



## **President's Corner**

Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

It is truly an honor to write my first President's Corner as the newly installed President of Division 7. I want to sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported our Installation Dinner. The turnout, camaraderie, and spirit of the evening were a true reflection of what makes our Division so special.

I would like to congratulate all of our officers — Men's, Ladies, and Juniors — who were installed that evening. Your willingness to step up and serve our Order is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working alongside each of you in the year ahead.

Our Grand Marshal's Ball has come and gone, and it was a tremendous celebration. Congratulations to:

- John Owen – Grand Marshal
- Becci Enders – Ladies Aide
- Dennis Bennett – Hibernian of the Year

Each of you represents the very best of what it means to be a Hibernian. We are proud of your dedication and service.

I hope everyone enjoys the John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 1st. It is always a highlight of our year and a testament to the strength of our Irish heritage and community here in East Islip.

As we continue through the month of March, I encourage everyone to enjoy St. Patrick's Day and the many parades and celebrations throughout Long Island. Let's continue to represent Division 7 with pride, faith, family, and friendship.

Thank you again for your support and trust. I look forward to a great year ahead.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

**Kevin Smith**  
**President**  
**AOH Division 7**

## **Junior Boys**

On January 31 the Junior Boys installed their new board members. It was great to see so many family and friends in attendance. We want to thank Liam for his leadership as the Junior Boys President. We also want to congratulate our new President Sullican, along with all of the newest officers. We look forward to working with you all.

The 61st John C. Reilly St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held March 1st at 2PM. We are looking forward to marching down Main Street representing the Junior Boys. We hope to see everyone there

Our next meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the East Islip Public Library Irish Heritage Room. We will be fortunate to have Vic Vogel give the boys a history lesson!

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 Vinny Smith. We welcome new members to our growing family.

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

# L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

I wish to thank our newly installed LAOH Board and the Appointees for joining me in taking on the responsibilities of their offices / appointments. I am honored to be working with each of these dedicated women as we perform the work of our Order in providing support to our sisterhood and the community beyond. Thank you, Ladies!

A warm welcome to all of our 16 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, including parades, donations, fundraisers, and community events.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Jeanine Amato, our Division 7 recipient of the "Walking in the Footsteps of St Brigid" award. Jeanine embraces the tenets of our motto and shows us what it means to Walk in the Footsteps of St Brigid through the kind and generous acts she performs for her parish and her community.

Congratulations also to John Owen, the 2026 Grand Marshal; all of his Aides; our Ladies Aide, Becci Enders; and Hibernian of the Year, Dennis Bennett. This is a great honor for all of you, but we are also honored to follow you along Main Street on March 1st.

Thank you to the Ball and Parade committees for your tireless work in making these events special for Division 7 and our community. Please also visit the East Islip Library to see the Irish history display on the second floor, coordinated by our Historian, Brigid Vickers.

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If you plan to march in or watch the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade on Tuesday, March 17th, please consider taking the bus from Division 7. The cost is \$75 per person and includes round-trip transportation, beer, seltzer, and food. If interested, please contact Chris Brogan.

Finally, a reminder that our annual dues are \$45 if paid by March 31st; as of April 1st, dues increase to \$60. Please see Financial Secretary Joann Smith to make your payment.

Wishing you all a fabulous parade season and a very blessed St. Patrick's Day!

**Yours in Friendship, Unity  
and Christian Charity,  
Denise Fischer  
LAOH Division 7  
President**

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## Junior Girls

Congratulations to the newly installed Jr Girl Officers. The girls held their meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> and made Valentine cards & homemade gifts that were delivered to some of our members.

The girls then participated in a National Junior Zoom call on February 16<sup>th</sup> where they were joined by some Division 2 Jr's for pizza and fellowship. The National Zoom call is something National hopes will continue and increase in attendance. The Juniors represent our future and fostering appreciation and understanding of our Irish Heritage is integral to keeping our organization growing.

The girls always look forward to participating in the East Islip John P. Reilly St. Patrick's Day Parade, happening this year on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see many of you marching or lining the streets in support. Next up for the girls, will be their annual visit to the Sisters of St. Joseph, on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> to spread some Irish Cheer to the retired Sisters who have spent their lives in service to others. If you would like to donate soda bread or wine to be shared with the Sisters, please let Chris Brogan know to arrange pick up. Following that, the Juniors will be hosting their annual Lenten Soup Dinner to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 -8:00 PM where the girls will serve orders of salad, soup, rolls & small desert to either eat in or take home.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> the girls will be joining the Ladies to assemble Easter Baskets to donate to members of our community. This event is always so special and showcases our motto in action. The girls will be having their April meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for annual May Crowning will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Wishing everyone a very Blessed Easter filled with true spirit of the season of renewal and the promise of eternal life.

**In Our Motto,**

**Chris Brogan & Gina Holm  
Junior Girls Coordinators**

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*What's  
Happening  
Mar and Apr*



## LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

### March

Sun 1st	The Boggs	After the parade
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Keri Gold Boys Happy Hour	6:30 – 9:30

### April

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Subtle Adjustments Happy Hour	6:30 – 9:30
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## MARCH

Mar 1 Sun	John P. Reilly East Islip Parade	2:00 PM
Mar 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	7:00 PM
Mar 6 Fri	Jr. Girls visit Sisters of St. Joesph's	6:00 PM
Mar 10 Tues	Junior Boys Mtg at EI Library	7:00 PM
Mar 11 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Mar 13 Fri	Jr. Girls Lenten Soup Dinner	5:00 PM
Mar 17 Tues	NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade	11:00 AM

## APRIL

Apr 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	7:00PM
Apr 6 Mon	Junior Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr 9 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:00 PM
Apr 20 Mon	Blood Drive	1-7 PM

## THE IRISH

**Irish** - Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!

**Pronunciation** - Law way-luh Paw-drig so-nuh which!

**English** - Happy St. Patrick's Day to you!  
(When speaking to one person)

**Irish** - Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!

**Pronunciation** - Law way-luh Paw-drig so-nuh deev!

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(When speaking to two or more people)

Keeping the Culture Alive!

By Vic Vogel





# Blood Drive

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**2026 Blood Drive Schedule**

- Monday, February 23, 2026 1-7pm
- Monday, April 20, 2026 1-7pm
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026 1-7pm
- Monday, November 2, 2026 1-7pm

**total**

- In 2025 AOH collected 117 pints helping 350 local hospital patients.
- If you donate at another location, the AOH can be credited by typing in code #19591.
- Only 3% of New York State residents donate.
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- ✿ 3/8 Huntington - 2PM
- ✿ 3/14 Bay Shore / Brightwaters - 2PM
- ✿ 3/15 Bayport / Blue Point - 11AM
- ✿ 3/15 Center Moriches - 2PM
- ✿ 3/17 NYC - 9AM
- ✿ 3/21 Hampton Bays - 11AM
- ✿ 3/21 Brentwood - 1PM
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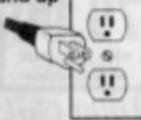
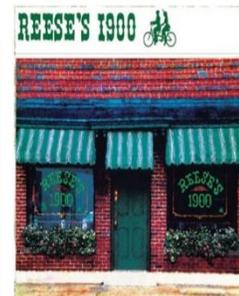
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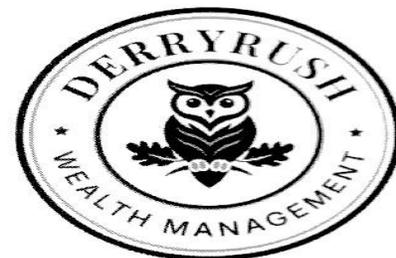
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