



Brothers,

Thankfully winter 2025 is coming to an end and not soon enough for me. Winter on Long Island is just miserable, and now I know why so many people snowbird to places like South Carolina, Texas, and Florida. Anyway, enough about the weather. Our Grand Marshall's Ball was held on February 22nd at Captain Bill's and was really an exceptional event for an outstanding Grand Marshal. Accompanied by his beautiful wife Margaret and his children, Kelly and Jenna, the Davis family beamed with pride. It's been my pleasure to work alongside and get to know John since becoming President. He is constantly looking for ways to improve the division while he and his team keep the building running for all of us to enjoy. More importantly, John is a great friend who I can always count on.

Back to the ball. The food was delicious and the staff really went out of their way for us. Rich Mahogany, as usual, did not disappoint and for most of the night the dance floor was full. Although Rich Mahogany were great the highlight of the night had to go to our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. Their hours and dedication really showed at the ball. I have been around bagpipes for over 30 years and this was definitely one of the best performances I've ever had the pleasure to hear. The band under the leadership of Bill LePage continually come up with great ideas and arrangements that other bands can only dream of. I would definitely be remiss if I didn't thank Seamus Connolly and Jason Holm for all their hard work organizing the Grand Marshal's Ball and Journal respectively.

Thanks also go to the volunteers of the Local Hibernians Parade Committee who again spent days upon days working to keep the John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day parade a tradition for families in our community.

The forecast for Sunday March 2nd looks cold but clear and considering some of the weather we've had over the years we'll take cold and clear over snow and rain any day.

Coming into the new year we've tried our best to keep the membership roster current and accurate. We only get to keep a small portion of the dues and the rest go to national, state and county so paying for members that are no longer active or haven't paid dues in a number of years hurts all of us because we're charged a percentage per member. If there was an error and you were dropped accidentally, it's not a problem just advise one of the members of the board and we'll gladly reinstate any member that is current in their dues. We are still probably the most popular division in the state and even though we've lost some members we have several new members coming at the end of February for screening with a Shamrock degree being held at our March 5th meeting.

Lastly, with spring and summer approaching many people you may know will be looking for a place to have their Communion, baby showers, Confirmations and birthday parties. Please encourage them to take a look at our Hall for their event. Stay well and God Bless,

John T. Owen
President, AOH Div 7

Junior Boys

The Junior Boys had a great time in February. We visited the Irish Heritage section at the East Islip Public Library. The boys were fortunate enough to receive an Irish history lesson from Vic Vogel. Refreshments and food were provided afterwards by Willy B. Thank you to Vic and Willy B. The 60th John C. Reilly St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held March 2nd at 2PM. We are looking forward to marching down Main Street representing the Junior Boys. We hope to see everyone there. If you know any boys aged 8-16 who would like to become part of the Junior Boys please reach out to Jason Smith 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,

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, meal donations, fundraisers, community events and much more.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Carol Murphy, our Division 7 recipient of the "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" award. Carol truly embraces our motto with all she does for her Parish and community.

Congratulations to John Davis, the 2025 Grand Marshal, all of his Aides, our beautiful Ladies Aide, Carmel Ryan, Hibernian of the Year, George Brochardt, and the recipient of the Father Hugh Award, Tom Brogan! 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 2nd. All ladies are asked to assemble at the library at 1:00 pm, and step-off is at 2PM. Please remember to wear your sashes. Join us at our Hall after the parade for a celebration with food, music, and food trucks. If you are planning to head to NYC to march or watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Monday, March 17th, please consider taking the bus from Division 7. It is \$75/pp for transportation to and from NYC and includes beer, seltzer and food. If interested, contact Chris Brogan.

We will be having another music bingo on April 14th! It is filling up fast, so please contact Becci to reserve your spot. Also, 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!

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and Christian Charity,
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Junior Girls

Hi everyone! Wow - March and April! How did we get to our Lenten and Easter Seasons so fast? Well, our Junior Girls have *not* been asleep at the wheel. In January they began planning for next November's Veterans Appreciation Night and their creativity shone through - it's never too soon to start preparations for our Veterans. Our Junior Girls then kicked off February by ushering and presenting flowers at the Annual Suffolk County St Brigid's Day Mass, which was held in the exquisite Sacred Heart Chapel, on the Brentwood campus of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Next came their February meeting during which time they celebrated Valentine's Day with some treats as they made 63 Valentine's Day cards, which were delivered to the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Valentine's Day, and they signed St Patrick's Day cards that will be delivered before St Patrick's Day.

In March our Junior Girls will *not* have a regular monthly meeting. They will, however, keep busy by Marching in our John P. Reilly Memorial St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 2nd (1:15 PM arrival) and some will participate in various other parades throughout March as members of Irish Step Dancing Schools. In addition, they will be visiting the Sisters of Saint Joseph on **Saturday, March 8th**, with Irish Soda Bread and Scones for the Sisters to enjoy as they listen to some Irish Song and Pipers. This year our Juniors will assist the attendants in serving the Sisters and, although we are limited in numbers, we do have room for some of our Ladies to attend. **Please let me know if you are interested in attending**, which will be on a first come, first served basis, until we hit our maximum number of attendees. **Donations of Irish Soda Bread and Scones** are hereby requested for this event. Please let me know if you are able to contribute either.

Our Junior Girls will begin their April activities with their Monthly Meeting at 6:30 PM on **Monday, April 7th** and quickly follow up with their Annual Lenten Soup Supper on **Friday, April 11th - 5:30 to 8:30 PM**. Then they will assemble Easter Baskets for the children of our Easter Basket Meal recipients during the third week in April with the specific date still to be determined.

Please put the **Lenten Soup Supper** on your calendars for **Friday, April 11th**, as we look forward to your attendance and your support of our Junior Girls.

Thank you so very much for your continued support!

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



*What's
Happening
Mar. & Apr.*



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Sun 2nd DJ Ron - After the parade

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Mon 17 Dan Donnelly 5:00 – 9:00

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April

Fri 11th J&D Acoustics 6:00 – 9:00
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Fri 25th Unwined 6:00 – 9:00
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MARCH

Mar 2 Sun John P. Reilly East Islip Parade 2:00 PM
Mar 5 Wed AOH Division Seven Meeting 8:00 PM
Mar 12 Wed LAOH Division 7 Meeting 7:30 PM
Nov 17 Mon NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade 11:00 AM

APRIL

Apr 2 Wed AOH Division Seven Meeting 8:00 PM
Apr 7 Mon Juniors Meeting 6:30 PM
Apr 9 Wed LAOH Division 7 Meeting 7:30 PM
Apr 11 Fri Lenten Soup Dinner 5:30 PM
Apr 14 Mon Music Bingo 6:00 PM

THE IRISH

Irish - Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!

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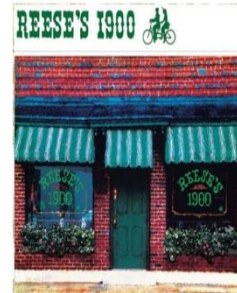
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