

# Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY March/April 2014



## President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

I hope that everyone is getting through this tough winter without too much trouble. Hopefully spring will get here soon.

On Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be proudly sponsoring the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Day parade. The members of our division will be lining up at the East Islip Library at 1:30 p.m. for a 2p.m. step off. I encourage all of our members to participate in honoring our Grand Marshal Mac McFadden and our Ladies Aide Kathleen Ring, two great Hibernians by walking down Main Street with them.

John Davis still has sashes available at \$45.00 apiece. This is a great way to show your Irish pride in our parade. As always, we can use volunteers to help with the line up. Anyone who can help can come to the hall at noon on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and see our Line Up Chairman, Dan Sullivan.

Please be reminded that because of limited space, anyone wishing to gain entrance to the hall after the parade must have a current 2014 dues card (dues are \$60 before March 17<sup>th</sup>, \$100 after). For safety reasons children will not be permitted in the hall after the parade. There will be entertainment both in the hall and under the tent.

On Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, mass will be celebrated at the hall at 9a.m., a light breakfast will be served after mass. If you are planning to attend the NYC parade, space is still

available. Please see Vice President Larry Wolff to reserve your seat. The price is still \$35. A corned beef and cabbage meal and entertainment back at the hall is included.

In April, a screening for new members will take place followed by the Shamrock Degree at our May meeting. Please get in touch with Bob Knockenhauer for more details. Applications are available on the webpage.

From April 11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 84 Hibernians and friends will be travelling to Ireland. For those who are coming on the trip there will be an information session and travel document distribution on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. in our hall.

Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, is Easter Sunday, the holiest day on the Christian calendar. My brother officers and I wish all of our Hibernian family a blessed Easter.

On Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Suffolk County AOH and LAOH Boards will be holding the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hibernian Ball at the Venetian Yacht Club in Babylon. The event will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the honorees are Della Shannon and Fr. Henry Reid. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Raffles are also available at \$10.00. Please see me if you are interested.

Just as a reminder, we will be holding our annual Kentucky Derby Calcutta in the pub on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event is a lot of fun every year and all are encouraged to attend.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. As this is Ash Wednesday,

Fr. Hugh has graciously agreed to bring ashes for those who are unable to get them during the day.

In closing, I hope that you all have an enjoyable Irish Heritage Month and Saint Patrick's Day. This is the time of year when we are most visible and we have the best opportunity to destroy negative stereotypes by how we carry ourselves. Show your pride in your Irish heritage and as always, we should conduct ourselves as Irish Catholic Gentlemen.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity.

Dave Ring

## Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2014 are due. Dues are \$60 per member if paid before March 17<sup>th</sup> and \$100 after that date. Dues can be paid to Tom McHugh at division meetings or you can mail in a check or leave a check in the green locked mailbox outside the Tap Room. When paying by check please remember to write your membership number in the memo section of the check to ensure the money is applied to the correct member.



49<sup>th</sup> Annual John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday March 2, 2014

## L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

As I begin my term of office, I would like to thank all those who made our Installation of Officers such a successful and memorable evening. I am truly excited about working with my very competent Board, as well as Dr. Dave and the AOH Board. I would like to congratulate Meg Assip, Division Seven's Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid recipient. Meg truly exemplifies, and lives, the motto of our Order.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to John Davis, John Hanley, Tom McHugh, Larry Wolff and all those whose hard work and commitment to our organization was evidenced in the fabulous Grand Marshal's Ball that took place at the Irish Coffee Pub on Saturday evening, February 15<sup>th</sup>. My daughters, Vic and I had a wonderful time!

Congratulations to Mac McFadden, Grand Marshal of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to the Ladies for the honor of representing the LAOH this year as Ladies' Aide to the Grand Marshal, Mac McFadden.

I know that I speak for the entire membership when I say that it will be both an honor and a privilege for the Ladies to follow such an esteemed and dedicated Hibernian down Main Street on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Speaking of the Parade, I hope to see all of our ladies at The East Islip Public Library Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 for the line up. Don't forget your sashes gals!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members who were installed at our February meeting. I look forward to working with each and every one of you! Margaret Davis is still collecting dues for 2014. Dues will remain at \$35 until April 1<sup>st</sup> when they increase to \$50. Remember ladies, you must have an updated dues card in order to enjoy the festivities at the Hall on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our newly elected Catholic Action Officer, Mary Collins, and her crew will be cooking meatloaf monthly for the St. Anne's Soup Kitchen at 6:45 pm at our hall. The upcoming dates are

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will not be cooking during the month of April. Anyone wishing to be a part of this charitable activity is more than welcome!

On March 10<sup>th</sup> our Juniors will be making their annual trip to the St. Joseph's Convent at 5:30p.m. You are all welcome to come and join us for this enjoyable evening with the Sisters. Any donations of Irish soda bread would be very much appreciated.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. Please be mindful of the dress code. See me for more details. Contact Larry Wolff at (631) 581-1953 if you would like to reserve a spot on the bus for the St. Patrick's Day parade. It is \$35 to reserve a spot.

Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 is our next High Tea. The cost is \$25 per person. Contact Madonna for tickets or if you would like to join her committee at nolty@us.ibm.com

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 8:30 is the Suffolk County Ball at Venetian Shores. Tickets are \$75.00 pp. Contact Kathleen Ring for information or tickets at msring10@yahoo.com. Also contact Kathleen if you would like to purchase County Ball raffle tickets.

I would like to wish all of my Hibernian Brothers and Sisters an enjoyable marching season as we proudly highlight our commitment to our culture and our faith.

Yours in Our Motto,

Kathleen Ring

LAOH President

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## Juniors

2014 began with the Division 7 Junior Girls making their annual contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A representative recipient of the Foundation's generosity was on hand to accept the donation, and spoke eloquently and movingly to the girls. They were so proud to be able to make a donation to this worthy cause.

Fr. Janusz, whom the Juniors grew to know when he was assigned to our local parish of St. Mary, was very grateful for the many Christmas presents the girls bought, wrapped, and donated to his new parish of Our Lady of the Assumption

in Copiague. The girls received a beautiful thank you note, and they were very touched and gladdened to realize they made such an impact. Now they are looking forward to making Easter baskets to donate!

The new Division 7 Junior Girls officers were installed for the 2014 - 2015 term on January 17th at the Division 7 Installation Dinner. It promises to be a wonderful couple of years with the girls anxious and eager to begin serving the division.

The Division's Juniors were well represented at our St. Brigid's Day Mass, and made us proud by answering Fr.'s questions. As always, they were thrilled to be a part of the Mass and celebration.

Our February meeting consisted of getting to know each other and discussion ensued concerning what the girls would like to accomplish this year....they are full of ideas, and their eagerness to serve their division as well as their church and community is something to be proud of. We will continue to support Make-A-Wish, they are anxious to make wash up kits for the veterans, first aid kits for Red Cross, visit the sick in nursing homes, visit a soup kitchen, make Easter baskets for the less privileged at a local Church, and on and on. My (read "our")! challenge will be to keep up with their vitality!

Immediately coming up for the our Juniors will be a visit to the retired Sisters of St. Joseph, tentatively scheduled for March 10th at 5:30pm, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and, of course, our East Islip John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 2nd at 2:00pm (line up at 1:30pm). We are so proud and grateful to march behind Mac and our immediate past Junior coordinator Kathleen, to whom we owe so much. Then it will be time for those Easter Baskets.....

We have certainly started 2014 off running! and will continue to do so.....

In our motto, and

Bail Ó Dhia ort

Leslie Lanigan

Junior Girls' Coordinator



## What's Happening March & April



### MARCH:

Mar 2 Sun	Our 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade on Main Street	2:00 PM
Mar 5 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Mar 10 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting at St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood	5:30 PM
Mar 12 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Mar 17 Mon	St. Patrick's Day Parade	
	Mass in our Hall	9:00 AM
	\$35 includes light breakfast after mass, bus transportation to and from NYC, refreshments on bus, corned beef and cabbage dinner and live band in our Hall (seats are still available, see Larry Wolff)	
Mar 26 Wed	Book Club Meeting in our Hall	7:30 PM
	The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov	

### APRIL:

Apr 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr 7 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting,	6:30 PM
Apr 9 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr 11 - 19	Division 7 Trip to Ireland	
Apr 20 Sun	Easter Sunday	
Apr 27 Sun	Suffolk County Ball-Venetian Yacht Club	4-8:30 PM

## Corporation Corner

Come down to our Hall after the John Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a large tent setup in our parking lot with live music. The inside James P. Walsh room will be reserved for members in good standing only. Come on down and enjoy the day, listen to some great music and socialize with your friends...

Gene Hearl

CORPORATION OFFICER'S



## PUB ENTERTAINMENT

### MARCH:

Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	– Kevin Wilson	8:30-11:30
Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	– 26+6 (under the Tent)	4:00 - 8:00
	<b>Bangers &amp; Mashed</b> (in Hall)	6-10
Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	– Dan Donelly	8:30-11:30
Mar.15 <sup>th</sup>	– Todd The Guitar Man	8:30-11:30
Mar.17 <sup>th</sup>	– Bob Carney	6:30-10:30
Mar.21 <sup>th</sup>	– Friday Night Happy Hour	
	with Pete K.	6:00 - 9:00
Mar.29 <sup>th</sup>	– China Cat Andrew	8:30-11:30

### APRIL

Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	– Friday Night Happy Hour	
	with Kenny & Justin	6:00 - 9:00
Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	– Joe & Katlin	8:30-11:30
Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	– Dan Donelly	8:30-11:30
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	– No Music (Holy Saturday)	
Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	– Friday Night Happy Hour	
	with Kevin Wilson	6:00 - 9:00
Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	– Brian Halverson	8:30-11:30

## Congratulations

Patricia Hanley, recent Junior Girl's President and current senior at Saint Anthony's High School signing National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Binghamton University. Mom and Dad are extremely proud of her.



### BOOK COLLECTION

The Irish Culture and History Collection at the East Islip Library has grown to more than 200 books thanks to our Hibernian membership.

Our goal is to double the collection by next St. Patrick's Day. Your donation of Irish books will help us to achieve this goal. Books may be left at the hall or contact Vic Vogel at 513-9721 to make arrangements for pick up.

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Those who did not pay their 2013 dues now owe \$160.00 to be current through 2014.

## Tri-Color Sashes

John Davis has the tri-color sashes on sale. Members are encouraged to have a Tri-Color which can be worn for all Hibernian events, functions and parades.

## The Irish

To honor all the men who work so diligently on the Grand Marshal Ball, the Journal and the East Islip-John Reilly Memorial Parade, we offer this traditional Irish adage:

**"Molann An Obair An Fear!"**

(Mull-uhn ahn ubb-er ahn fahr)

**"The work praises the man!"**

## 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 or Bob Knockenhauer at 277-2872.

For L.A.O.H., contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Denise Fischer at 631-669-7398.

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## St. Patrick's Day Buses

Make your reservations for the St. Patrick's Day Parade bus. Tickets are \$35 per person first come-first served. Price includes refreshments on the bus and a corned beef & cabbage dinner upon return to the hall.

With each check, please provide the name and cell phone number of each person for each ticket.

If you want to be on a bus with a colleague, please give that information as well. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Payment is made by check only, payable to AOH Division Seven. **No cash will be accepted.** Bartenders can no longer accept bus reservations.

Refunds will be made if we have someone to replace your seat.

Please drop all payments and seating choices in the Division mailbox, addressed to Larry Wolff. My contact number is 581 - 1953.

Let's all have a great day at the parade!



Our Grand Marshal Ball was held on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> and wonderful time was had by all that could attend.

To the left are this year's Grand Marshal Francis "Mac" McFadden and the Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal Kathleen Ring.

In keeping with tradition, this year's Hibernian of the Year was presented at the Grand Marshal Ball and to the right is this year's recipient John Farrell accepting the award from last year's recipient Bill O'Halloran.

