



Brothers,

Getting ready to write this Newsletter, I stared at the blank page for some time thinking about the sudden loss of our Vice President, John Hanley. All of us have a John Hanley story and all start with a smile. That's a wonderful way to be remembered. His wife, Tricia, showed incredible strength and class during the worst time of her life. The Hanley family showed tremendous character and it's evident John and Trish were great parents.

The support for the Hanley's by family, friends and Hibernians was truly touching. When Father John Crozier arrived at the Hanley home and after hugs and handshakes, the first request made by the family was for everyone to gather in prayer. I felt Blessed to be there and was confident the Hanley family would get through this ordeal with the strength of their Catholic faith. Please continue keep the Hanley family in your prayers.

As I am writing this column, about 90 members of Division 7 with friends and family returned from a Mediterranean cruise of Greece and Italy aboard the Norwegian Epic put together by Kevin Smith and Sue O'Neill. The weather was ideal, and Santorini, Mykonos and Corfu were truly breathtaking. I was surprised by the condition of the city of Athens but nothing could take away from the splendor of seeing the Parthenon. The boat then sailed to Valletta in Malta and then on to Messina. In Messina, several Hibernians went on the "Godfather Tour" which featured some of the locations where the movie "The Godfather" was filmed. Walking back from the tour, the actress who played Apollonia Vitelli-Corleone, Simonetta Stefanelli, welcomed us from her balcony. Incredibly, she still lives down the road from where the wedding scene was shot. On to

Naples and then to Pisa. The "Leaning Tower" is the bell tower of an unbelievably beautiful Cathedral complex which took 250 years to complete. Onboard, there was some confusion from many of the travelers outside New York who had never heard of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Although they didn't know what a Hibernian was, they certainly came to know who we were, especially at O'Sheehan's Bar & Grill and the outdoor Waves pool Bar on Deck 15. Our own Tom McHugh displayed a unique talent of balancing a beer can on his head and we have the pictures to prove it. Thanks again to Kevin and Sue for putting this trip together and Vinny Smith for posting pictures from the cruise on the Pub TV and Facebook.

Originally, Shawn and Sue O'Neill planned to be on the cruise but with their first grandchild on the way, they didn't want to miss his arrival. On the 4th day of the cruise, April 22nd, we received the news of the birth of Brady James O'Neill. A fine Irish name for a handsome young lad. Congratulations Shawn and Sue on your first but not last grandchild.

There are several events coming up in May and June which can be found on our website aohdiv7.org as well as the Pub TV behind the bar. Notably, on June 15th across from our Hall will be the Annual Skip McCormick Horseshoe tournament which is one of the main fundraising events for our award-winning Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. Even if you can't play come down for plenty of food and refreshments but more importantly, support the Band. Our Golf Outing will be held on June 18th at the Wind Watch Golf Course. This event is usually sold out so please see Dan Kissane for availability.

We Hibernians find strength

through our faith as Catholics and look to the Bible for inspiration and hope, so I leave you with a short excerpt from *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14* - Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. Go mbeannaí Dia sibh agus bhur muintir (God Bless you and your families)

John T. Owen
President, AOH Div 7

Junior Boys

The unexpected passing of our leader, John Hanley, Vice President of the AOH, has been difficult for everyone to process. John was not just a leader, but a mentor, a friend, and a guiding light to all of us in the Junior Boys at Division 7. John's dedication to our organization was unmatched, and his impact on each of us will be felt for years to come. He led with wisdom, kindness, and unwavering commitment, inspiring us all to strive for excellence in everything we do. As we mourn John's loss, let us also celebrate his incredible legacy. Let us honor his memory by continuing to uphold the values he cherished, by supporting one another, and by striving to make a positive difference in our community. We hope to plan special events and activities to honor John's memory and legacy. John will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in all of us as we live in the motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. The Junior Boys will next meet on Sunday 5/5 at 6:30 PM to take part in the May Crowning. We are looking to attend a Ducks game before we break for the Summer.

In our Motto,
Jason Holm
Junior Boys Coordinator

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring Ladies. I hope you all had a Blessed Easter. As you all know, April was a very difficult month for all of us with the devastating loss of our Beloved Brother John Hanley. Please continue to keep Tricia and the entire Hanley family in your prayers & please sign up for the meal train we have set up. <https://mealtrain.com/6zz50k>

We are looking forward to our May Meeting on May 8th, where we will do a complete Rosary in honor of Mary. We have a number of ladies looking to join, so we will need to vote them in. Also, we will be announcing our upcoming "Buy a Brick" Fundraiser!! More details to come at our meeting. Our June meeting will be on June 12th and we will enjoy hospitality provided by our division brothers!

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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

Junior Girls

March was a busy month for our Junior Girls as they proudly marched in this year's East Islip John P. Reilly St Patrick's Day Parade; held their annual Lenten Soup Supper fundraiser; and prepared Easter Baskets for the children of the families that received our Easter Baskets of food.

The April meeting was cancelled; however, a number of our Junior Girls respectfully attended the wake of AOH Vice President John Hanley.

This year's May Crowning is being held on Sunday, May 5th, at 6:30 PM. Light Refreshments will be offered following the ceremony, which is to be held rain or shine.

In June, our Junior Girls will turn in the Scrapbook pages they will prepare for the National Convention's Scrapbook competition; enjoy a year-end celebration; and present donations from their fund-raising activities.

Have a great Summer everyone!

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

R.I.P. AOH Div 7 Vice President John Hanley



Saturday June 15th 2024 Roisin Dubh Pipe Band's Horseshoe Tournament

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*What's
Happening
May & June*



MAY:

May 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
May 5 Sun	May Crowning	6:30 PM
May 8 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
May 12 Sun	Mother's Day	
May 27 Mon	Memorial Day	

JUNE:

Jun 5 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jun 10 Mon	Jr. Girls & Jr. Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Jun 12 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Jun 15 Sat	Horseshoe Tournament	1 - 5 PM
Jun 16 Sun	Father's Day	
Jun 18 Tue	Golf Outing (Wind Watch)	7:30 AM Shotgun

LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

MAY

Fri 3 rd	The Fenians	6:00 – 9:00
	Happy Hour	
Fri 17 th	Subtle Adjustments	6:00 – 9:00
	(Rich Mahogany Spin Off)	
	Happy Hour	

JUNE

Fri 7 th	The Other Two	6:00 – 9:00
	Happy Hour	

THE IRISH

Irish - Lá na Máthar Shona Duit!

Pronunciation - Law nah MAH-har hun-an ditch!

English - Happy Mother's Day to you!

Irish - Tá grá agam duit, a Mháthair!

Pronunciation - Taw grah ah-gum ditch ah Wah-hir!

English - I love you, Mom!

By Vic Vogel



Roisin Dubh Pipe Band at the John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal Mary Phalen at the John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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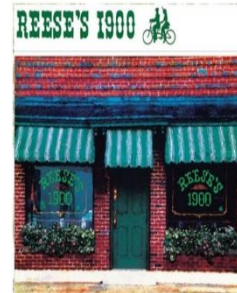
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