Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY November / December 2025







Beannacht Dearthaireacha, (Greetings Brothers),

As we reflect on recent events, I want to begin by expressing heartfelt thanks to Mike McCall and the entire picnic committee for organizing one of our best gatherings yet. This year's picnic featured our classic favorites hot dogs, hamburgers, and assorted salads—alongside exceptional BBQ and smoked meats prepared by Willie B. and Jeremy Conlon. Special appreciation goes to Kevin Smith and Tony Pizzo for providing fresh clams and oysters, and for hiring a master shucker. This thoughtful addition ensured everyone's safety and enjoyment.

On September 21st, Division 7 proudly participated in the inaugural Islip Irish Day Parade, sponsored by the Harp & Hound Irish Pub and led by our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. Thank you to all who came out to support this event. The Harp & Hound has long been a supporter of our parade, and it was wonderful to return the favor.

Division 7 continues to set the standard for generosity among AOH divisions on Long Island and across New York State. Last year, the outpouring of toy donations for the Children's Christmas Party ensured that every family left with arms full and smiles on their faces. Another highlight was the "Band Together for Breast Cancer" event, organized by Dennis Bennett. Members enjoyed a day of music and camaraderie while raising funds to fight a disease that touches so many in our community

On October 5th, several members traveled to Manorville to stand up for the unborn, joining the Long Island Coalition for Life and the Knights of Columbus. Pro-Life co-chairs Dan Bertran, Jim Jensen (with his wife Chris), Frank Lyons, and I represented Division 7. We also attended Mass at the nearby Mass Rock, celebrated by Father Crozier.

To enhance our members' experience, we have replaced the old benches with new tabletop seating. This update allows for easier conversation and a more comfortable atmosphere. Our Hall continues to offer the most authentic Irish pub feeling on Long Island, thanks to the ongoing efforts of our Division corporation and officers. We are always seeking new ideas to improve our space and welcome your suggestions.

Division 7 thrives because of your involvement. Please continue to support our Division by visiting the Pub with friends and family. If you have suggestions for future improvements or events, we would love to hear from you. God Bless you and your families.

John T. Owen
President, AOH Div 7

# **Junior Boys**

The Junior Boys have had a busy fall. In September the boys marched with the Division at the Irish Day Parade in Islip.

A big thank you to all our Junior Boys and Girls who attended the Puca Festival at Division 2 in Babylon. It was a fantastic evening filled with fun and laughter. The kids a great time decorating masks, and our Master of Ceremonies, Seamus Connelly, kept everyone entertained throughout the night.

We ended the evening gathered around the fire pit, where kids made s'mores and enjoyed watching Ghostbusters under the stars. It was truly a wonderful community night – thank you to everyone who helped makes it special.

We have some important upcoming events:

Our Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony will be held Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us as we honor our veterans. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Finally, our tree lighting ceremony will take place Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Come down and enjoy the festive and community spirit on this wonderful occasion!

If you know any boys aged 8-16 who would like to become part of the Junior Boys 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 this message finds you well and that you are enjoying our beautiful autumn weather. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the women who recently earned their degrees. The ceremony was truly special, and your commitment and hard work are an inspiration to us all.

We are looking forward to some fun activities before the end of the year. We are holding a Sea Glass/Shell holiday craft night on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM. You can sign up online at:

https://paintpartyli.com/calendar

The 26th Annual 300 Club Raffle is in full swing, and tickets are going fast (last count there were 7 left). Tickets are \$20 each with 13 chances to win! One \$1000, two \$500, and ten \$100 winners will be raffled off. If you win a prize, your ticket goes back into the drawing for another chance to win. Please come down and support the Ladies and enjoy some holiday cheer on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 8pm when we draw our winners. We will have food and live music for the evening. Please contact Alie Gray Barba (631) 383-2465 or Tara LePage (631) 478-4545 for tickets.

We will be having another Music Bingo on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM. Please contact Becci to reserve your spot (631) 413-5881. We will decorate the hall for Christmas the weekend after thanksgiving, the date & time are TBD so be on the lookout. The morning of our Division Christmas party on Saturday, December 20th, we will have another Christmas Centerpiece making event. The final details are in the works and more information will be given at our November meeting.

We will be doing the HundredX Survey Fundraiser on December 1-12th;

it will be the 12 days of giving and all we are asking is for you to give some of your time to participate in the surveys.

We will have the final sign-up sheets and items needed for our Thanksgiving baskets. As always, we thank you for your generosity in donating these items. If you know of a family in need, please reach out to our Missions and Charity Officer, Gina Holm at (516) 445-9592. The date for basket assembly will be shared at our November meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00pm. In support of Division 7's Community Children's Christmas Party, we are asking you to bring an unwrapped gift to our November meeting. There will be a box located in the foyer at the hall prior to our meeting.

More details on all of the above mentioned events will be posted via email, Clubster and Facebook. Wishing all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and may the coming New Year be full of blessings to you all.

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

# **Junior Girls**

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are preparing for the upcoming holidays in November and December by remembering all of the blessings that you have to be thankful for, such as the ability to worship freely in our various Catholic Churches, the freedoms offered to our Country because of the sacrifices of our Military, and the birth Our Savior,

Jesus Christ.

We are also blessed to have a caring and supportive Hibernian Division, especially when it comes to our wonderful Junior Girls. On behalf of our Junior Girls, **Thank You** for supporting their Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner fundraiser in October; your support is always so greatly appreciated. We cannot thank our Division 7 Sisters and Brothers enough. **Thank you!** 

While continuing to be thankful, we ask that you mark your calendars for our next Veterans Appreciation Night, which is being held on Monday, November 10th (the night before the actual Veterans Day), starting at 7:00 PM, at our Hall. On that night our Junior Girls and Boys will host a joint event to honor our Division 7 Veterans. All of our Division 7 members are invited to this event to join our Juniors in honoring our Veterans, and we encourage as many Veterans as possible to attend. It is a heart-warming evening and an amazing experience for our Juniors. We hope you can join us!

In December, our Junior Girls, along with our Junior Boys, will continue to show their thanks by hosting the **Annual Tree Lighting at our Hall** on **Thursday, December 4th starting at 7:00 PM**. Carols will be sung - of course we will need your participation, for what would our Annual Tree Lighting be without your voices and merriment - and there will be warm beverages and sweet treats offered to all. We hope that you can fit this event into your busy December schedules and maybe use it as a warm-up to ready your voices for a season of caroling, whether that be door-to-door, in church or in your shower - just sing out - God is listening!

The Junior Girls December meeting will be held on Monday the 8th, at 6:30 PM.

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



# What's Happening Nov and Dec



# **November**

Nov 3 Mon	Blood Drive	1-7 PM
Nov 4 Tues	Bingo	7:00 PM
Nov 5 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting	8:00 PM
Nov 9 Sun	Music Bingo	2:00 PM
Nov 10 Mon	Salute to Veterans	7:00 PM
Nov 12 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM

# **December**

Dec 1 Mon	LAOH Christmas Craft	7:00 PM
Dec 3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Dec 4 Thur	Div. 7 Tree Lighting	7:00 PM
Dec 8 Mon	Junior Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Dec 10 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Dec 14 Sun	Community Children's Party	11:00 AM
Dec 20 Sat	Division 7 Christmas Party	7:00 PM

# Congratulations! John Owen 61st Annual John P. Reilly Parade Grand Marshal March 1st, 2026



# LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

## **November**

Sat 1st The Fugitives 7:00-10:00

Fri 21st The Garage Band 6:00-9:00 Happy Hour

**December** 

Fri 12th Subtle Adjustments 6:30-9:30 LAOH 300 Club Drawing

# THE IRISH

Irish - Lá Altaithe Sona Daoibh

Pronunciation - Law AL-the-heh Sun-uh Dee-iv!

English - Happy Thanksgiving to You All!

Keeping the Culture Alive!

By Vic Vogel



Division 7 at the Deceased Members Mass









(631) 661-5644 1225 Montauk Highway West Islip, NY 11795 Director, Douglas J. Chapey

Fredrick J. Chapey & Sons

Funeral Home, Inc.

(631) 581-5600 200 East Main Street East Islip, NY 11730 Director, Kenneth M. Chapey



A Floral Celebration Inc. Oaroline's

Flower Shoppe

341 Main Street Islip, NY 11751

1-800-339-2244 631-581-3464



# **Christine Brogan**

Investment Adviser Representative cbrogan@primerica.com (631) 428-3085



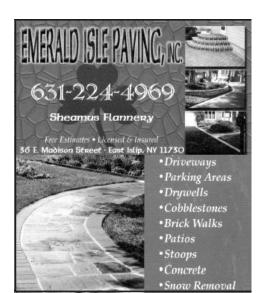
# Our Beautiful Hall is Available For all Your Rental Needs

Weddings . Anniversaries Birthdays • Sweet Sixteens Showers • Meetings Retirements • Bereavements, etc.

#### WE HAVE CATERING AVAILABLE FOR ALL OCCASIONS

For additional information or to book a function Call 631-581-9317 or Gene Hearl 516-903-9227

65 Champlin Avenue • East Islip





AT SOUTH BAY FOR REHABILITATION AND NURSING

340 East Main Street, East Islip, NY 11730

Tel: 631.581.6400



Doris Kennedy

Licensed Real Estate Broker Residential • Commercial • Property Management • Rentals

Office: 631-666-9100 • Cell: 631-678-8308 E-mail: dkennedy@kennedylirealty.com • Fax:631-666-3882 www.kennedylirealty.com

226 East Main Street • Bay Shore, New York 11706



#### **Bush** Associates

David D. Busch

90 West Main Street Bay Shore, New York, 11706

dbusch@buschassociatespc.com

Architecture Engineering Interiors

115 E. Main Street East Islip Restaurant - Lounge - Catering 631.581.5678



Sunday Roasts at 3pm ROAST PRIME RIB OR ROAST TURKEY & HAM

LIVE MUSIC 6 NIGHTS A WEEK

TRIVIA NIGHT ON WEDNESDAYS

LUNCH & DINNER SERVED DAILY

Sunday Brunch 11 - 3 pm



www.zone-innovation.com

(631) 236-5736

Jeremy Conlon, COO & President



St. Mary R.C. Church 20 Harrison Ave East Islip, NY 11730 Phone (631) 581-4266 Fax (631) 581-0112 Sunday Mass Schedule: In the church: 7:30AM, 11:00AM\* & 5:00PM In the Auditorium:

9:15AM, 10:45AM & 12:15PM (\* No 11:00 AM Mass in July & August)

# Albrecht Bruno & O'Shea

62 Carleton Avenue • E. Islip, NY 631-581-2828 603 Wantagh Ave. • Wantagh 516-731-5550 2515 No. Jerusalem Rd. • E. Meadow 516-826-1010



212 E MAIN ST EAST ISLIP, NY 11730 LOCAL: (631) 665-6800



**Deli & Catering** 

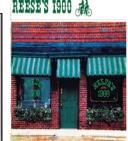
**Catering Services** 











#### Reese's 1900

70 N. Ocean Av. Patchogue, NY

Phone: 631-289-1900



90 West Main Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706

T: (631) 969-0900

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, P.C. 86 Main St., E. Islip

631-277-8500 • Fax 631-277-8502 186 W, Montauk Hwy., Hampton Bays, NY 631-728-4020 • Fax 631-726-4649

Jones & Little



# Irish Coffee Hub

Restaurant • Catering • Entertainment We'd Love to Cater Your Next Affair! 131 Carleton Avenue, East Islip, NY 631-277-0007

# Are you second guessing your investment choices?

When you try to manage your investing on your own — and even when you have help — it's common to look around and wonder if you could be doing better. We offer personalized financial strategies with a broad range of investment choices and support from a talented force of market analysts, investment planning specialists, and portfolio managers.

Call today for a second opinion.



James Connolly, CFP\*, CRPC\*, CDFA\* Vice President - Investment Officer 500 W Main St Ste 105

Babylon, NY 11702 Direct: (631) 893-1320

james.connolly@wellsfargoadvisors.com https://fa.wellsfargoadvisors.com/james-connolly/about.htm

Investment and Insurance Products: ► NOT FDIC Insured ► NO Bank Guarantee ► MAY Lose Value

Sdisclosures.get(Sluser.attribute01) © 2016 Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC. All rights reserved.





" A touch of Brooklyn in East Islip"



68 So. Service Road © Suite 100 © Melville, NY 11747
Tel: 691.793.2258 © Fax: 631.277.0713
Email: Cindy@CLWBizSolutions.com
Website: www.CLWBizSolutions.com



356 Union Blvd. West Islip, NY 11796

631 422 6431

## Membership Dues

Dues for 2025 can be paid to our Financial Secretary.
Contact Jason Holm at:
jasonholm@ymail.com
Please remember to put your

Please remember to put your Membership Number on all payments.

Div. 7 Dues are now \$125

# Please Pray For...

In the event of sickness or a death in the family, please call the Hall at 581-9317 and leave a message for the Chairman of the Committee of the Sick or Bob Knockenhauer at 631-277-2872.

For L.A.O.H., contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Gina Holm at 516 – 445 - 9592

#### Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Our Lady of Knock Div. 7 65 Champlin Avenue East Islip, NY 11730

website: www.aohdiv7.org • 631-581-9317

Editor-Terence Egan

Egan2001@aol.com

Advertising -Jason Holm,

jasonholm@ymail.com

Chaplain: Rev. John Crozier President: John Owen

Vice Pres.: Kevin Smith





