

# Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY November/December 2023



Dear Brothers,

Thank you for the support as being named the Grand Marshal of the 2024 John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade. I look forward with the Aides in leading the Past Grand Marshals, AOH members, LAOH members and all the participants down Main Street.

Thank you to all the members that attended the Our Lady of Knock mass at St. Mary's for our deceased members and the ceremony we had back at our hall.

There will be a Shamrock Degree at our November meeting. Anyone who wishes to be nominated for a position on either the Corporation or Division board will be taken off the floor. Someone will need to nominate you and be second off the floor.

Congratulations to William Connor on being named the "Father Hugh, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity" award winner.

Our Annual Members picnic at Heckscher State Park was a great success again this year thanks to the hard work of Mike McCall and John McCullough. It was wonderful to see so many of our members volunteer to help with the setup, cooking and clean up.

Thanks to Ryan Baist, Rite Aid for assisting in giving our members the flu and Covid booster on October 14, 2023.

There was a Major Degree at Division 2 on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, congratulations to all who received the degree.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, our Jr. Girl's and Boy's will be honoring

members who served in our military. All members are welcome to come show their thanks and appreciation for our Veteran Brothers and Sisters.

The Children's Fund Christmas Party will be on December 10, 2023 from 12 to 2pm. If you would like to volunteer, please see Vic Vogel.

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 16, 2023 this year, starting at 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 pm.

**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. This person should be someone who actively participates in Division functions (ex: Picnic Crew, BBQ Crew, Masses) fundraisers and attends meetings.

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, Vinny Smith, and put it in the Division mailbox.

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

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## Junior Boys

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the boys held a meeting and we discussed 9/11. The boys watched a short movie called The Man in the Red Bandanna. We also had a few guest speakers, including Eric Erskine and Brother John Hanley, that shared their experiences that day. In October,

the Junior Boys joined together with the Division 7 Junior Girls to celebrate the Puka Festival. Special thanks to Seamus Connelly for taking part in telling the tale of the Puka to all in attendance. November will be a busy month for the Boys as we will honor our Division Veterans on November 6th alongside the Junior Girls. We will also participate in the Annual Tree Lighting at our hall on November 28th. We anticipate planning a visit to the Michael Murphy Museum in Sayville.

**New Member Recruitment:** If you know a boy, between the ages of 8-18, who is looking to join our organization, please contact John Owen at (631) 413-5881 or Jason Holm at (631) 358-3935. Becoming a Junior Boy allows them to participate in community service, helping our community in various ways. Community service hours for school and/or religious efforts such as Honor Society or Confirmation can be obtained as well. We welcome new members throughout the year.

**In our Motto,  
John and Jason**

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## L.A.O.H.

I hope this finds you well and enjoying our unusually warm fall temperatures.

Please come join us for a fun night of Boo-zy Bingo Friday, November 3rd from 7-11PM at our hall. The cost of the event is \$20 per person and includes 6 bingo cards and table snacks. All prizes will be bottles of spirits. If you come to the event wearing a costume, you get an extra bingo card! No need to pre-register, it is first come first serve.

The (New Named) 400 Club Raffle is in full swing, and tickets are going fast. Tickets are \$20 each and we have more ways to win this year! One \$1000, four \$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 and support the Ladies and enjoy some holiday cheer on Friday December 8, 2023 at 8:00

pm when we draw our winners. Please contact Chris Brogan (631) 428-3085 or Alie Gray Barba (631) 383-2465 for tickets.

In support of Division 7's Community Children's Christmas Party, we are asking you to bring an unwrapped gift to our November meeting. There is also a box located in the foyer at the hall.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30pm. We will have the final sign-up sheets and items needed for our Thanksgiving baskets. As always, we thank you for your generosity in donating these items. If you know of a family in need, please

reach out to our Missions and Charity Officer, Gina Holm at (516) 445-9592. The date for basket assembly and delivery is Monday, November 20th at 6PM.

Wishing all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and may the coming New Year prove to be full of blessings to you all.

**Yours in Friendship, Unity  
and Christian Charity,  
Becci Enders  
LAOH Division 7 President**

## Junior Girls

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, donated and/or supported the Junior Girls Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. This was, once again, a successful event due to the unending support from our Division 7 members.

Our Junior Girls are looking forward to joining forces with the Junior Boys as they host their annual Veterans Day Celebration for our Division 7 Veterans. This event will take place on Monday, November 6th at 6:30 pm at the Hall. We hope to see you there!

Do you hear what I hear? Mark your calendars . . . The Division 7 Juniors will be hosting their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, November 28th. Light refreshments will be provided. Thank you all, for always supporting our Juniors!

Lastly, during our December meeting, to be held on Monday, 12/11, at 6:30 pm, we hope to celebrate the joys of the season with the Girls, as we prepare for Christmas.

The Junior Girls would like to wish everyone a Happy

Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

**In our motto,  
Madonna Nolty & Gina Holm**



Junior Girls at their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on October 20<sup>th</sup>



Junior Girls and Junior Boys will Host our Veterans in our Hall on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM



Please remember to sign up to support the LAOH Division 7 Thanksgiving baskets that we assemble and deliver to families in our communities.





*What's  
Happening  
Nov. & Dec.*



**NOVEMBER:**

Nov 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Nov 3 Fri	Boo-zy Bingo Friday	7:00-11:00 PM
Nov 6 Mon	Jr. Girls & Jr. Boys Veterans Celebration at Division 7	6:30 PM
Nov 8 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Nov 28 Tue	Jr. Girls & Jr. Boys Christmas Tree Lighting At Division	

**DECEMBER:**

Dec 6 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Dec 8 Fri	LAOH 400 Club Raffle Drawing	8:00 PM
Dec 10 Sun	Div 7's Community Christmas Party	12:00 PM
Dec 11 Mon	Jr. Girls/Boys Meetings	6:30 PM
Dec 13 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Dec 16 Sat	Division 7 Christmas Party	7:00-11:00 PM
Dec 25 Mon	Christmas Day	
Dec 31 Sun	New Year's Eve	

**LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH  
NOVEMBER**

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pete K. Happy Hour	6:00-9:00
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Joe and Julie Happy Hour	6:00-9:00

**DECEMBER**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	The other Two Happy Hour	6:00-9:00
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rich Mahogany Christmas Extravaganza Happy Hour	6:00-9:00
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	AOH Division Christmas Party	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Wilson Happy Hour	6:00-9:00

**THE IRISH**

Irish – Nollaig Shona Duit!  
Pronunciation – Null-ug Hon-uh Ditch  
English - Merry Christmas!  
(When speaking to one person)

Irish – Nollaig Shona Daoibh!  
Pronunciation – Null-ug Hon-uh Jeeve  
English - Merry Christmas!  
(When speaking to more than one person)

Please note that this may also mean "Happy Christmas" which the Irish are given to say. In fact, the Irish may simply greet one and all with "Nollaig!" during the Christmas Season!

By Vic Vogel



Division 7 Junior Boys at their October meeting.



**Division 7 Christmas Party**  
**Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 – 11:00 PM**



Division 7 President Shawn O'Neill presented our Fr. Hugh award for Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity to Bill Connor at our September meeting.



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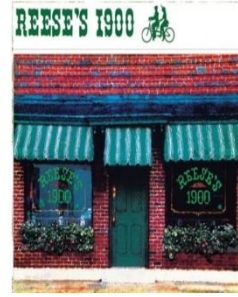
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