

## **President's Message**

Greetings Brothers, the month of March is upon us, and as our Vice President Dr. Dave Ring likes to say, "It's our month to shine". We start things off on Sunday March 4th with our John P. Reilly Memorial, East Islip, St. Patrick's day Parade. We will gather at 1pm at the East Islip Library, with step off scheduled for 2pm. Brothers please make every effort to march with the Division behind Grand Marshal Vic Vogel and our own Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band. Let's show the community who we are. If you have a sash please wear it, if you need one see John Davis. Also Dan Sullivan could use some help on the lineup committee, if you can help out, come down to the Division Pub on parade day at 12 noon. Dan will explain what needs to be done to have the participants line up in their proper positions. Please remember that to gain entrance to our hall after the parade you will need an up to date 2012 dues card. See Financial Secretary Tom Davis to square away your dues, it's \$60 now and \$100 after St. Patrick's Day March 17th. An outside tent will be set up as well, so folks from the parade route can come down to enjoy music, drink and food. Bangers and Mash will be performing in the hall, and 26+6 will be performing under the tent.

On Saturday March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, we will start with Mass at our hall at 9am, after which we will have coffee and cake, then board the buses for a 10:30 departure for NYC. If you wish to ride on the bus please sign up soon, the seats are going fast. The cost is \$35 pp. Give your payment to the bartender in a small envelope, write your name and NYC Bus on it. Once the buses are full there will be a waiting list at the bar in case an opening arises. On return from NYC there will be a corned beef and

cabbage dinner served along with music by Bob Carney. Also on St. Patrick's evening at 8pm the drawing of the Notre Dame - Navy Football game/Ireland trip will be held. If you haven't purchased a raffle ticket yet, see Vinny Clancy. The cost is \$100 ea. with only 300 being sold. The proceeds of the ticket sales go to our Children's Fund which enables us to have a Christmas Party for the needy children in our community.

On Friday March 30th we will be holding a screening for new members at 7pm. Sponsors can obtain an application at the bar, or contact Division Organizer Kevin Smith at 631-767-5276 for information.

Father Janusz will be holding "Faith on Tap" in the pub on Tuesday March 13th and Tuesday April 10th, come down for a pint and some interesting discussions. I thank Father for giving of his time for this enjoyable night out. With the arrival of April, we start off with Easter Sunday on April 8<sup>th</sup>. I along with the rest of the officers would like to wish you all a Holy Easter season.

On Sunday, April 15th The 25th Annual Tom Clarke-Kathleen Daly-Clarke memorial celebration will take place at the monument on County Road 111 in Manorville. The wreath laying is at 10am followed by a communion breakfast at 11am at Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville. The guest speaker will be former Suffolk County Police Commissioner Richard Dormer who hails from County Laois. Tickets for the breakfast are \$25 pp. Please see me.

On Friday April 27th the Suffolk County Ball will be held at the Larkfield Manor in Northport, from 7pm till 12am. This year's honorees are our own Joan Tansey and Division 1's Tom Jordan. The Gabe Hickey Band will be performing. The cost of the tickets are \$75pp. Please see me for tickets.

Once again, on behalf of our Division

officers, I'd like to wish all of you and your families a wonderful St. Patrick's season and a healthy, Holy Easter!

Slainte',  
Mac.

## **Project Children 2012**

Project Children will bring children over around the first week of July this year. They will stay for 4 weeks. The children's ages range from 9 thru 14.

The Division takes care of the cost of the Airfare and insurance. Hosts' responsibility is to pick them up at the airport and bring them back to the airport in 4 weeks.

You treat them like your own children and they become part of your family. It's a great opportunity for you and your family to understand the conditions in Ireland today. We are limited on the number of children that will be coming to Long Island this year. The deadline to submit an application is the beginning of May.

If you would like more information please call Herman Boyle at 631-277-2377 or 631-357-1545.

## **St. Patrick's Day Buses to New York City**

There will be a Mass at the hall at 9:00AM. The buses will board after the Mass. The sign-up list for buses is behind the bar. The cost is \$35 per person which includes transportation, refreshments on the bus, and a delicious corned beef dinner back at the hall upon our return. There are two buses for the membership and will be on a first come, first served basis. If the list is full, I will have a stand-by list and I will contact you as an opening occurs. Payment must be received no later than March 1st. Anyone who reserves a seat and does not pay by March 1<sup>st</sup> will lose their seat to the waiting list.

Dave Ring

# L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters, it gives me much pleasure to congratulate Peggy Fitzpatrick, our own Division 7 recipient of the "Following in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" award. Peggy truly embraces our motto and does so in a quiet and unassuming manner. She is a fine role model and well deserving of this honor.

A big thank you and job well done goes to Alice Faughnan for organizing the St. Brigid's Mass and Breakfast! It's a big undertaking and Alice did a beautiful job. Thank you also to the guest speaker that day, our own Leslie Lanigan, I received several phone calls from sisters around the county expressing their delight with the talk Leslie gave. Thank you both for all the work and time you put into making St. Brigid's feast day the huge success it was.

A warm welcome to all our new members, we are delighted you have joined us and look forward to working and having fun with you. Please join with your sponsors, come to any or all of the activities mentioned here – you'll find we work well together while enjoying each others' company.

Although the newsletter will go to print before several events occur, I would like to extend the Ladies' congratulations to Vic Vogel, the Grand Marshal of this year's John Reilly Memorial East Islip Parade. We will proudly march behind you and wish you the grandest of days. Thank you also to the parade and ball committees for all your hard work and effort. The parade and Grand Marshal's Ball are enjoyed by so many thanks to all of you.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the Ladies for giving me the honor of being the Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal this year! I am looking forward to a wonderful day in support of Vic and Division 7.

Please remember to send in your 2012 dues - \$35 up until 3/31. 4/1 and later, it is \$50. An updated dues card is necessary to come to the Hall after our parade. See Margaret Davis at the next meeting or mail it in – she will be checking the mailbox regularly.

Please be sure to stop by the East Islip Library to see the beautiful display of all things Irish before we line up for the John Reilly Memorial East Islip Parade on 3/4 at 1:30 PM. Thank you to Betty Kreamer for gathering all the items and setting up the various showcases!

The Jr. Girls will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the retired Sisters of St. Joseph on Monday, March 12 at 5:30 PM. The girls would be most thankful if the Ladies would donate Irish soda bread and butter for the occasion. Please drop your goodies off at the Hall the day before or feel

free to come to Brentwood and bring it with you. It's a fun evening and the Sisters are always so appreciative of the Irish entertainment and traditional foods.

All are welcome to attend Mass which will be celebrated at the Hall on 3/17 at 9 AM and the buses will leave for the NYC parade sharply at 10:30 AM. Please remember to adhere to the dress code: black skirt or pants, black shoes, white gloves and sashes. No sneakers, jeans, silly hats or face paintings are permitted. Your cooperation with the parade marshals is much appreciated.

If anyone knows of a family in need of an Easter food basket, please let Vicky Ring know the number of children and adults in the family. No names, please – the families remain anonymous. A sign up list of donated fresh produce will be available at the next meeting. We will be assembling the baskets on Monday, April 2 at 6:30 PM in the Hall and all are welcome and encouraged to help. Your time and donations are greatly appreciated!

Andy Cooney will be entertaining us on Friday, April 20 here at Division 7. Aggie O'Leary has done a fine job of arranging everything and we are looking forward to a fine evening! Tickets are only \$20 pp – bring your own snacks and a cash bar will be available. Doors open at 7 PM and the concert begins at 8 PM. You don't want to miss this! Please see Aggie for tickets.

On April 27 the Suffolk County AOH / LAOH Boards will be holding the Annual Ball. Division 7 is very proud to announce that Joan Tansey will be honored as the Ladies Hibernian of the Year! Please join us in congratulating the woman who has done much to "keep the tradition alive" most notably through her traditional Irish dance classes. Joan has been extremely generous in sharing her time and talent through the years. Tickets and more information will be available at the next meeting.

Finally, I wish all of you and your families a very Happy St. Patrick's day and a Blessed Easter.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Liz Colgan

## Juniors

On Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> the Division Seven Junior Girls attended the St. Brigid's Day Mass where they took part in the procession by bringing forth the gifts of St. Brigid for display on the altar.

On Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> the Junior Girls had their first meeting with their newly installed officers. The girls spent the evening with Joan Tansey who taught them how to dance the Stack of Barley. We all had a lot of fun. On behalf of the Junior Girls, I would like to extend a most heartfelt thank you to Joan for

sharing her time and talent with us!

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the girls will march with the Division in the John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Parade. It is with great pride and joy that we march behind Grand Marshal Vic Vogel and Ladies Aide Liz Colgan! Our lineup time is 1:30 P.M. as the parade begins at 2:00 P.M. All those marching are asked to dress neatly and in a manner that appropriately represents our Division. After the parade, the girls will sell raffle tickets for both a 50/50 and a grand prize.

Our next meeting will be on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood at 5:30 P.M. to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the retired sisters. We will serve Irish Soda Bread, members of the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band will play and the Irish Dancers will perform. All donations of Irish Soda Bread and butter are most appreciated. Please leave these donations in the kitchen of the Hall the day before the event.

All Junior Girls members are invited to join us as we represent Division Seven in the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 17, 2012. Mass will be celebrated at our Hall at 9:00 A.M. The buses will depart for New York City at 10:30 A.M. Please be prompt. The dress code requires all marchers to wear a black skirt or pants, black shoes, white gloves and sashes. No sneakers, jeans, silly hats or painted faces are permitted.

The next meeting of the Junior Girls will take place on **Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.** at the Hall. **Please note that this is a change from our usual meeting date and time.** We will be making Easter baskets for needy children that will be donated to St. Mary's Parish. Immediately following our meeting, the LAOH will be putting together food baskets that will accompany the Easter baskets. Any members wishing to participate with the Ladies are welcome to stay for that event as well.

We have a wonderful group of girls and I am looking forward to a productive and enjoyable Spring!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Kathleen Ring  
Division Seven Junior Girls' Coordinator





# What's Happening... March & April



### MARCH:

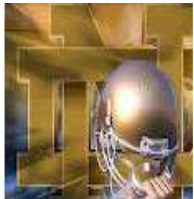
- Mar 4 Sun John P. Reilly Memorial, East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade on Main St. East Islip at 2:00 PM
- Mar 7 Wed AOH Division Seven Meeting, 8:00 PM
- Mar 12 Mon Jr Girls and Boys at St. Joseph's, 5:30 PM
- Mar 14 Wed LAOH Division Seven Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Mar 17 Sat St. Patrick's Day NYC; Mass at Division Seven Hall 9:00am, Buses depart after mass (10:30am)

### APRIL:

- Apr 1 Sun Palm Sunday
- Apr 2 Mon Junior Girls and Boys Meeting, 5:00 PM
- Apr 2 Mon LAOH Easter Baskets assembly, 6:30 PM
- Apr 4 Wed AOH Division Seven Meeting, 8:00PM
- Apr 6 Fri Good Friday
- Apr 8 Sun Easter Sunday
- Apr 11 Wed LAOH Division Seven Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Apr 15 Sun Tom Clarke-Kathleen Daly-Clarke Memorial

## Andy Cooney

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**4<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$ 500**

Drawing Saturday March 17, 2012 at 8:00PM – Division 7  
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## Corporation Corner

The Corporation officers invite all of our members down to the hall after our East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please invite your family and friends to join us under the tent and enjoy the celebration with us. 26+6 will be performing under the tent for all our enjoyment. Inside the James P. Walsh room we are having Bangers and Mash perform.

### PUB ENTERTAINMENT

#### MARCH:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - No music (night before our parade)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Danny Donnelly
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Bob Carney
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Gerry McKeveny
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Todd the Guitar Man

#### APRIL:

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Danny Donnelly
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Jean Marie Karaoke
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Just Us Ed & Gail
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Kevin Wilson



**Junior Boys and Girls making  
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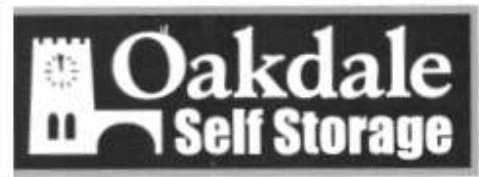
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## Announcements:

Congratulations to **Bill Kreamer** on being awarded the A.O.H. Division 7 **Hibernian of the Year**. During the Grand Marshal Ball on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, Bill received this prestigious award. Please join us in congratulating Bill and thanking him for all of his dedicated service to our organization.

## Scholarships

If you have a high school student that may be eligible for an award see Tom McEnroe for applications. (581-7543) There will be three, \$1,000 awards awarded. All applications must be in by April 15, 2012. High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential. Applications are self-explanatory.

## The Irish

### "Happy St. Patrick's Day"

#### When addressing one person:

*"Lá Fhéila Pádraig sona duit!"*  
(Law Way-lah Paw-drig son-ah ditch)

#### When addressing more than one person:

*"Lá Fhéila Pádraig sona daiobh!"*  
(Law Way-lah Paw-drig son-ah jeev)

## 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 on the Sick, John Fitzpatrick at 581-5705 or Bob Knockenhauer at 277-2872. For L.A.O.H., contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Vicky Ring at 516-375-8136.

## Parades

Sat Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kings Park, 12:00 PM  
Sun Mar 4<sup>th</sup> - East Islip, 2:00 PM  
Sat Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Bay Shore, 2:00 PM  
Sun Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Bayport/Bluepoint 11:30AM  
Ronkonkoma, 2:00 PM  
Center Moriches  
Sat Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – New York City  
Sat Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Hampton Bays, 11:00 AM  
Sun Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – Patchogue, 2:00 PM

## Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band

The band would like to thank everyone that helped make the Darby Night a big success and we hope you can come out and see us perform at the many parades this St. Patrick's Day season.

## Membership Dues

The men's division annual membership dues for 2012 can be paid to Tom Davis at division meetings or you can mail in a check or leave a check in the green locked mailbox outside the Tap Room. If paying by check, please put your membership number on your check. Dues paid prior to March 17<sup>th</sup> are \$60 and \$100 thereafter.

## Tri-Color Sashes

John Davis has the tri-color sashes on sale which can be worn for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parades and all Hibernian functions.

## The Irish Book



## Collection

Donations of books on Irish Culture may be left at Division Seven Hall. All donations will be catalogued at the East Islip Library as part of the Irish Cultural Book Collection.

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Bill Kreamer receives Hibernian of the Year award from Pat Maune