



Dear Brothers,

Our next meetings are March 1 and April 5. March 5 will be our 58th annual John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade. It kicks off at 2 pm, from the East Islip Library. Please show your support and march down Main Street behind Thomas McHugh our Grand Marshal and Patty Fitzpatrick Ladies Aide. Let's show the community the size and strength of our organization.

I want to thank all the committee volunteers of the Local Hibernians Inc. They had a very successful fundraiser at the Harp and Hound thanks to Mary Pat Boyle. Becci, Patty and the ladies, thank you for all your help in getting the baskets ready. Thank you to J&D Acoustic for playing at the fundraiser. A fun time was had by all including the volunteers.

The division has reestablished the Junior Division for our hall on Saturday February 18th. I want to thank John Owen and Jason Holm for the outstanding job in getting the Juniors reestablished. The Suffolk County AOH came and installed the Junior Boys. Congratulations to all the young men. I want to thank Gerry Connors for piping that day for us. Thank you to all the members and parents that came to watch the installation. Thank you to Patty Fitzpatrick, Gina Holm and Carol McHugh for helping us out.

March 5th there will be a Mass at St. Mary's at 9 am before our parade. There will also be a Mass at 8:30 on March 17, 2023 at our Hall before the buses leave for the city parade. Father John will be our

celebrant.

This time of the year is very busy for our Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band. Follow them on Facebook or <https://www.rdpb.com> for their upcoming parades.

March 17th is the NYC St. Patrick's Parade and our own Aggie O'Leary (LAOH NYS President) will be the Suffolk County Aide to the Grand Marshal. Check with John Owen if there are any spots on the Division bus.

On February 25th, we held the Grand Marshal Ball honoring Tom McHugh and Ladies Aide Patty Fitzpatrick. We also acknowledged our 2023 Hibernian of the Year, Vincent Smith, for all the work he does for the division.

Thank you to Kevin Smith & Tony Pizzo for running the Super Bowl fundraiser. This helps supplement the cost of our St. Patrick's Day Parade.

April 21st is the AOH/LAOH Suffolk County Ball at Captain Bill's honoring our LAOH member Sue O'Neill and Bill Gorham, the LAOH/AOH County Presidents.

Brothers our annual dues are \$100 if paid up before March 17. After March 17 the dues are \$120.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and Blessed Easter.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Shawn P. O'Neill

Junior Boys

The Junior Boys are off to a great start. In January, the Junior Boys met with their coordinators at East Islip Lanes for some bowling

fun. This was a great team building experience for the boys as they gathered, socialized and got to know each other.

On February 18th, Division 7 Junior Boys were all duly sworn in by AOH NY State Junior Liaison, Dennis Harty, who was joined by many other members from Suffolk County AOH. Thank you to all of our Division 7 AOH & LAOH officers and members who joined us for this celebratory event. We are all so excited to have Division 7's Junior Boys get reestablished.

Lastly, on Saturday, February 25th, many of the Junior Boys, along with their fathers and coordinators, joined forces with Lennon Flags to adorn Main St. with the Irish Heritage flags in preparation for the upcoming 58th Annual John P. Reilly St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In our motto,
John Owen & Jason Holm
Junior Boys Coordinators



Vinny Smith receiving the Hibernian of the Year award from John Davis at the Grand Marshal Ball on February 25th.

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

A warm welcome to all our new members. We are delighted to have you join us and look forward to embracing you in our sisterhood. We appreciate your support in our many activities such as parades, soup kitchen, fundraisers community events and much more. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Eileen Knockenhauer, our own Division 7 recipient of the "Following in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" award. Eileen truly embraces our motto, is so well deserving of this esteemed honor as she does so much for all Hibernians and our local community.

Congratulations to *Tom McHugh*, the 2023 Grand Marshal, and his Aides, sons Tom, Paul and Terence and good friend Greg Baist. Also congratulations to *Vinny Smith*, the 2023 Hibernian of the Year (aka, our Division 7 IT and television guru). This is a great honor for all of you. Thank you also to the *Grand Marshal Ball and Parade Committees* for your tireless work and effort to make both events very special and memorable for all Division 7 members and our community. Please be sure to stop by the *East Islip Library* to see the beautiful display of all things Irish coordinated by our Irish Historian Valerie Hand, assisted by Kathi Dinota and Chris Brogan. While at the library, you should also visit the *Irish Heritage Room* (lower level). Lineup for the *John P. Reilly East Islip Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade* on Sunday, March 5th is at 1:30pm. All ladies are asked to assemble at the library at 1:15pm. Please remember to wear your sashes. Please join us at our Hall after the parade for a celebration with food and music by The Boggs. Ladies, a gentle reminder, it's time to pay your annual dues: \$45 until March 31st. After April 1st, the dues are \$60. Please see Financial Secretary, Chris Brogan.

Our upcoming events include: our Junior Girls *Lenten Soup Dinner* on Friday, April 7th. Come down and enjoy "homemade" non-meat soups and salad. Regarding our *Easter Food Baskets*, if you know a family in need for a dinner basket, please register your family on the sign-up sheet at our March meeting or notify our Missions & Charities Board member Gina Holm. Please include the number of children and adults in the family, and no names please as we prefer the families to remain anonymous. Sign-up lists including fresh produce, dry goods and Easter candy will be available at our next meeting. We humbly encourage all members to donate one item towards the Easter baskets.

On Tuesday March 14th at 7:00pm, the movie *Brooklyn* will be shown at the Hall. There is no fee for the movie. Bring your own snacks. On Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00pm, we are holding a *Centerpiece Making Class*, led by Jeanine Amato from Country Village Florist. The cost is \$50. Please contact Cindy Haugland or Ellen Murray to sign-up. On Tuesday April 25th at 7:00pm, we will be hosting *Designer Bag Bingo*. The cost will be \$30 at the door. Designer items include Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach, etc. Designer raffles will be available.

On Friday, April 21st the *Suffolk County Ball* will be held at Captain Bills in Bay Shore. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate the Suffolk County Divisions who will be honoring Sue O'Neill and Bill Gorham. This promises to be a fun-filled evening! Tickets are \$95 per person. Checks should be made payable to AOH LAOH Suffolk County Ball and given to LAOH Suffolk County President, Sue O'Neill. Our next LAOH Division 7 meeting is Wednesday, March 8th. The full rosary will begin at 7:00pm with our meeting immediately following.

**In our Motto,
Patty Fitzpatrick**

Junior Girls

Our Division 7 Junior Girls are off to a great start for 2023! In February, our Division 7 Junior Girls led the procession and placed flowers at the alter for the St. Brigid's Mass held at Mt Carmel RCC in Patchogue as we honored the Suffolk County St. Brigid honorees.

During our February meeting, the girls presented their annual donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Angela Sinclair, a representative from the MAWF, spoke to the girls about how the money is spent granting "wishes" to critically ill children. The Junior Girls also welcomed Teresa, Taylor and Samantha Ryan from the Taylor's Hope Foundation and presented them with a check. Teresa spoke to the Junior Girls about the help that Taylor's Hope gives to families after a family member is diagnosed with a long term illness or disease. In addition, the Junior Girls also mailed a donation check to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Junior Girls are grateful to all of those who support them in their fundraising thereby making these donations possible.

During their February meeting, the Girls made Valentine's cards to hand out to members of the LAOH at their February meeting.

Please mark your calendars for the Lenten Soup night at our hall on April 7th; all are welcome to attend; soup will be served until we run out! Thank you to all of Division 7, AOH & LAOH, for always helping to support the Junior Girls efforts to live in our motto of friendship, unity, and Christian charity. Upcoming Dates: Junior Girls Meetings are March 6th and April 10th at 6:30 at our Hall.

**In Our Motto,
Becci Enders / Gina Holm**



What's Happening March & April



MARCH:

Mar 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Mar 5 Sun	Mass at St. Mary's Church	9:00 AM
Mar 5 Sun	John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade	2:00 PM
Mar 6 Mon	Juniors Meetings (Girls & Boys)	6:30 PM
Mar 8 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Mar 14 Tue	Movie Night "Brooklyn"	7:00 PM
Mar 17 Fri	Mass in our Hall for St. Patrick's Day Before the buses leave for NYC	8:30 AM
Mar 17 Fri	St. Patrick's Day (NYC Parade)	

APRIL:

Apr 5 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr 7 Fri	Lenten Soup Dinner	5:30 PM
Apr 9 Sun	Easter Sunday	
Apr 10 Mon	Juniors Meetings (Girls & Boys)	6:30 PM
Apr 12 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr 21 Fri	Suffolk County AOH/LAOH Ball Captain Bills, Bayshore	6:30-11:30 PM

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MARCH

Fri 10 th	Joe Soulo Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
Fri 31 st	The Boggs Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00

APRIL

Fri 21 st	J&D Acoustic Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
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Charlie would tell his students about an Irish Language school located on the West Coast of Ireland in an area known as the Gaeltacht. It was a very exclusive school and very expensive. Many Americans would register at the school to learn how to speak the Irish language and many were successful. The only drawback... if you accidentally forgot where you were and you absentmindedly spoke English, you were immediately expelled and sent home. It was that threat that made so many students concentrate so hard that they learned how to speak "An Gaeilge". Charlie loved that story!

- Vic Vogel



Grand Marshal Tom McHugh with his Aides Tom, Paul, Terence & Greg



AOH Division 7 Junior Boys Division Installation February 18, 2023



Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal, Patty Fitzpatrick, receiving sash and flowers from Becci Enders

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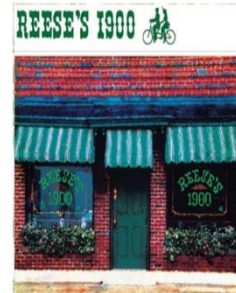
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