# Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY

## September/October 2024







Greetings brothers and sisters from our home across the pond, Ireland. Before I start with regular business, I'd like to congratulate the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band Grade 3 and Grade 4 competitors for their outstanding performances at the World Bagpipe Championships in Glasgow, Scotland on August 17th. After dominating the EUSPBA here in the states for the last two years, they decided it was time for them to make an appearance at the big show in Scotland. Both bands faced off against the best in the world and we were ecstatic when the Grade IV band advanced to the medal round under the leadership of long time Pipe Major Bill LePage. Several people who I talked to were shocked the RDPB didn't place considering how well they sounded and played in the competition circle. Personally, I think some of the judges were jealous of our maroon kilts. I'm sure the 2 RDPB competition bands will be the ones to watch in 2025.

If you haven't been down to the hall because the meetings are temporarily over for the summer, you missed a whole lot. June featured our annual Skip McCormick horseshoe tournament to help the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band defray the cost of equipment, uniforms and travel. Our Div. 7 Golf Outing held on June 18 was a huge success. So many people worked on this outing to make it enjoyable for our members, but I would like to just mention four people in particular for their hard work year after year. They are Dan Kissane, Herman Boyle, John Conley and Jimmy Walsh. The outing has become such a success that I think next year we will need two courses for the amount of people that want to play. Finally, in June, like all good things that have to come to an end, the Queen met her demise. However, take heart that she

will show her face again in July and August for another round of good fun.

July was just as busy with a trip to the Long Island Ducks, the LAOH golf outing and the new and improved fishing trip out of Captree State Park. We didn't have a fishing trip for a number of years until Jeremy Conlon and Terrence Egan brought it back to life. Ellen Murray won the pool with an early catch with keepers scarce. Ellen's fish was good enough to win the pool but, unlike "Jaws", we didn't need a bigger boat.

Division 7 officers and members traveled to Orlando, Florida for this year's AOH National Convention. A lot of topics were discussed, too many to mention here, but I will update members at our September meeting.

Finally, it appears that our division seven Clubster App has been a huge success thanks to Vinny Smith monitoring the App. Communication is much improved, and members are more informed. If you have any problems with the app, see any of the Men or Lady officers and they will be able to direct you for assistance. Probably the most important event held this summer was the John Hanley Celebration of Life at our Division Hall on August 25th. Raffles for gift baskets with some great gifts were sold but more importantly, stories of our friend were exchanged keeping his memory alive.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our September 4 meeting and the Division 7 picnic on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Details, location, and times are all in the Cubster App. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

John T Owen
President,
AOH Division 7

#### **Grand Marshal Nominations**

Grand Marshal nominations for the 2025 John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade are now being accepted.

Nominations must be in writing the and signed by person submitting nomination. the Envelopes should be addressed to the Parade Chairman and placed in the Division mailbox. The deadline for submitting written nominations September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Nominations will be announced at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Men's meeting. If necessary, a vote will take place at our November 6th meeting.



Fr. John Crozier celebrated Our Lady of Knock Mass in Manorville at the AOH Mass Rock



AOH & LAOH at the National Convention in Orlando 2024.

# L.A.O.H.

Hello Sisters.

I hope you all had a nice summer break! Even though we don't meet in the summer, it was still a busy time for Division 7. We celebrated birthdays, played golf together, visited with our Sisters, held a bingo night, helped at the Inis Fada Fleadh, attended the National Convention, delivered baby shower donations and celebrated the beautiful life of our AOH Brother John Hanley.

At our June meeting, we had the pleasure to award an LAOH Division 7 Scholarship to Lauren Smith, dauther of Kevin and Joann Smith; congratulations Lauren!

Over the summer, a few of our board members were able to attend the August 2024 National AOH/ LAOH Convention in Orlando, Florida and it was a successful trip! Thank you to Chris Brogan, Alice Faughnan, Aggie O'Leary and Maggie Brogan attending with representing Division 7 well at this convention. During the convention, Maggie Brogan was appointed the 2024-2026 National LAOH Webmaster, congratulations Maggie!

Prior to the National Convention, we applied for grant money from the LAOH Appeals for Aid on behalf of a very worthy charity and received a \$500 check to donate to that charity. Thank you to our Missions and Charities Officer Gina Holm for her work on the application submission.

I would like to thank all the Division 7 members who participated in the 2nd Annual NYS LAOH Pat Doyle Fundraising Golf Outing in June to help support the NYS Grant fund where the monies are spread out amongst LAOH selected charities. The outing was successful and lots of fun for all.

We had a nice turn out of Men, Ladies and Juniors from Division 7 at the beautiful Our Lady of Knock Mass, where Father John was the Celebrant, and was held at the Mass Rock in Manorville; thank you to our Catholic Action Officer Kathi Dinota for all her work coordinating and making it a lovely and special event.

We have a busy fall coming up so please be on the lookout for details of our upcoming events, including a 9/11 Memorial outside of our Hall, Country Line Dancing Night on Sept 20th, Breast Cancer Fundraiser at our hall on Oct 5th, Division 7 Halloween Costume Party on Oct 25th and our Deceased Members Mass on Oct 26th; more information will be provided at our September meeting.

Our Division 7 Family Picnic will take place on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5pm, at Heckscher State Park and there will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting for volunteers to bring salads. We will also kick off the 25th annual 300 Raffle at the picnic.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on **Tuesday**, September 10th at 7:30pm and our October meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30PM.

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

# **Junior Girls**

Hi Everyone. Welcome back from your Summer escapades. Whether locally or afar, we hope you have been enjoying life.

Our Junior Girls ended last year with a bang by winning 1st place for their Scrapbook entered in the competition held at the August 2024 National Hibernian Convention in Orlando, Florida. Way to go and congratulations! All of your efforts paid off!

To begin the 2024-2025 year, and in lieu of a regular Monday September meeting, on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2024, our Junior Girls will join the Ladies, Men and Junior Boys for a memorial at our Hall in remembrance of those lost on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Wed hope that all can join us.

As the year moves forward, our Junior Girls will attend our Division Picnic on Sat, Sep 14th; a regularly scheduled meeting on Mon, Oct 14th: and we are currently scheduling an October date for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Please come and break bread at our Hall as our Juniors take your orders and you а warm nourishing meal. It is always a wonderful evening.

Keep your eyes and ears open for our upcoming events and we hope to gather with you very soon!

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



Lauren Smith receiving the LAOH Scholarship Award.





# What's Happening Sept. & Oct.



# **SEPTEMBER:**

Sept 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Sept 10 Tue	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Sept 11 Wed	Remembrance of those lost on	
-	September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2001	
Sept 14 Sat	Division 7 Family Picnic at	
-	Heckscher State Park (Field 3)	Noon-5:00 PM
Sept 20 Fri	Country Line Dancing Night - I	slip FD 7-11PM
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## OCTORER:

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Oct 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Oct 5 Sat	Breast Cancer Fundraiser at our hall	Noon-5:00
Oct 6 Sun	LI Coalition for Life, County Rd 111	2:00 PM
Oct 7 Mon	Jr. Girls & Jr. Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Oct 9 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Oct 25 Fri	Halloween Costume Party	

Oct 26 Sat Deceased Members Mass - St. Mary's 11:00 AM





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### **SEPTEMBER**

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### **OCTOBER**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Breast Cancer Fundraiser 12-5 PM

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> The Wilson Brothers 6:00 – 9:00 Happy Hour

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Three's Accompany 6:00 - 9:00Happy Hour



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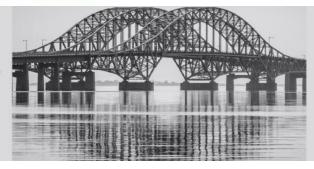
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