members. Please consider getting your Flu shot if you have not yet already done so.

The AOH is holding an Irish Language Mass on Long Island on Nov. 7th at 1:00 PM. The Mass will be held at Notre Dame Parish located at 45 Mayfair Ave., New Hyde Park, NY. For additional

information see the flyer on page 4 of this newsletter. On Monday, November 9th from 6:00-7:00 PM, our Junior Girls will be honoring our division members who are veterans. Due to CORONA-19 virus restrictions, they can't hold their normal celebration, but they have joined with the LAOH to prepare meatloaf dinners that they will distribute to all veterans that can stop down to our Hall.

Every Saturday night we hold our **Queen of Hearts** weekly drawing at 7:30 PM. Come down to our pub and take a chance to find the Queen.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe and healthy Christmas season. It is with great regret that I must announce that we will not be able to hold our annual members Christmas party. We are restricted to the number of people that we can host at a party. It would not be fair to run a Christmas party and only allow a select 50-60 people to attend. I hope we can get back to normal activities in 2021.

Our annual community children's Christmas party for needy children will not be held as well. However, we will still purchase presents for the children and distribute them to ensure they will feel the spirit of Christmas. **Vic and Kathleen** do such a great job with this event and they are working extra hard this year to ensure the children are not overlooked during these difficult times.

Please remember the Suffolk Vets this time of year and drop off cans of food, toiletries, paper goods in the Veterans box in the Pub area or leave a donation for the Vets that's kept behind the bar.

**Wishing you "All the Best"
In Our Motto of Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity
Tom McHugh**

Hibernian of the Year Nominations

Anyone wishing to make a nomination for the Hibernian of the Year must do so before January 1st.

The person being nominated must be a member in good standing and have made his Major Degree.

Please write the nominee's name on a piece of paper (no letters) and put it in an envelope addressed to last year's HOY, **Shawn O'Neill**, and put it in the Division mailbox.



**November 23rd
6:30 PM**

LAOH members will gather in our Hall to pack Thanksgiving baskets for those in our community who are in need. Please see LAOH Missions and Charities Officer Chris Brogan for information regarding contributions for the baskets.



L.A.O.H.

Hello Sisters,

Our 300 Club Raffle is underway!! The raffle tickets are \$20 each and the prizes are fantastic!! One \$1000, two \$500, and ten \$100 will be raffled off. If you win a prize, your ticket goes back into the drawing for another chance to win. Please come down to support the Ladies and enjoy a little holiday cheer on Friday December 11th at 8pm for the big drawing. Please see Chris Brogan and Alie Gray- Barba for tickets.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 11 at 7:30 pm. At this meeting we will be collecting nonperishable foods to use in our Thanksgiving baskets, and also finalizing the sign-up sheets. We will be assembling the baskets on Monday November 23rd at 6:30 pm. Your generosity in bringing food for these baskets is so appreciated. If you know of a family that can benefit from one of these Thanksgiving baskets please email cmbrogan@optonline.net with the number of people in the family.

The Irish History Contest sponsored by the National LAOH is underway. For more information please contact Division 7 Irish Historian Kathy Sanders at kasande27@gmail.com or you can visit the national LAOH website at <https://ladiesaoh.com/irish-history-contest/>. All children from grades 6-12 regardless if they are Hibernian affiliated are welcome to participate.

The girl scout troop of one of our Juniors, Anna Holm, is working towards their Bronze Award and has chosen to support the *Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center*. She has asked us for help with the collection of small distractible toys such as squishies, Fidget Spinners or

Cubes, small stress balls, new/unused child-sized mittens or gloves, or gift card donations to stores such as Home Depot, Lowes, Target, Michaels etc... If you can help with any of these items, please bring them to our next meeting or you can drop off in a special collection bucket down at the hall.

Our Juniors are working on a video montage project for our members of the AOH and LAOH Division 7 that are Veterans of the US Armed Forces and they would like to include a picture of each Veteran during their time of service. If you would like to submit a picture please email Gina Holm at jaygholm@gmail.com. Also wishing all of our members who served a Happy Veterans Day and THANK YOU for that service!!

Wishing you a blessed and very Happy Thanksgiving, a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and be well!!

**Yours in Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity,
Cathie Norton Doherty**

Juniors

Our Division 7 Junior Girls had a fabulously successful **Car Wash Fundraiser** to raise funds for their annual \$1000 Make-A-Wish donation. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to several of the junior's parents and the Ladies and Men of Division 7 who truly made this event a fun-filled morning and huge success, albeit a chilly morning.

The girls voted on and held a **Juniors Installation** for eight new members. They girls also voted on their new slate of Officers for which a December **Officer Installation** is planned. The girls have enjoyed tending to the **Flowers Garden** by our statue of the Blessed Mother. Each has painted a colorful rock to

brighten up the garden. They also planted bulbs for an array of beautiful spring flowers. The girls made homemade Veterans Day cards for our AOH and LAOH Veterans thanking them for their service. Due to Covid restrictions, in place of the Juniors **Annual Veterans Celebration**, they have opted to help the Ladies make a "to-go" Meatloaf Dinner for our Division 7 veterans. The turnips grown by the girls in their Vegetable Garden will be cooked by the ladies and accompany the meal. The meal(s) can be picked up at the Hall or we will deliver to their homes. The Sea Cadets Color Guard will be at the Hall to greet the veterans. The girls were presented the pertinent information for the annual **Irish History Contest**: "*The Impact of the Irish Anglo Treaty of 1921*," noting the top prize of \$1000. The girls were very excited about the additional forms of submission this year, whereby in place of the traditional written essay, a PowerPoint presentation, homemade video or the creation of a website are now also options. All exciting stuff for our girls!

New Member Recruitment: If you know a junior girl(s) looking to join a fun organization where they will experience volunteerism, leadership, building camaraderie amongst their peers, honoring veterans and the elderly, hosting baby showers for young mothers in need and overall fostering their teamwork skills, please reach out to me, Patty Fitzpatrick at (516) 459-0840. The more the merrier!!

**In Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity
Patty Fitzpatrick
Junior Girls Coordinator**



What's Happening Nov. & Dec.



NOVEMBER:

Nov 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Nov 9 Mon	Jr. Girls Veterans Dinner Distribution	6-7 PM
Nov 11 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Nov 23 Mon	Thanksgiving Baskets Assembled	6:30 PM
Nov 26 Thu	Thanksgiving Day	

DECEMBER:

Dec 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Dec 7 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Dec 9 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Dec 11 Fri	300 Club Drawing in our Pub	8:00 PM
Dec 25 Fri	Christmas Day	
Dec 26 Sat	St. Stephen's Day	
Dec 31 Thu	New Year's Eve	

Corporation Corner

Welcome new members and happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas to all.

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games all season long.

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our

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Corporation President,
Gene Hearl

Every Saturday Night we are holding a Queen of


Hearts drawing at 7:30PM



Junior Girl's car Wash for Make-A-Wish Foundation



Division 7 Public Square Public Rosary Rally on Saturday October 10th, Thanks to Herman & Millie Boyle



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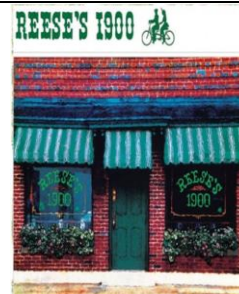
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