

Brothers,

To start I'd like to thank the membership for their continual support and friendship. After a year I almost have this job figured out, and look forward to 2025. To say I've enjoyed being President would be an understatement. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life due in large part to current board of Officers. Kevin, Vinny, Jason, Tony, Joe, Jeremy, and Terence have given me unbelievable support and like the old saying goes, "makes my job look easy." As always, our past Presidents, especially Jr. past President Shawn O'Neill, have given me reliable advice on several different issues affecting our division. For which again, I am grateful.

This upcoming year promises to be another exciting year for our division. The Grand Marshal for the 2025 parade is Corporation President, John Davis. I could try to list the number of things John has done, but I would undoubtedly leave something out and give him more ammunition to bust my balls. Before honoring John at the Grand Marshal's Ball on February 22nd, the Local Hibernian parade fundraiser will be at the Harp & the Hound in Islip on February 2nd from 1:00 to 5:00. The owners of Harp & Hound have really been pushing this event on social media and to their customers. Please do not let our fundraiser be the only time you patronize the Harp & Hound, we support our friends.

The 2025 Grand Marshal's Ball will be held at Capt. Bill's in Bayshore, again on February 22nd from 6:00 to 11:00. I am sure this event will sell out early so see any division officer or Seamus Connolly for tickets. Seamus is the emcee for the Grand Marshal's Ball, and he has been busy preparing for John's big night pouring over books with titles like "1,001 Ways to Quiet a Heckler", and "Really Bad Dad Jokes.". There were no Irish joke books at the East Islip library as Vic Vogel purged them.

This year's parade will need a whole lot of volunteers. If you are not sure how you can help, just show up at the Hall at 9:00 on the morning of March 2nd and I am positive organizers will find you a job and more importantly, thank you for your help.

Division 7 has run the East Islip John P. Reilly St. Patrick's Day parade for over 50 years. As President, I am encouraging any member that can march, please join us on March 2nd to honor a great Grand Marshal. A large contingent of Hibernians wearing their tri-color sashes at the front of the parade lets people know who has been running this parade. I want to wish all of you and your families a safe and prosperous new year. Dia duit agus i gcónaí ag miongháire (God Bless and always keep smiling)

John T. Owen
President, AOH Div 7

Junior Boys

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Juniors Boys participated on Tuesday December 7th at our annual tree lighting. The event included songs, refreshments and a little snow. On Saturday, December 14th we went to Long Island National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America. The boys helped place Christmas Wreaths for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to everyone that has assisted in these events, whether it's your parents shuttling our boys around or our members attending these events, making them more meaningful. We have a bowling party scheduled for January along with Irish history at the East Islip Library led by Vic Vogel.

If you know any boys aged 8-16 who would like to become part of our Junior Boys Hibernians, please reach out to Jason Holm or Kevin Smith. We welcome new members to our growing family.

**In our Motto,
Jason Holm and Kevin Smith
Junior Boys Coordinators**



L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas season.

Thank you, Chris Brogan and Alie Gray-Barba for once again hosting a very successful 300 Club Raffle. We will continue to work on raising money for the many charities we support annually.

Thank you to our ladies who helped make our Hall beautiful for the Christmas season.

Our December meeting was a special one, as it was not only our annual holiday celebration, but it was also the celebration of LAOH Division 7's 60th Anniversary. We had a short meeting and spent the evening visiting and having fun & fellowship with our sisters.

Dues for 2025 will be \$45 and are now being accepted. If you would like to mail your dues card with your payment and have it signed and returned, please enclose a self-addressed envelope with your payment and the card will be updated and mailed back to you. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your dues, please email Maggie Brogan at LAOHDiv7FinSecy@gmail.com.

Our next New Member Screening is on Tuesday, January 2nd at 7pm at the Hall. Margaret Davis has been accepting applications these past few months.

Division 7's 2025 honoree for the "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" is Carol Murphy. She will be celebrated along with the other Ladies of Suffolk County nominated for this honor with a Mass on Sun., February 9th at 11:15am at The Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel with a luncheon immediately following at Division 2 in Babylon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$30 and should be made payable to LAOH Division 7 and received before January 31st.

We would like to announce that one of our L.A.O.H. Division 7 Sisters, Emily Baron is named as one of The Irish Echo's 40 Under 40 for 2025! Congratulations Emily, we are so proud of you!

Congratulations also go out to Carmel Ryan as our honoree for Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal for the 60th Annual John P. Reilly St. Patrick's Day Parade! We are so honored to follow you down Main St on March 2nd!

We have been having fun with bingo nights and will continue in the New Year with Music Bingo at our Hall on Monday, January 13th; come join us for a night of fun! Please see the flyer for details. We are working on the details but will have a Pocketbook Bingo on Tuesday, February 11th.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:30pm. We hope to see you all there! I hope that 2025 brings each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year, surrounded by those you love and hold dear.

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

Junior Girls

Hello all! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and may 2025 bring you an abundance of blessings.

November and December were busy months as we all prepared for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the ringing in of a new year, and our Junior Girls did their part in adding to this especially meaningful time of the year.

On November 11th our Junior Girls teamed up with our Junior Boys in a heartfelt night honoring our Division 7 Veterans. We are Thankful to You for your service and for sharing your stories with us, which provide so much more than our Juniors can ever experience via a textbook. In addition to our Veterans, we thank all of the attendees (including those non-Veterans who shared stories of their loved ones), our Master of Ceremony Mac McFadden, our Roisin Dubh Color Guard, and those in the background who helped to make this a memorable evening.

On December 3rd our Junior Girls and Junior Boys headlined for their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, as their singing was loud, clear and joyous. We thank: All who attended and sang along - especially for our always special 12 Days of Christmas with this year's 4 Calling Birds; our leader of song - Mac McFadden; our Piper - Rory; and all who helped to make this a fun and memorable evening.

On December 9th our Junior Girls had their December Meeting / Christmas Party, during which they honed their gift-wrapping skills on gifts that were later tagged and distributed at the Annual Community Children's Christmas Party. We are grateful that our Junior Girls were able to participate in the background of this great event while still maintaining anonymity of who would be receiving the gifts. Thank you to Vic Vogel and Kathleen Ring.

The Junior Girls will hold their first meeting of the New Year on **Nollaig na mBan (Little Christmas), January 6th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.**

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



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Dear Friends,

The AOH Division 7 in East Islip is proud to announce our Grand Marshal for the 60th Annual John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade, John Davis. John's years of service to the men and women of our division, corporation and community have led him to this tremendous honor and we are proud to have him lead us up Main Street on **Sunday, March 2, 2025**.

The aides to the Grand Marshal are John's daughters Kelly Gentile and Jenna Davis along with Danny Kissane and Kevin Smith. The lady's aide to the Grand Marshal is the lovely Carmel Ryan. Our 2025 Hibernian of the Year is George Broschart.

Our yearly advertising campaign for our bi-monthly newsletter, TV ads and Grand Marshal Journal is underway. We are calling on our friends and supporters to ask that you once again support the more than 1,100 men and women of our division. Attached is the 2025 advertisement rate sheet.

It is through your support that we are able to continue to present the strong and rich tradition that is the East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade. I hope that we can rely on your continued support. The Grand Marshal Journal must be printed in time for the Grand Marshal Ball in February. Therefore, I am sending this letter to help facilitate the advertising process for our repeat supporters. Your advertisement can be renewed by filling out the attached contract and returning it by mail. You can make any necessary changes on the enclosed copy of your previous advertisement or simply include a new advertisement with the completed rate sheet. **Deadline to submit ads is Friday 2/14/25.**

We offer three types of advertisements: the Grand Marshal Journal, our bi-monthly newsletter that we send to all members and TV Screen ads that are displayed on the televisions in our Pub. The contract allows you to select the type of advertising that is appropriate for you. There are discounted prices for combination packages. The newsletter ads are also posted on our web site (www.aohdiv7.org) to increase the exposure of these advertisements to our membership and our friends that visit our site.

On behalf of our membership I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,
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What's Happening Jan. & Feb.



JANUARY:

Jan 2 Thurs	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 6 Mon	Junior Girls	6:30 PM
Jan 8 Wed	LAOH Mtg	7:30 PM
Jan 13 Mon	Music Bingo	7:00 PM

FEBRUARY:

Feb 2 Sun	Parade Fundraiser – Harp & Hound	1:00 PM
Feb 5 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Feb 11 Tues	Pocketbook Bingo	7:00 PM
Feb 12 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 22 Sat	Grand Marshal Ball-Captain Bills	6:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

January

Fri 10 th	Three's Accompany Happy Hour	6 :00 – 9:00
Fri 24 th	J&D Acoustics Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00

February

Fri 7 th	Wilson Brothers Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
Fri 28 th	The Fenians Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00

The Irish

Irish – Nollaig shona oraibh agus Athbhlain faoi mhaise

Pronunciation – Null-egg hun-nuh uh ree ugg-us as-vee-un fwee wush uh!

English – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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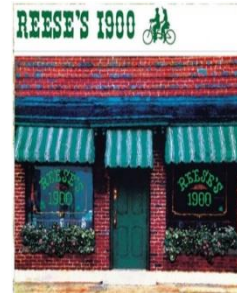
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