Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY January/February 2014







President's Message

Greetings brothers, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Our next Happy scheduled Division meeting will be held on Thursday January 2nd at 8pm. It has been moved over 1 day due to New Year's Day falling on a Wednesday. At this meeting, the membership will be voting on the Division's proposal to move forward Vic Vogel's name for consideration of National Life Membership. After the December meeting an email was out to the membership announcing the plans for Vic to be considered. Also at the December meeting, the finance committee nominated Matt McGrath to take over the seat held by Tom McEnroe, whose term had ended. We will take nominations from the floor for this seat, and if need be there will be an election held. Brothers, keep in mind these dates for January. On Friday night January 10th, we will be holding the Grand Drawing for the trips to Ireland with our Division in April. If you haven't already done so, see VP Dave Ring to purchase a raffle. They are \$100 each, with two first prizes of trips for 2 to Ireland including \$500 spending money, or if you can't travel you can opt for \$3500 in cash! 3 second prizes of \$500 and 5 third prizes of \$100, SEE DAVE! On Friday night, January 17th, we will hold our Installation of Officers, starting at 6:30 with the Jr. Girls, followed by the Ladies, then the Jr. Boys, and finally the Men. Please come down and show your support for the officers as they move

to their new positions. up Entertainment will be by "Susan and Gerard", with food provided by Lily Flanagans of Babylon. Also keep an eye out for the Roisin Dubh Pipe Bands "Darby Night" fundraiser which normally is held on the Saturday before the Super Bowl which would be January 25th. Our January meeting will be my final one as your Division President. It seems to have passed all too quickly, but I can tell you that I was proud to be sitting in that seat. This is the BEST Division in the Country, and it's made that way by our membership, we have a slate of fine officers who made my job a lot easier to do. All of our committee men did a great job, and gave insightful reports at our monthly meetings. Our "Behind the Scenes" men, who are always there to "Get it Done", being it the cooking, or setting up and taking down of our many events, we couldn't do it without you, thank you! To the Ladies Division, with President Liz Colgan and her officers and members, thanks for all your support on everything done in our Division, and a special thank you for the beautiful Plaque commemorating our Divisions 50th Anniversary. Another big reason for the success of Division 7, is our Corporation Officers, headed President Gene Hearl. They have done a wonderful job, and were always there when I needed them. A big thank you to our Chaplain, Father Hugh Cannon, it's always good to see you in our hall, Debbie and I will remember always you, as vou presided over our renewal of vows for our 30th anniversary at the Knock Shrine in Ireland, how special it was! Last but definitely NOT least, our

Division is home to the Top Pipe Band on the Island, thanks to Pipe Major Bill LePage and all the band members for their hard work and sacrifice, as they say "The Proof is in the Pudding".

Well, Slainte' to you all! It has been an honor.

Mac.

Merry Christmas Brothers and my best wishes to you for a Happy and Healthy New Year. On behalf of myself and my fellow incoming officers, I wish to thank you for entrusting us with the leadership of Division Seven. We are committed to always doing what is in the best interests of our Division and our Order.

I would like to thank President Mac McFadden for his stellar stewardship of the Division for the past two years. He has given an example that we all should emulate. He is the embodiment of our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. I am grateful that he has agreed to continue to give us his sage counsel in his position as Immediate Past President.

Our installation of officers will take place in our hall on Friday Jan. 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The order of the evening's installations will be: Junior Girls, LAOH, Junior Boys, and AOH. This will be followed by dinner, music, and dancing. All members are invited to attend.

Saturday Jan. 25, 2014 is tentatively scheduled for the Derby Night Fundraiser for our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. I urge all Division members to make every effort to attend. Our band continually represents us, and our culture, in a

very positive way in parades and competitions. When we support the band, we truly are supporting ourselves, and our proud Irish Heritage.

On Sunday Feb. 2, 2014, the Suffolk County LAOH will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brigid with a mass at St. Joseph's in Brentwood. This is a wonderful event in a beautiful church honoring one of Ireland's Patron Saints. Please come out and support the Ladies at this special mass in the same way that they always support all of our efforts.

After the mass, come down to our hall to enjoy everything that is a part of Super Bowl XLVIII. As always, the Corporation will be putting on a great party that should not be missed.

Two more events of great importance to our Division and our heritage will be happening in February and early March. The first will be the Grand Marshal's Ball honoring Mac McFadden on Feb. 15, 2014 at the Irish Coffee Pub. Please see John Davis to get your tickets early, as this event is certain to sell out quickly. If you would like to place an ad or a congratulatory message in the Journal, please contact John Hanley.

The second event is the 48th Annual John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Parade. I strongly urge every member to take pride in our Irish Heritage and support our Grand Marshal Mac McFadden by marching down Main Street on March 2, 2014.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Greatest Division in the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I know that with your help and support we will continue to build on our history of success at Division Seven.

God Bless Those Who Serve and Please Pray for Our Unborn Children.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Dave Ring

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters, as we begin a new year, we have much to celebrate!

Congratulations to the incoming LAOH Board and the AOH Board. We wish Presidents Kathleen Ring and Dave Ring successful terms during the next two years as we look forward to their leadership. Division Seven is in good

hands! All members are welcome to attend the Installation of Officers to be held on Friday, 1/17 at 6:30 PM to support them. A celebratory dinner and dancing will follow the ceremony.

Division 7's 2014 honoree for the "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" is Meg Assip. Meg has demonstrated a strong commitment to her faith, her Church and her community and has freely shared her gifts with Division 7 where she has served as the Ladies Chaplain for the She has undertaken past two years. difficult positions, serving God's people at often the most stressful times of their lives. It is clear that Meg Assip lives our motto and is most deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Meg! Please join us in recognizing Meg at the St. Brigid's Breakfast. The annual St. Brigid's Mass will take place on Sunday, 2/2 at St. Joseph's Convent Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood at 10:30 AM. Breakfast will immediately follow here at Division 7's Please see me or Madonna for Hall. tickets - \$15 pp / \$8 p child.

The Grand Marshal's Ball will take place on Saturday, 2/15 at the Irish Coffee Pub in honor of Division Seven's 2014 Grand Marshal, Mac McFadden along with his Ladies Aide, Kathleen Ring. We will be very proud as you lead us down Main Street! Please see John Davis soon for tickets as this event always sells out quickly.

Congratulations to our sisters celebrating 25 years as Hibernians: Jan Broschard, Lorraine Kelly and Kathleen Ris! We appreciate your commitment to our Order and thank you for your contributions.

Thank you to MaryAnn Baron for chairing another successful 300 Club! It was a most enjoyable evening due to her time and selfless efforts which enabled us to generously support both National and local charities this Christmas.

Our next screening will be held on Tuesday, 1/7 at 8 PM. Applications may be downloaded from the following URL; http://www.ladiesaoh.com/?page_id=76 or please see Joann Clancy and Alice Faughnan for a hard copy. We look forward to meeting our future members and sharing the best of Division Seven with them.

It's that time again when Margaret Davis will be accepting dues payments for

the coming year. Annual dues remain at \$35 until 4/1 when the cost increases to \$50 so please remember to send your dues in early.

As this is my last newsletter column, I would like to express my deep gratitude to my board for their hard work and dedication during the last two years. I am so thankful to have had the privilege to work with you. To the Ladies - you have been most kind, gracious and generous - thank you for this opportunity to serve the best and largest LAOH division in the country! Much appreciation is also in order to my counterpart, Mac and the fine men of Division 7 as well as to Gene and the corporation for the support you continually extend to us. Finally, thank you to the most patient of editors, Tom McHugh! Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1/8 at 7:30 beginning with the recitation of the Rosary. In our Motto, Liz

Juniors

On Monday December 9th, the Junior Girls wrapped more than twenty shoeboxes filled with holiday items for needy children. The shoeboxes were donated to Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Copiague.

The Junior Girls will hold their next meeting on Monday January 6th at 6:30 p.m. in Division Seven Hall. The girls will host a Make-a-Wish child and present our annual donation to this very worthy charity.

The Installation of Officers will be held on Friday January 17th in Division Seven Hall. All participants are asked to arrive at the hall no later than 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday February 9, 2014 the Junior Girls will hold a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's in East Islip. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The ticket price is \$10.00. Please see Kathleen Ring for further information. Your support is greatly appreciated as this event will help fund our charitable activities for 2014.

On behalf of the Division Seven Junior Girls, I would like to wish all of our AOH and LAOH members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Division Seven Junior Girls' Coordinator, Kathleen Ring



What's Happening January & **February**



JANUARY:		
Jan 2 Thur	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 6 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting,	6:30 PM
Jan 8 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Jan 10 Fri	Raffle drawing for the Trips to Ireland	8:00 PM
Jan 17 Fri	Installation of Officers, starting at 6:30 wit	th the Jr.
	Girls, followed by the Ladies, then the Jr. 1	Boys, and
	finally the Men.	
Jan 25 Sat	Roisin Dubh Darby Night in our Hall	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY:		
Feb 2 Sun	St. Brigid mass, St. Joseph's in Brentwood	10:30 AM
Feb 2 Sun	Super Bowl XLVIII	
Feb 5 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Feb 10 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting,	6:30 PM
Feb 12 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 15 Sat	Grand Marshal Ball at the Irish Coffee Pub)
Mar 2 Sun	48 th Annual John P. Reilly Memorial East I	slip St.
	Patrick's Parade.	

Corporation Corner

Happy New Year. Hope everybody enjoyed their Holiday. Well it's that time of year again when we are looking forward to Super Bowl Sunday (sorry Jet n Giant fan's).

The back room will be opened at 4pm for your viewing pleasure, with a brand new T.V. that we will be giving away at the end of the game. \$10.00 boxes are in our pub area just ask the bartenders (final score no O.T.) Food will be served at half time.

Entertainment every Saturday night for your pleasure (8:30 - 11:30pm). Please come down and show your support.

Raffle Tickets still available for the trip to Ireland April 11 to the 19th...2 first place winners. \$100.00 each ticket, See Dave Ring or Gene Hearl.

> HAPPY NEW YEAR, **CORPORATION OFFICER'S**

PUB ENTERTAINMENT

Jan. 4th - Brian Halverson

Jan. 11th - Dan Donnelly

Jan. 17th - Susan & Gerard (Installation Dinner)

Jan. 18th - Todd The Guitar Man

Jan. 24th – Pete K. (Friday Night Happy Hour)

Jan. 25th – Jean Marie (Karaoke)

Feb. 1st – China Kat Andrew

Feb. 8th – Dan Donnelly Feb. 15th – Grand Marshal's Ball Feb. 22nd – Mike Crowley



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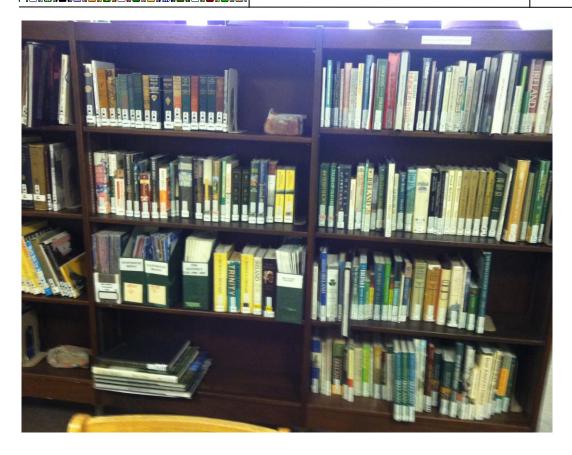
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