



Dia Duit Brothers,

I'm always amazed by the number of people in both the Ladies Division and Men's' Division that consistently volunteer time and effort to make whatever event we have an enjoyable experience. This is our second year volunteers from the Local Hibernians are running the parade and even though there may be some unexpected glitches our parade will be an improvement over last year's parade, which was one of the most attended East Islip St. Patrick's Day parades in recent memory. All the hard work for this parade is to honor our own past president, Shawn O'Neill. It is only fitting that we honor Shawn for the many years he has dedicated to Division 7. Shawn has dedicated countless hours to committees, not to mention his role as Treasurer for life for the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. It is no easy task making sure they have the money for the best equipment and uniforms to match their talent. I hope Shawn remembers that he's no longer running our meeting and enjoys his day as Grand Marshal surrounded by family and friends.

Many thanks also go to the volunteers that helped run the fundraiser at the Harp and the Hound on February 4th to help defray the many expenses of running our parade. It was another successful fundraiser, and I'd like to thank our friends from Chapey's for providing their prize wheel and again their employees who donated their time. The staff at the Harp and the Hound also contributed to the success of that day.

I sincerely hope that since the newsletter is online, a lot of people will read it and volunteer to assist the lineup committee, sell T-shirts or help out after our parade at our Division Hall.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Chaplain Father John for endorsing a co-Chaplain for our monthly meetings, Brother Mark Waldmann from St Anthony's High School. Brother Mark brings the spiritual message that completes our meetings and as an added bonus, he plays the bagpipes.

Please join us to honor Shawn on March 3rd at 2:00 pm. We line up at the East Islip Library and if you're not sure where we are, just listen for the sound of our award winning Roisin Dubh Pipe Band.

Thank you to all the people who have assisted me so far. Like Forrest Gump said about shrimping goes the same for being President, "It's hard!" but I wouldn't change a minute.

Slainte,
John T Owen
President AOH Division 7

Junior Boys

Congratulations to our Junior Boys and their 2024-2025 appointed board. Beginning in February, the boys received a First Aid presentation from their very own Junior, Gavin Williams. Gavin spoke to the group and demonstrated real life, emergency, first aid response.

The excitement is building as the Boys prepare to march in the 59th John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade. As we head into Spring, we plan to hold our regularly scheduled monthly meeting in April. We are always looking to expand our

Junior Boys membership. If you know a boy, between the ages of 8-18, who is looking to join our organization, please contact John Hanley at (631) 766-2636 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 Hanley & Jason Holm
Junior Boys Coordinators**



Bob Knockenhauer receiving the Hibernian of the Year Award



Grand Marshal Shawn O'Neill and his Aides, Shawn, Tom, Colleen and Molly

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

Welcome to all of our newly installed 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 donations, fundraisers, community events and much more. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Maureen Connors, our own Division 7 recipient of the "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" award. Maureen truly embraces our motto with all she does for her Parish and community.

Congratulations to Shawn O'Neill, the 2024 Grand Marshal, all of his Aides, our beautiful Ladies Aide, Mary Phalen, and Hibernian of the Year, Bob Knockenhauer. This is a great honor for all of you. Thank you also to the 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 display on the second floor of all things Irish coordinated by our Historian Valerie Hand. We lineup for the John P. Reilly East Islip Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 3rd. All ladies are asked to assemble at the library at 1:00pm and step-off is at 2PM. Please remember to wear your sashes. Please join us at our Hall after the parade for a celebration with food, music and new this year, food trucks.

If you are planning to head into NYC to march or watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 16th, please consider taking the bus from Division 7. It is \$70/pp (plus \$5 tip for the driver) for transportation to and from NYC and includes beer, wine and food. If interested contact John Owen or Chris Brogan.

Ladies, a gentle reminder, it's time to pay your annual dues: \$45 up until March 31st. After April 1st, the dues

are \$60. Please see Financial Secretary, Maggie Brogan.

Wishing you all a very blessed St. Patrick's Day!

**Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity,
Becci Enders**

Junior Girls

Please join us in congratulating our new Division 7 Junior Girl officers who were installed to the board back on January 20th, 2024. In addition, in February, the Junior Girls participated in the Suffolk County LAOH St. Brigid's Day Mass. The girls who attended participated as ushers.

The East Islip, John P. Reilly, St. Patrick's Day Parade is always a fun experience for Division 7's Junior Girls, and we hope you can join in on the fun by either marching in it or cheering us on along Main Street.

The Division 7 Junior Girls are looking forward to their Annual Lenten Soup Dinner fundraiser being held on Friday, March 8th @ 6 pm. The girls will welcome anyone who'd like to attend and enjoy a delicious soup dinner. The girls have obtained soup donations from the Irish Coffee Pub and Willie B's Deli for which we are truly grateful for their support. We are also thankful for the donation of rolls from Modern Bakery. The profits from this major fundraiser will help their yearly, generous, donation to the Make-A-Wish fund and other yet to be determined charities.

As we leap into Spring, the Junior Girls will also assist our Ladies in assembling Easter Baskets for families in need. The girls always enjoy organizing and preparing the baskets for the children of the families receiving items needed to prepare their Easter meal.

Keep your eyes open for the date of our May Crowning.

**In Our Motto,
Denise Fischer & Gina Holm
Junior Girls Coordinators**



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*What's
Happening
March & April*



MARCH:

Mar 6 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Mar 8 Fri	Jr. Girls Lenten Soup Dinner in Hall	6 – 8 PM
Mar 11 Mon	Jr. Girls & Jr. Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Mar 13 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Mar 16 Sat	NYC St. Patrick's Parade	11 – 4 PM
Mar 17 Sun	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar 31 Sun	Easter Sunday	

APRIL:

Apr 3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr 7 Sun	Tom Clarke/Kathleen Daly Clarke Memorial	
Apr 8 Mon	Jr. Girls & Jr. Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr 10 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr 19 Fri	Suffolk County AOH/LAOH Ball	7 – 11 PM

LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

MARCH

Fri 8th J & D Accoustics 6:00 – 9:00
Happy Hour

Sat 16th Irish Music-Dan Donnelly 4 - 7 PM
Irish Coffee & Soda Bread

Fri 22nd Kevin Wilsonics 6:00 – 9:00
Happy Hour

APRIL

Fri 5th DJ Ron – 80's Night 6:00 – 9:00
Happy Hour

Fri 12th Ward & Charlie 6:00 – 9:00
Happy Hour

Fri 26th Three's Accompany 6:00 – 9:00
Happy Hour

THE IRISH

Irish - Beannachtat na Lá Fheile Pádraig!

Pronunciation - Ben-ahk-tee nuh Law Ay-luh Paw-drig!

English - Blessings of the Feast Day of Patrick!

By Vic Vogel



Grand Marshal Shawn O'Neill and family at GM Ball.



Roisin Dubh Pipe Band at the GM Ball.



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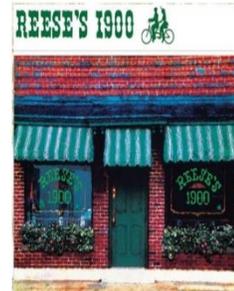
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