



**President's Message**

Hello Brothers,

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM in our Hall. Please join me in welcoming our new Chaplain, Rev. John Crozier from St. Mary's Church. Fr. Don had retired and moved down to North Carolina in December. Fr. John grow up on Long Island and was a parishioner of Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. He attended Saint Agnes Cathedral Elementary School and Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale. After high school he attended St. John's University. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he entered Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. We are honored to have him join us as our chaplain.

I want to thank Kevin Smith and John Hanley for once again running our St. Patrick's Day parade Superbowl pool fundraiser. This is a major fundraiser for our Division and we will use the proceeds for next year's parade. We were not issued permits to run our John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade this year due to COVID restrictions. The Division Officers and the LAOH Officers will do a symbolic march on March 7<sup>th</sup> with our Grand Marshal (Bill LePage) and Ladies Aide (Eileen Knockenhauer).

We still have some boxes available for our NCAA Basketball Pool. This is a great pool that pays out a winner for every game in the tournament. There will be 63 winners and there are no bad numbers for the final

score of a basketball game. Please see John Hanley if you are interested in getting a box.

Unfortunately, the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade is also cancelled but they will again run a very small contingent from the 69th Regiment Armory on East 25th Street and up Madison Avenue to St. Patrick's Cathedral with a police escort. We all expect to be able to return to normal traditions in 2022.

Our 2021 dues cards have arrived and our Financial Secretary, John Hanley, has your cards. I encourage all members to take advantage of the early payment discount when paying for the year before March 17<sup>th</sup>. Your yearly dues are \$100 when paid before March 17<sup>th</sup> and \$120 after that date. Please remember to put your membership number on all payments. Our membership numbers are all in the format of 30SU07####. You can drop off your payment at the Hall or you can mail it to:

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The AOH County Board has announced that the County Ball will again be cancelled this year. However, the County will still be holding the County Convention on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church located at 495 North Ocean Ave. in Patchogue.

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

**2021**  
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**If Dues not paid by March 17<sup>th</sup> Dues will be \$120.**

**Welcome our new**  
**AOH Division 7**  
**Chaplain, Father John**



**Rev. John Crozier**

# L.A.O.H.

Hello Sisters,

Our next meeting, Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, will be in person and I look forward to seeing so many of you and starting our meeting following a recitation of the Rosary. For those unable to join us in person yet, we will send out a meeting recap to keep you all informed.

Reservations for our Take Home Meal Fundraiser set for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5pm-7pm have gone so well and closed at over 200 dinners sold!! We are really looking forward to this event and appreciate all of the support it has received!!

Our newly installed Catholic Action Officer Doris Kennedy has kicked off a collection to benefit Branches of Long Island. We are collecting various food and hygiene products, and the collection will run through mid March. There is a collection box at our hall for items, we have also partnered with the following offices and they will have collection boxes out supporting our efforts: Kennedy L.I. Realty Inc. 226 East Main Street, Bay Shore; Legislature Steve Flotteron 4 Udall Rd Suite 4, West Islip; Senator Phil Boyle 94 West Main St, Bay Shore; Legislature Tom Cilmi 96 East Main St Suite 5, East Islip. Please support this collection as there are currently so many families local to us struggling to provide for themselves and their families, and Branches of LI is doing wonderful work helping with that need and we would like to support them in their efforts.

Our shirt order fundraiser was a success and all who ordered seem to be very happy with their purchases. We will be doing another order sometime in mid-March so if you are interested in ordering sweatshirts, golf shirts, etc. please contact Chris Brogan for details and to order.

At our May meeting we will be hosting "a baby shower" to benefit Life Center of LI. We will be collecting the usual much needed items such as baby clothing size 0-3T, diapers, wipes, also infant strollers and car seats. They are

looking for new items only at this time.

I will miss our usual March celebrations and festivities with you all and will pray we will return to them all next year. For now, I wish you all a very Happy St. Patrick's Day, and wish you and your families good health and many blessings!!

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

[cathieedoherty@hotmail.com](mailto:cathieedoherty@hotmail.com)

## Juniors

Our Division 7 Junior Girls celebrated preparing for St. Brigid's Day by making handmade St. Brigid's crosses and reading about the history of St. Brigid, specifically her kindness and generosity that made her famous and ultimately saintly. To prepare for St. Valentine's Day, the junior girls once again wanted to spread the love to our Division 7 senior members by making homemade Valentine's Day cards. These cards were personally delivered on Valentine's Day and accompanied by homemade heart-shaped cookies and sweets. All recipients were truly appreciative of this kind and loving gesture by our juniors. The girls had their first ever Zoom meeting in February and they did quite well under the circumstances. They will meet in person in March and are looking forward to their Officer Installation and making their annual donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a cause near and dear to their hearts.

The girls are mapping out their fundraising efforts for 2021. They would like to hold another Car Wash this summer, so stay tuned! The girls will begin bringing a non-perishable food item to each meeting where it will be donated to a different local food pantry each month.

The girls would like to give special thanks to all who donated the front covers of their Christmas cards for an upcoming fundraiser where they will be making and selling packages of

Christmas present gift tags. Lastly, the girls would like to create a "Reflection Garden" behind the Statue of our Blessed Mother to provide our members with a quiet place for contemplation. A place to slow down and look within, to reflect, to pray and enjoy the tranquility. Their vision is to add planters, flowers, statues, benches, an arbor, pebble walking path, small fence, etc. Gene Hearl and the Corporation have humbly agreed and given the girls permission to proceed with the planning stage of this project. That said, their fundraising efforts will hopefully cover the cost of this beautiful garden for all Division 7 members to enjoy. We are also accepting donations towards this beautiful garden. Please contact Patty Fitzpatrick or Gina Holm to make a donation. Additionally, anyone with expertise in landscape and horticulture design is more than welcome to give us some pointers! We really want to create a beautiful, serene garden.

**In Friendship, Unity and  
Christian Charity  
Patty Fitzpatrick &  
Gina Holm  
Junior Girls Co-Coordinators**



Jr. Girls Valentine wishes being delivered to Carmel Ryan from Patty Fitzpatrick





# What's Happening March & April



## MARCH:

Mar 3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Mar 8 Mon	Jr. Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Mar 10 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting at Hall	7:30 PM
Mar 17 Wed	St. Patrick's Day	

## APRIL:

Apr 4 Sun	Easter Sunday	
Apr 7 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr 10 Sat	Tom Clarke/Katie Daley Memorial	TBD
Apr 12 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr 14 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM

# Corporation Corner

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our members! Please come down and enjoy the day with your fellow Hibernians. We will continue to follow state regulation in our Pub and Hall to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Corporation President,  
Gene Hearl



Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal, Eileen Knockenhauer, received a Valentine greeting from the Junior Girls.



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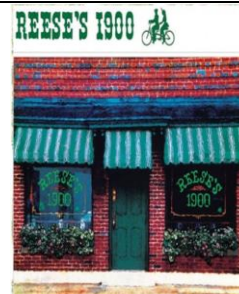
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