

Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY September/October 2013



President's Message

Greetings Brothers, I hope you and your families enjoyed a nice summer. I would like to congratulate two members of our Division who were named to NYS AOH/LAOH office in July at the state convention in Saratoga. Hats off to Vic Vogel who is now NYS AOH Secretary and also to Aggie O'Leary who is now NYS LAOH Missions and Charities Chair. Thanks to all who supported Vic and Aggie at their fundraisers this past spring. Our next Division meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept. 4th at 8pm, hope to see you all there. Our Division picnic will be held on Saturday Sept. 7th from noon to 5pm, at Heckscher State Park, field 3. Our picnic is for current members and their immediate family. See financial secretary Tom Davis if you need to square up your dues. Picnic chairman, Tom Snyder is looking for help with setup, cooking and cleanup duties, please see Tom for details. Also Larry Wolff needs help with the children's games, keeping the little ones entertained is a big job. See Larry at our meeting for more info. Musical entertainment will be by "One Nation" with special guest appearance by Kaitlyn on fiddle. Our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band will also be on hand for a set. The Division will be selling raffle tickets to help defray the cost of our John P. Reilly East Islip, St. Patrick's Day Parade. The cost of the tickets are \$100 each, with 250 being sold. There will be 2 first place prizes drawn, each being a trip for 2 to our division trip to Ireland April 2014, or the winners can opt for a cash prize of \$3500. The trip includes round-trip airfare, hotel, breakfast and dinner each day and

\$500 spending money. There will be 3 second place prizes of \$500 each and 5 third place prizes of \$100 each. The drawing will be held on January 10th at 7pm at Division 7 hall. In October our Division meeting will be held on Wednesday Oct. 2nd at 8pm. There will be a screening for new members on Friday Oct. 18th at 7:30pm in our hall. See Division organizer Kevin Smith for details and applications. A Shamrock Degree will be held at our November meeting, Nov. 6th. On Saturday October 19th, the Tara Court Major Degree team will be putting on a Major Degree in our own Division 7 hall. Candidates are to meet at 11am in our Pub area, with the degree commencing at noon. The Pub will be closed until the Major Degree is completed. This is a great opportunity for our Division members who have not yet made their degree, to do so. The Suffolk County Board, and the Tara Court Degree team decided to move the ceremony to Saturday due to poor attendance in the past. Please make every effort to attend this special event. See VP Dave Ring to sign up. Our annual Mass for deceased members will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27th at 9am at St. Mary's church in East Islip. Please wear your tri-color sash to this special Mass. If you need to purchase a sash, see chairman John Davis. In ending, a shout out to Jimmy Walsh, Carmel Ryan, "Tip John" McMahon and Frank Lyons for their work over the summer with the GAA Irish Football and Hurling matches. Great Job!

God Bless you all & God Bless our Troops!
Mac.

AOH Major Degree is being held in our Hall October 19th. All members that have not yet made their Major Degree should attend to receive their Major Degree.

Raffle To Benefit East Islip St. Patrick Day Parade



Ireland Trip Raffle

Donation: \$100 per ticket

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April 11-19, 2014

Includes airfare, hotel, breakfast & dinner each day (trip value \$4,650) and \$500 spending money (in lieu of trip, winner can opt to receive \$3,500)

➤ Three Second Prizes:

\$500 for each winner

➤ Five Third Prizes:

\$100 for each winner

The drawing will be held on Friday January 10, 2014 at 7PM

Division Seven Hall

65 Champlin Ave.

East Islip, NY 11730

Winner need not be present

Only 250 tickets to be sold

(Seller of winning ticket

will receive \$500)

Grand Marshal Nominations

for the 2014 John Reilly, St. Patrick's Day Parade in East Islip are now being accepted. Nominations must be in writing and signed by the person submitting the nomination. Envelopes should be addressed to David Ring, Parade Chairman, and placed in the division mailbox. The deadline for submitting nominations is September 30, 2013. Nominations will be announced at the Oct. meeting. Voting, if necessary, will occur at Nov. meeting.

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

Welcome back! Division 7 has much to celebrate with the conclusion of the NYS AOH / LAOH Convention. Congratulations to Aggie O'Leary, our new LAOH State Missions and Charities officer and Vic Vogel, NYS AOH Secretary. We wish you both much success throughout your tenure in your new positions. Kudos to our Junior Girls and Suffolk County Ladies for taking first place in their respective Scrapbook contests!

The next screening will take place on Tuesday, September 3 at 8 PM in the Hall. Please submit all applications to Joanne Clancy. If you need an application, please download a copy from http://www.ladiesaoh.com/files/application_Membership_publisher_2010.pdf. We are looking to meeting our new applicants.

Our annual Hibernian picnic will be held at Heckscher Park on Saturday, September 7 beginning at 12 noon. All members with a current dues card and their immediate families are welcome. It's a great opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company. Thank you to Picnic Chair Tom Synder and his wonderful committee as it is their tireless efforts that makes this such a wonderful day. Of course, Ladies, everyone looks forward to the delicious salads so please remember to bring your favorite. It's also the kickoff of the Ladies 300 Club fundraiser. We appreciate your support in this endeavor.

In an effort to ensure that all members are well informed of the Division and the State-wide activities, we will be forwarding all email addresses to the editors of the Division newsletter and the St. Brigid's New York Connection. Division 7's newsletter is published 5 times a year and the St. Brigid's Connection is published 4 times a year. Should you wish to opt out, please contact me at ecolgan@optonline.net by September 15.

The Suffolk County Celtic Degree Team will be holding Degrees at Division 11 Hampton Bays on October 20 at 1:30, Division 2 Babylon on October 30 at 6:30 and Division 8 Glen Cove on November 11 at 1:30 pm. Please see Vice President

Kathleen Ring for further details and to sign up. In order to become a full member in our order, a member must take her Degree.

Back by popular demand! The Celtic New Year / Halloween Dance is scheduled for Friday, October 25 from 8 PM to midnight. Come join us for an entertaining evening full of fun, music, costumes (optional) and prizes! Madonna Nolty will have further information and tickets at our next meeting.

Our Deceased Members Mass will be at St. Mary Church at 9 AM on October 27. All are welcome as we celebrate and remember in prayer the lives of those who have gone before us.

The Election Committee is preparing the slate for our November elections. See Chair Charlene Gibbs, Winnie Morrissey or Sue O'Neill if you are interested in serving as a board member.

Please remember to bring in any sample / hotel size toiletries that the Juniors can use to make wash up kits for the homeless. Donations of gently used or new items would be appreciated for our November Chinese Auction. Leslie Lanigan will chair this event and will provide updates at the October meeting.

The Hibernian Book Club meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month, September 25 (The Winter Palace: A Novel of Catherine the Great by Eva Stackniak) and October 30 (The Time Keeper by Mitch Albom). All AOH / LAOH members are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 PM beginning with the recitation of the Rosary. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Liz



Roisin Dubh would like to thank everyone that helped make our Horseshoe Tournament a great success again this year. A special thank you to our sponsors: The always generous Patty Fitzpatrick, The Fitzpatrick Family, The Heathwood Family, Continental Home Loans (Mike McHugh), Emerald Isle Paving (Seamus Flannery), Jimmy Walsh, Cindy Haugland, The LePage Family, Colleen Davis and The Barry Family.

Juniors

The Junior Girls will have their first fall meeting on Monday September 9th at 6:30 pm at Division Seven Hall.

On Friday October 18th there will be a happy hour in our Tap Room from 6 - 9 pm to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. There will be prizes raffled off, as well as a 50/50 raffle. Food and music will be provided.

We hope to see you all there!

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



Division 7 Annual Family Picnic

Saturday Sept. 7th
Noon to 5:00PM

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Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band will be on hand to perform a set for your enjoyment.

MEMBERS & IMMEDIATE FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

(Please bring your current dues card)



What's Happening...

Sept. & Oct.



SEPTEMBER:

Sept 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting,	8:00 PM
Sept 7 Sat	Div. 7 picnic at Heckscher Park,	Noon-5:00 PM
Sept 9 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Sept 11 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting,	7:30 PM
Sept 13 Fri	Taylor Ryan Fundraiser	6:00-9:00 PM
Sept 30 Mon	2014 Grand Marshal nomination deadline	

OCTOBER:

Oct 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting,	8:00 PM
Oct 7 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting,	6:30 PM
Oct 9 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting,	7:30 PM
Oct 18 Fri	Happy Hour Fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish Foundation	6:00-9:00 PM
Oct 19 Sat	AOH Major Degree held in our Hall All candidates to be there by 11:00 AM	Noon
Oct 27 Sun	Mass for deceased members, at St. Mary's R.C. Church in East Islip	9:00 AM

Corporation Corner

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. So Sunday fun day's are not over with N.F.L. Football starting on "Funday" Sunday Sept. 8th.

Once again we will be having beer special's, **Bud** and **Miller** draft pints for **\$2.00**, also food between games.

The 50/50 raffle each and every Sunday (you have to be in it to win it...).

A.O.H. shirts and jackets are in, \$20 & \$40 each. They are on display in our pub.

We would like to thank our members, ladies also, for getting the word out about our hall rentals and the available catering packages.

Hope to see everyone on Sunday funday.

Gene Hearl
Corporation President

A recent article in "The Spirit of Ireland" magazine: "NY couple inspired to renew their vows".

Debbie and Francis "Mac" McFadden spent eight days experiencing the country. Irish-Americans like them were being encouraged to come home to visit for The Gathering. The trip started out as a way to discover their roots but it ended with the New York couple saying "I do" for the second time in a small village in Ireland.

The husband and wife, together with 78 other relatives and members of the East Islip, Long Island, division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Our Lady of Knock, saw it all – and more. The hustle and bustle of Dublin, the scenic countryside: the 15th century Bunratty castle with medieval-style banquet complete with singing lords and ladies. "It really did feel like we were home" said Mac. "Everyone we met, from the CIE Tours International guides to the Irish people, made us feel like we were family."

The fourth day was the clincher. At the Knock Shrine in County Mayo – a site where the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and John the Baptist are said to have appeared on Aug. 21, 1879 – Debbie and Mac reaffirmed the wedding vows that they'd first made to each other 30 years ago on Long Island. "It was an anniversary we'll never forget," says Debbie, "And both our parents and our daughter were there for it." Their CIE Tours trip sure was a good one but little did they know just how special it was going to be.



A.O.H. Division Seven original members:

- Charlie Fagan
- Fintan Stapleton
- Patrick O'Kane
- Jimmy Walsh

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