



Beannacht Dearthaireacha ,
(Greetings Brothers),

As I look back on my last two years as President, one word stands out: gratitude. Serving Division 7 has been a privilege, and I am deeply thankful for the trust, kindness, and support shown by our membership. My goal throughout was to be approachable and to ensure every member felt part of our Hibernian family. I hope I met your expectations and helped strengthen our sense of brotherhood.

Our Division thrives because of the dedication of so many. I am especially grateful to the Officers on the Board for their selfless assistance, and to the Division 7 Ladies for their continual help and support. The friendship and participation of our brothers and sisters in Division 2 have enriched our activities and brought us closer together. I also want to recognize the Corporation Board—your hard work may sometimes go unnoticed, but it is essential to our success. On a personal note, I have been fortunate to have Shawn O'Neill as a friend and advisor. His graciousness and wisdom have guided me through many decisions, and I hope I, as well as future Presidents will follow his example.

Division 7 is in excellent hands with Kevin Smith as our next President. Kevin's dedication and energy are unmatched, and I am confident he will continue to make our Division a vibrant and welcoming place. I encourage everyone to support Kevin and the Board as they lead us forward. Always remember our brother, John Hanley, and keep his family in your prayers. Our thoughts are always with them.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. The fellowship we have built together is something I will always cherish. Stay well, and may God bless each of you.

John T. Owen
President AOH Div. 7

Message from the President-Elect

Brothers,

It is with great humility and a deep sense of responsibility that I write to you as President-Elect of Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 7. Our division has a proud history built on faith, culture, charity, and friendship, and I am honored to be preparing to serve you in this role.

As I step forward, I do so mindful of the strong leadership that has guided this division before me. I have taken on this role two years earlier than planned following the passing of our brother, John Hanley, and I do so with the intention of serving in a manner that honors his dedication and commitment to this division.

I am committed to working alongside our Division Board, officers, and members to continue the traditions that define us, while also strengthening participation and involvement at every level—especially among our junior members, who represent the future of our Order.

I look forward to the two years ahead and to working with each of you in service to Division 7 and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Together, with respect for our past and optimism for our future, we will continue to move our division forward. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your continued dedication to our Order.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and
Christian Charity,

Kevin Smith
President-Elect, AOH Division 7

Junior Boys

On December 4, the AOH Junior Boys joined the Junior Girls and our membership for the annual tree lighting ceremony. The evening was filled with Christmas songs, hot chocolate, and plenty of snacks, and a good time was truly had by all. The tree looks beautiful and serves as a reminder throughout the month of December of the joy and spirit of the Christmas season.

Looking ahead, on January 31 the Junior Boys will hold their Moving Up Ceremony alongside the rest of the Division Board members. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate this important milestone. Wishing all our members and their families a very happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!

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

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

I hope you and your families shared a wonderful and blessed Christmas season. My heartfelt wish for 2026 is that it brings each of us a safe, blessed, prosperous, happy, and healthy New Year, surrounded by those we love and hold dear.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Alie Gray-Barba and Tara LePage for hosting another very successful 300 Club Raffle. Also, the collective efforts of everyone involved in the Hundredx Survey Fundraiser truly made it a huge success. We remain committed to continuing to find creative ways to raise money for the many charities we support annually.

Thank you to the dedicated ladies who helped decorate our Hall for the Christmas season, and to Jeremy for crafting the beautiful stable for our outdoor Nativity scene.

Our 2026 dues of \$45 are now being accepted. Each member will receive a Dues Invoice from our Financial Secretary, Maggie Brogan. If you wish to mail your payment and have your dues card signed and returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment and the card will be promptly updated and mailed back to you. For any questions or concerns regarding your dues, please email our Financial Secretary LAOHDiv7FinSecy@gmail.com.

Our next New Member Screening is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hall. If you know someone who would like to join our ladies division, please have them contact Margaret Davis or complete the online application via the QR code in this newsletter.

Division Seven's 2026 honoree for the "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" is the very deserving Jeanine Amato. We will celebrate this honor with Mass on Sunday, February 1st, at 11:30 a.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph's Chapel, followed by a luncheon at 1 p.m. at AOH Division 2 in Babylon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$35. A 50/50 raffle will be held at the luncheon, with tickets available for purchase in advance. Please contact our Catholic Action officer, Kathi Dinota, at laohdiv7ca@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the incoming LAOH Board and AOH Board. Wishing our incoming LAOH President Denise Fischer and AOH President Kevin Smith successful terms during the next two years as we look forward to their leadership. All members are welcome to attend the installation of Officers to be held on Saturday, January 31st. Please come down and show your support for our new officers!

As my presidential term draws to a close, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all my Sisters for your unwavering friendship and support throughout my time serving on the Division 7 LAOH board. It has been a profound honor, and I have genuinely cherished every moment of this experience serving alongside the remarkable women who make up our membership and board has been a true blessing. They are an extraordinary group of strong, talented women, and together we have achieved a truly successful term.

My heartfelt thanks also go out to AOH Division 7 President John Owen and his board of officers. Their generosity of time and constant support over the past few years have been invaluable.

Finally, I want to thank John Davis and the Corporation of Division 7 for consistently being so generous to me and to all the Ladies of Division 7.

Please save the date for the Grand Marshal's Ball on Saturday, February 21st at 7pm at Captain Bills in honor of Division Seven's Grand Marshal John Owen and Ladies Aide Becci Enders. This moment means more than I can easily express. I appreciate the recognition from my peers and I am incredibly grateful for their constant support and inspiration. It is such an honor.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00pm. I hope to see you there.

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

Junior Girls

Hello All! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and may you receive an abundance of blessings in 2026.

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 fervently participated in adding to this especially meaningful time of the year.

On November 10th 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 (again) Master of Ceremony Mac McFadden, the Seabees, and those in the background who helped to make this a memorable evening.

On December 4th our Junior Girls and Junior Boys headlined for their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, although abbreviated due to the extremely cold weather, they sang out in joy. We thank: All who attended and sang along - especially for our always special 12 Days of Christmas, where our Juniors starred in their part - singing out 'Five Golden Rings' in harmony; our Piper - Bill Le Page; and all who helped to make this a fun and memorable evening.

On December 8th our Junior Girls had their December Meeting / Christmas Party, during which they further 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 for allowing our Junior Girls to help in this preparation.

The Junior Girls will hold their first meeting of the New Year will be on **Monday, January 12th, 2026, at 6:30 PM**

In Our Motto,

**Denise Fischer & Gina Holm
Junior Girls Coordinators**



Ancient Order of Hibernians
Our Lady of Knock, Division 7
65 Champlin Avenue
East Islip, NY 11730

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 Owen. John's years of service to the men and women of our division and community have led him to this tremendous honor and we are proud to have him lead us up Main Street on **Sunday, March 1, 2026**.

The aides to the Grand Marshal are John's sons Matt and Mark Owen, son in law Dom Mafia, Brother Gerard Owen and Brother-in-Law Steve Bonner. The lady's aide to the Grand Marshal is the lovely Becci Enders. Our 2026 Hibernian of the Year is Dennis Bennett

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 2026 advertisement rate sheet.

It is through your support that we can 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 2/13/26.**

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

Sincerely,
Jason Holm
Advertising Chairman
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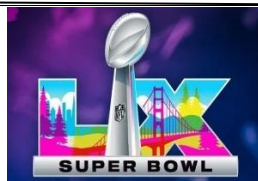
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What's Happening Jan and Feb



January

Jan 6 Tues	Bingo	7:00 PM
Jan 7 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 12 Mon	Junior Girl's Meeting	6:30 PM
Jan 14 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Jan 31 Sat	Officer Installation	6:00 PM

February

Feb 1 Sun	St. Brigid's Mass	11:30 AM
Feb 1 Sun	Parade Fundraiser	1:00 PM
Feb 4 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Feb 11 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Feb 21 Sat	Grand Marshall's Ball- Capt. Bills	6:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

January



Friday January 23rd 6-9 PM Happy Hour!

THE IRISH

Irish - Athbhlain faoi mhaise duit!
(to one person)

Pronunciation - Ah-vleen fwee vah-sha ditch

Irish - Athbhlain faoi mhaise daoibh
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Pronunciation - Ah-vleen fwee vah-sha jeeve

English - Happy New Year

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By Vic Vogel



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2026
Grand Marshal Ball
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Congratulations Becci Enders



who is our 2026 LAOH Division 7 Ladies Aide to
the Grand Marshal!



*All of us at division 7 are so excited for
Becci!*

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Division 7 East Islip



Saturday January 31st 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Installation of Officers

Brothers and Sisters of AOH Division 7!

Join us on Saturday, January 31st at 6:00 PM for a special evening as we
celebrate our Installation of Officers with the Junior Boys, Junior Girls, LAOH,
and AOH.

Great food, entertainment to follow.

Let's come together and make it a great night—hope to see you all there!

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Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid

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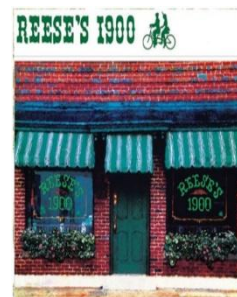
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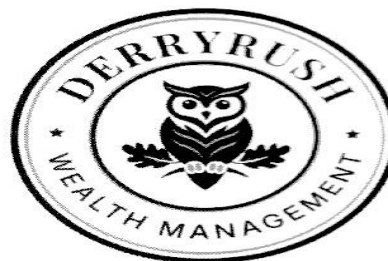
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