Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY Nov / Dec 2026



President's Corner

Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

As we head into the last couple of months of the year, I want to take a minute to thank everyone who came out and supported a few very important events.

First, thank you to everyone who attended our 25th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Ceremony outside the AOH Hall. It was a beautiful ceremony as we remembered those we lost on that terrible day and honored the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Afterwards, we attended Mass at St. Mary's Church, and I have to tell you, I couldn't have been prouder of Division 7. The church was packed, and our Division had the largest turnout of any of the organizations in attendance. Seeing so many of our brothers and sisters there really meant a lot. It's moments like these that show what a great organization we belong to.

I also want to thank everyone who attended our Deceased Members Mass at St. Mary's Church in October. This is one of the most important Masses we have each year. It's our opportunity to remember the brothers who are no longer with us, honor what they meant to our Division, and let their families know they haven't been forgotten. These men helped make Division 7 what it is today, and it's important that we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our Division Picnic in September was another great day, and I want to give a big thank-you to Mike McCall, who organized the picnic and did a fabulous job putting everything together. These events take a lot of time and effort behind the scenes, and Mike made sure everything came together. I also want to recognize Jeremy Conlon, who really took some of the food to another level. Jeremy, your efforts certainly didn't go unnoticed!

There were so many people who pitched in and helped make the picnic a success that I couldn't possibly thank everyone by name. But please know that your time, hard work, and willingness to lend a hand did not go unnoticed. I truly appreciate every one of you. It's that kind of teamwork that makes Division 7 such a great organization.

A special thank-you to the Rosin Dubh Pipe Band for being part of our 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, Deceased Members Mass, and Division Picnic. As always, they did an outstanding job and never disappoint. We truly appreciate everything they do for our Division.

With the holidays right around the corner, I want to wish all of our members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

And don't forget, our AOH Members' Christmas Party is Saturday, December 19, at 6:00 PM at the Hall. We'll be providing food, and DJ Ron will be spinning the records to keep the party going. Come on down, enjoy some good food, great music, and a fun night with your fellow Hibernians. I hope to see a great turnout as we celebrate the Christmas season together.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to make Division 7 such a special place. Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy New Year!

Kevin Smith
President
AOH Division 7

Junior Boys

The Junior Boys have had a busy and meaningful fall season, with plenty of opportunities to get together, support our community, and keep our traditions alive.

One of the highlights was participating in the September 11th Memorial Ceremony, where our boys helped read the names of all those from Islip who lost their lives that day. The boys also proudly marched in the Irish Day Parade, celebrating our Irish heritage, and joined the Junior Girls in cleaning up the Memorial area in preparation for our Deceased Members Mass.

Looking ahead, we have some great events coming up! On November 9th, the Junior Boys will join the Junior Girls for our Annual Veteran's Appreciation Night, honoring the veterans of our Division and thanking them for their service and sacrifice.

Then, on Monday, November 30th, at 6:00 p.m., we will celebrate our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Come out and enjoy cookies, hot cocoa, and holiday cheer as we kick off the Christmas season together!

We are proud of all the boys who continue to participate and represent the Junior Boys and Division 7. If you know any boys ages 8–16 who would like to join, please reach out to Jason Holm or Vinny Smith.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas season!

In our Motto,
Jason Holm and Vinny Smith
Junior Boys Coordinators

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

As the temperatures begin to drop and we head into the holiday season to celebrate Thanksgiving *and* Christmas I ask that you continue to remember those less fortunate than yourself and, if possible, to participate in the various opportunities to give to our local community. Currently, the following four (4) opportunities are underway: (1) Veterans Donations; (2) Thanksgiving Baskets; (3) Our 300 Club Raffle; and (4) Board Games for Children.

To provide further detail:

(1) The Division 7 LAOH is collecting Donations of clothing, personal care items and grocery store gift cards, to support the Northport VA Wish List for Female & Male Veterans, **until Wed, Nov 11th** - ***Please refer to the flyer for a more defined list of items.***

(2) If you know of any families and/or individuals who are in need and would appreciate the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner, please contact our Missions and Charities officer - Tara LePage. She will need to know your name, your phone number, and the number of adults & children to receive the basket. You will then attend the basket assembly on **Mon, Nov 23rd at 6:00 PM** and deliver the baskets to your families/individuals. Even if you don't know of any families or individuals in need, we ask that you might be able to donate to the baskets that we will be preparing. Tara has sign-up sheets, including SignUpGenius, for your participation listing needed items.

(3) Our 300 Club fundraiser helps us to donate to various charitable organizations and local Parish Outreach programs. The drawing is being held on **Fri, Dec 11th at 8:00 PM**, where those who purchase tickets will have 13 chances to win. All are welcome to attend the drawing, in our Pub.

(4) This is a new request, a request for Board Games which will be donated locally to those less fortunate. We will be collecting Board Games, such as the following, **until Sun, Dec 13th**: Clue, Chess, Battleship, Peppa Pig, Trivial Pursuit, Checkers, etc.

I thank you for however you are able to participate in any or all of these opportunities. Your support of our community assistance activities is always greatly appreciated.

In the near future, we will be holding another night of fun at a Left-Right-Center fundraiser and you will be notified of the date as soon as it has been set.

I hope that you will be available to celebrate the Christmas season at Division 7, as All of our Members (and their significant others) are invited to attend our Annual Christmas Party on **Sat, Dec 19th at 6:00 PM** in our Hall. I do hope that you can attend. This event includes dinner and music for dancing. Come and join in on the fun!

On a more somber note, when possible, please attend any of the Hibernian Services that are held during the Wakes of our Division 7 members. You will not be there alone. We will process-in together, we will pray together and we will pay our respects together. Please understand that this will be our last chance to pay our respects to the deceased and their family for all of the time and effort that they put into our Hibernian organization. They have expended many hours of their life to assist in our mission and that is time that they usually spent away from their families. As such, we want to thank their families for sharing their loved ones with us.

Reminder: Please wear your Sash to all Wakes and Masses, and in all Parades.

Please look over the events in this Newsletter, read the emails that are sent to you, follow us on Facebook, and be sure to register for our Division's Clubster (app, e-mail or both forms of notification). There are a variety of happenings, many of which you won't want to miss. So please mark your personal calendars and join us!

As we are always looking to grow our organization, if you know anyone who is interested in joining our Division, please let them know about our next Screening:

- **Membership Screening Meeting:** Our Hall, 2nd Floor, Tuesday, January 5th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Next Division, County and State Meetings:

- Division 7 LAOH - Wednesday, Nov 11th *and* Dec 9th - 7 PM
- NYS Fall Board Meeting, Mass and Testimonial Dinner - Saturday, Nov 14th (Location: West Point, New York) starting at 10:00 AM, 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM
- Suffolk County LAOH - Monday, Nov 16th (Location: Division 5 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue) - 7:30 PM
- Note: There is No Suffolk County LAOH Meeting during the month of December

Denise Fischer
LAOH Division 7
President

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Junior Girls

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support the Junior Girls Spaghetti Dinner this year! Not only to the people who were able to come that night and enjoy having the girls serve you, but also to the many members who were not able to make it but still sent support to them. Because of all your continued support, the Jr. Girls made their annual donation to Make-A-Wish on October 14th. Due to the Junior Girls fundraising efforts and the ongoing support of the Division, the girls were able to donate $2,500.00 this year.

On October 20th, the available Jr Girls & Boys came out to clean up the Memorial area in anticipation of our Deceased Members Mass. Be sure to stop by, say a prayer and see how clean it all is, before the weather turns.

On November 9th the Junior Girls will join the Junior Boys for our Annual Veteran's Appreciation Night. Light fare will be served after to show all our Division Veteran's the gratitude they so wholeheartedly deserve.

On November 23rd the Junior Girls will join the Ladies assembling Thanksgiving Baskets for families in our community who may be facing challenges.

And since it is never too early to think of Christmas, we are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Monday November 30th at 6:00. We will have cookies & Hot Cocoa for all.

Since the holiday season will soon be upon us, may we all be grateful for all our Blessings and continue to share them.

The Junior Girls are wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas Season.

In Our Motto,

Chris Brogan & Gina Holm
Junior Girls Coordinators



What's Happening Nov and Dec

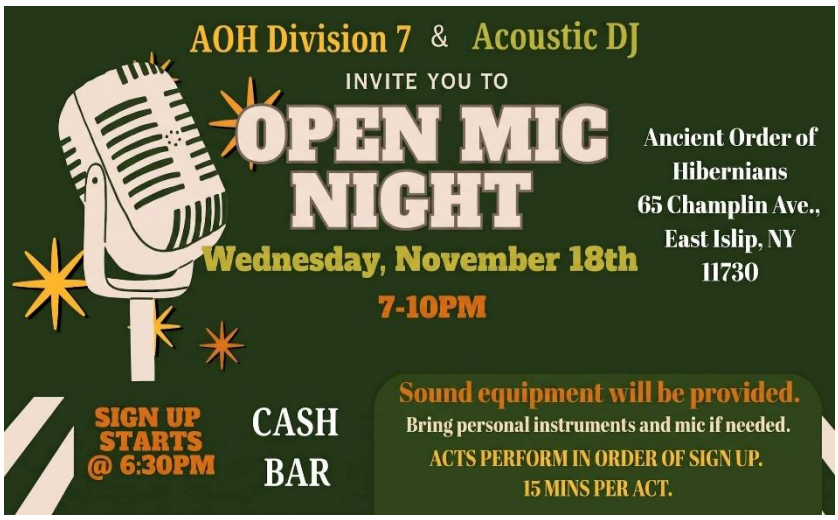


November

Nov 2 Mon	Blood Drive	1-7 PM
Nov 4 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Nov 9 Mon	Salute to Veterans	6:00 PM
Nov 11 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Nov 18 Wed	Open Mic Night	7:00 PM
Nov 30 Mon	Div 7 Tree Lighting	6:00 PM

December

Dec 2 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Dec 9 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Dec 11 Fri	300 Club Drawing	8:00 PM
Dec 13 Sun	Community Children's Christmas Party	11:00 AM
Dec 19 Sat	Division 7 Christmas Party	6:00 PM



LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

November

Fri 6th Pan Americans 6 – 9 PM
Happy Hour

Fri 20th Garage 6:30-9:30 PM
WBAB's Roger Luze
Happy Hour

December

Fri 11th Subtle Adjustments 6:30-9:30
Happy Hour
300 Club Drawing

The Irish

Irish - Le gach dea-mhéin

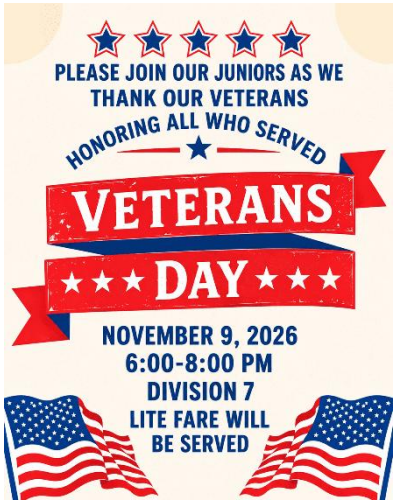
Pronunciation - Leg gokh dah-vayn

English - Best Wishes, With every good wish, Sincerely

Used as a closing at the end of a letter of note.

Let's Keep Our Culture Strong!

By Vic Vogel



FALL AT THE HALL

A Look at Our Fall Activities at Division 7



September 11th Remembrance
The Junior Boys and Girls took part in the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Hall, reading the names of those from Islip who lost their lives.



Deceased Members Mass
Division 7 gathered at St. Mary's to remember and honor our departed brothers and sisters.



Halloween at the Hall
A fun night of costumes, friends, and Division 7 spirit!



Giving Back
The Junior Girls proudly present their Make-A-Wish donation in support of a great cause.



Lending a Hand
The Junior Girls help out at the Spaghetti Dinner, serving up good food and smiles.



Caring for Our Grounds
The Junior Boys and Girls came together to clean the monument ahead of the Deceased Members Mass.



Halloween Spirit
Kicking off the season with some Halloween fun at the Hall!



More Fall Fun
Another creative costume from our fall celebration—Division 7 style!



Our Division Family
A great turnout of brothers, sisters, and Juniors at the 9/11 Remembrance at St. Mary's

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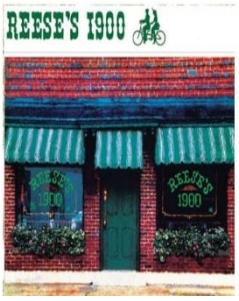

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For L.A.O.H., contact Missions and Charities Officer, Tara LePage at 631-478-4545

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