

Brother and Sister Hibernians, I am writing this column as Catholics around the world mourn the passing of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As is custom, the Papal apartment is sealed, his ring is cut then crushed. The College of Cardinals are assembling in Conclave where they will choose a successor. As you know, the Cardinals vote by secret ballot while sequestered in the Sistine Chapel and their ballots are burned after each round, with white smoke signaling a successful election and black smoke indicating no consensus. The newly elected pope chooses a name, accepts the election, and is introduced to the world from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Francis was seen by many to be more progressive than the last two Popes, Benedict XVI and John Paul II, so it should be interesting in which direction the new Pope will take the Church in these turbulent times.

Besides our April meeting, there was a lot going on at our Division. Our Junior Girls once again held their Lenten Soup Dinner on April 11<sup>th</sup> with soups donated and homemade, both equally delicious. Honestly, I would have liked to have seen more member participation. Supporting our Juniors is one of the most important things we can do to ensure they feel every bit a part of this Division as the ladies and men.

The blood drive held at our Hall was successful collecting more donations than expected. As advertised, those who donated were given seven (7) tickets to the Queen of Hearts drawing.

Every donation saves a life so a special thanks goes to the Red Cross staff and John Davis for their hard work in this important endeavor.

Coming up, plans are in the works for a Belmont Stakes Calcutta on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 to keep Clubster up and running. The Skip McCormick Horseshoe tournament is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. It is the major fundraiser for our Roisin Dubh Pipe Band and is always a great time. See Tom McHugh for further information. Next up our Division Golf outing is the following Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wind Watch Golf Course. This is usually a sold-out event so if you're interested in being placed on the waiting list, see Dan Kissane.

If any of these events are sold out you can still participate by volunteering but only if you're not thin skinned. Prepping, cooking, setting up and yes cleaning up come with a nominal amount of ball busting. That is why we usually have the same volunteers year after year, it's good crac' as they say in the old country. See any Division officer to get involved, it's so worth it. God Bless you all.

## Junior Boys

The Junior Boys are a very busy bunch with school, sports, extracurricular activities etc. As these things are winding down, we are arranging a date for the boys to enjoy some time at Top Golf in Holtsville. This will give them a chance to swing the clubs and eat some pizza and snacks. Maybe we have an unknown future PGA star in our group. We will also be participating in the May Crowning on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm outside the division hall. Please come down and support our boys and division members for this event.

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**

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**John T. Owen  
President, AOH Div 7**

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## L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter Season and are enjoying this beautiful entrance to the summer months. Thank you to our Missions and Charities Officer, Gina Holm, for organizing the collection for the Easter meals we provided to local families. Her efforts raised enough to provide a full Easter dinner, candy baskets for the children (donated by the Juniors), and grocery gift cards for several families. Thank you to our AOH men for donating the hams and to all the Ladies who helped make the event a success.

The annual commemoration of the Easter Rising (Irish: Éirí Amach na Cásca) will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 1PM at the Cohalan Court Complex at 400 Carleton Avenue in Central Islip; all are welcome to attend.

On Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our second Country Dance Night fundraiser at the Islip Fire Department – 28 Monell Ave. \$50pp includes food, open bar, door prizes and country dance lessons with Ray. Contact Ali 631-383-2465 or Joann 631-767-5724 to reserve your spot (advance payment is required) Don't wait, space is limited and it is filling up fast! There will be a 50/50 and raffle baskets. If you want some line dance lessons in advance of this event, Ray is teaching them at our hall on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>...the cost is \$15pp. Contact Ali, Joann, Chris or Becci.

We have been having fun with our bingo nights at the hall, so we will be

having another Music Bingo at the hall, under the tent, on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, games will begin at 2PM. It is \$30pp. Please contact me to reserve your spot. (Table reservations for groups of 10 or more.)

We are finally back with Thursday golf at Gull Haven. Whether you are a golfer or not, this is always a good time with the Ladies and no experience is required. Please contact Chris Brogan if you are interested in joining in on the fun (631)428-3085.

Lastly, we will have our May meeting on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:30PM and will begin with the Full Rosary. We are asking that members bring new or handmade baby items (clothing 2T-4T, diapers size 4, 5 & 6, and Enfamil formula – yellow can) for our annual donation to the Life Center of Long Island.

We looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

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

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## Junior Girls

Hi All! We hope your Easter celebrations were joyous to start off the season, and that you are enjoying the blooms and color popping up all around us.

Our Junior Girls are busy as usual and during their April meeting they prepared for their next event by making a floral wreath for the **May Crowning**, which is being held this **Sunday, May 4th, at 6:30 PM**. After the Crowning ceremony we will be having light refreshments and some sweets for all who can attend. We do hope that you can join us in honoring Our Lady of Knock.

To continue their May activities, our Junior Girls will work on their Scrapbook for this summer's New York State Convention competition and, instead of a regular May meeting, our Junior Girls will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a **Mini Golf Outing** - Details will be posted on the Junior Girls GroupMe app.

In June, our Junior Girls Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 9th** and will focus on making their Annual Donations to their various charities, a send-off to their graduating Seniors, and the closing of another year as they break for Summer vacation.

Please add the **May Crowning** to your calendars for **6:30 pm on Sunday, May 4th**, as we look forward to your participation in this ceremony.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our Junior Girls

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



*What's  
Happening  
May and June*



**MAY**

May 4 Sun	May Crowning	6:30 PM
May 5 Mon	Cinco De Mayo	6:00 PM
May 5 Mon	Line Dancing Lessons	6:30 PM
May 7 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting	8:00 PM
May 12 Mon	Line Dancing Lessons	6:30 PM
May 14 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
May 19 Mon	Line Dancing Lessons	6:30 PM
May 30 Sat	Country Night Fundraiser At Islip FD	6:30 PM

**JUNE**

June 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
June 7 Sat	Belmont Stakes	2:30 PM
June 8 Sun	Music Bingo- Under the tent	2:00 PM
June 9 Mon	Junior Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
June 11 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
June 14 Sat	Skip McCormick Horseshoe Tourny	1:00 PM
June 17 Tue	Division 7 Golf Outing	7:30 AM

**Line Dancing Continuing This Summer! – Details To Follow**

**LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH**

**May**

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pan Americans Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. C East Islip's Bob Cseh	7:30
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sean Jacoby	7:00 – 10:00

**June**

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson Brothers Happy Hour	7:00 – 10:00
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**THE IRISH**

**Irish** - Lá na Máithreacha Sona Duit!

**Pronunciation** - Law nuh Maw-rah-huh Sah-nuh Ditch!

**English** - Happy Mother's Day

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**Pronunciation** - Law nuh Nah-rah-huh Sah-nuh Ditch!

**English** - Happy Father's Day!

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Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:30 AM shotgun start

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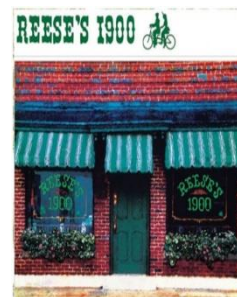
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