

# Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY November/December 2015



## President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

Our next division meeting will be held on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in our hall (6pm if the World Series goes to a seventh game). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. A Shamrock Degree will be held at this meeting. Sponsors are asked to please have their candidates arrive at 7pm in business attire to meet with Division Organizer Bob Knockenhauer. At our October meeting, the nominating committee brought forward the slate for Division and Corporation Officers for the 2016-2017 terms. The nominations were:

### Division:

President-Larry Wolff  
Vice President-Tom Davis  
Recording Secretary- Tom McHugh  
Financial Secretary-Shawn O'Neill  
Treasurer-John Owen  
Standing Committee-John Hanley  
Marshal-Kevin Smith  
Sentinal-Vincent Smith

### Corporation:

President- Gene Hearl  
Vice President-Dan Kissane  
Secretary(Mayor)-John Davis  
Treasurer-Dave Dinota

If there are any nominations from the floor they can be made at the November meeting.

On Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm our Junior Boys and Junior

Girls will be honoring our Division Members who are veterans. I would personally like to invite all of our veterans to come down and visit the Juniors, share your experiences, and enjoy some pizza and refreshments.

The Children's Fund Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3pm. If you would like to volunteer, see Chairman Vic Vogel. Division 7's Children's Party will be held on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. It will be followed by the members party from 6pm to 10pm. Come down and share your Christmas spirit with your Division Brothers and Sisters.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Stephan's Day Party will take place in our pub on Saturday December 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come and celebrate this Irish National Holiday with Irish music from Bob Carney, Traditional Irish St. Steven's Day stew, and other traditional food and soups.

Finally, ticket sales for our Ireland Trip Raffle will be closing soon. Please see me or Gene Hearl to purchase tickets or you can purchase tickets at the bar.

On behalf of myself and our Division Officers I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and  
Christian Charity

Dave

Help support the John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade in East Islip by purchasing a raffle ticket for trips to Ireland & Cash prizes

Raffle to Benefit the John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade

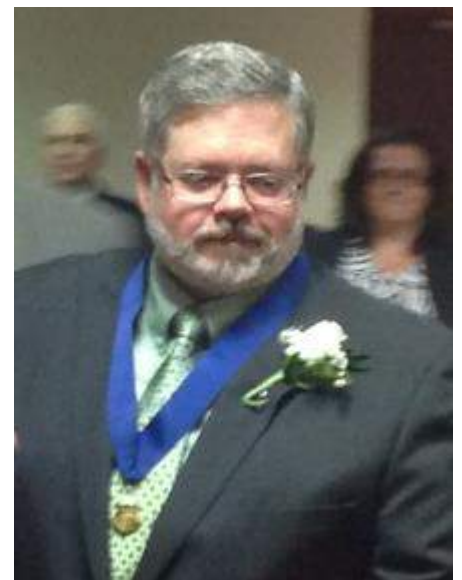
### IRELAND TRIP RAFFLE

Two First Prizes:  
**Trip for Two on the AOH Trip to Ireland**  
February 12th-20th, 2016 Includes: Airfare, hotel, motor coach transportation in Ireland, full breakfast and dinner each day in Ireland, entry fees to various sites, & \$500. spending money.  
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Three Second Prizes of \$500.00  
Five Third Prizes of \$100.00

Donation: \$100 per ticket - Only 280 Tickets will be sold.  
Drawing will be held Friday, December 11, 2015 at 7 p.m.  
at AOH Division 7 Hall, 65 Champlain Avenue, East Islip, NY  
~ Winners need not be present ~  
(Seller of winning ticket will receive \$250.)  
A full trip itinerary can be seen at [www.aohdiv7.org](http://www.aohdiv7.org)

Congratulations to  
**Dave Ring**  
on being selected the  
Grand Marshal of our  
2016 St. Patrick's Day  
Parade



## L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters, I hope that you are all taking time out from your busy schedules to savor the beauty of the season. With Fall in full swing and the Holiday Season creeping up on us, there are many Hibernian events planned.

Thank you to all of our AOH and LAOH members who have joined us at the prayer services and the Deceased Members Mass as well as the Hibernian Services for those treasured members who have gone on to their eternal reward. These are the actions that make us uniquely Hibernian.

The Junior Girls and Boys will meet on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. This meeting will be dedicated to all of our AOH and LAOH members who have served in the military. The Sea Cadets' Color Guard, led by our own Delanie Fitzgerald, will perform and Senator Phil Boyle will present a special citation to the family of Thomas O'Keefe, a longtime member and decorated Vietnam veteran who passed away last December. All AOH and LAOH members are invited to attend. Our veterans would most certainly appreciate your recognition of their service and achievements.

The next LAOH meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at our Hall. Please bring a non-perishable food item to this meeting.

The LAOH Suffolk County Board will hold its next meeting on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Division 8/9 in Selden. Please see Kathleen Ring if you wish to attend.

On Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 p.m., the LAOH will be sponsoring a Shop Local Fundraiser. Several shops and restaurants in East Islip and Islip are offering all AOH and LAOH members a discount on both merchandise and gift certificate purchases. In addition, the membership will receive 10% of all Hibernian generated receipts. The total amount raised will be used to fund the Community Christmas Party. The Ladies are asking for as much support as possible from both the men's and

ladies' Divisions in order to sustain this very important charitable event.

The Ladies are also sponsoring a Candle Fundraiser to subsidize the Community Christmas Party. These scented soy candles with Irish greetings on the candle holders will make perfect Christmas gifts. Please see LAOH Sentinel Cathie Norton Doherty or President Kathleen Ring for more information on both fundraisers.

There will be a Suffolk County Ball Committee meeting on Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. at Division Seven. The Suffolk County Ball will be held at The Bellport Country Club on Friday evening, April 15, 2016. The event will begin with cocktails at 7:00p.m. This year's Honorees are Ron Murphy from Division 3 in Kings Park and Trish Hurley from Division 5 in Mastic. This event is a fundraiser that benefits both the AOH and the LAOH Suffolk County Boards. As the largest Division in Suffolk County, it is appropriate that we lend our support and congratulate two very deserving Hibernians at the same time.

I hope to see many of our members there.

On Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. LAOH Division Seven will sponsor a Degree Ceremony put on by our wonderful Celtic Degree Team. Any LAOH member who has not yet received her degree is invited to participate in this beautiful pageant that salutes our history, heritage, faith and culture. Please see LAOH Vice President Vicky Ring for further information.

On Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m., the LAOH members will gather to pack Thanksgiving baskets for those in our community who are in need during these very difficult financial times. To that end, we are in need of both perishable and non-perishable food items. Please see LAOH Missions and Charities Officer Denise Fischer for information regarding contributions for the baskets. All are welcome to participate as we share our prosperity with those less fortunate than ourselves.

The LAOH will have its annual Chinese Auction on December 9<sup>th</sup> at our regularly scheduled Division meeting. This year we are going to solicit local businesses and

put together baskets and gift cards for the auction. Once again we ask for assistance in acquiring these items. Please see LAOH Vice President Vicky Ring if you are able to help.

On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. the Division will host its annual Christmas Party for members' children and grandchildren at our Hall. There will be food, festivities and a visit from Santa himself! Please bring a wrapped present with your child's name on it for Santa to present to your child.

At 7:00p.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the AOH and LAOH members will gather for their annual Members' Christmas Party. Please join us food, drink, music, friendship and much fun!

On Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m., we will open our hall to the community children in an effort to bring them some much needed Christmas cheer. If anyone would like to bring a Toys R Us gift card to the November meeting please see Kathleen Ring. Your generosity will bring big smiles to the children's faces.

The drawing for the LAOH Division Seven 300 Club raffle will take place on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at our Hall. Commencing at 7:00p.m., there will be heroes, music and a cash bar. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each and the first prize is \$1000 in cash. There will also be two \$500 winners and ten \$100 winners. If you win a prize, your ticket goes back into the drawing. So, everyone has an opportunity to win multiple cash prizes. Please come down to support the Ladies and enjoy a little holiday cheer with your Hibernian Brothers and Sisters. Please see Mary Ann Baron or Aggie O'Leary for tickets.

As always, your participation in, and support of, our many endeavors is greatly appreciated. Division Seven is blessed with so many dedicated members, and I thank you Ladies for being the foundation for the preservation of our faith and culture as well as the promotion of our many charitable activities. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you during the Holiday Season. *Kathleen*



## What's Happening Nov. & Dec.



### NOVEMBER:

Nov 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Nov 9 Mon	Jr Girls and Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Nov 11 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Nov 11 Wed	Veterans' Day	
Nov 23 Mon	LAOH Division 7 sponsored Degree Ceremony by the Celtic Degree Team.	7:00 PM
Nov 24 Tue	LAOH pack Thanksgiving baskets	7:00 PM
Nov 26 Thu	Thanksgiving Day	

### DECEMBER:

Dec 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Dec 7 Mon	Jr Girls and Boys Meeting	6:30 PM
Dec 9 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Dec 12 Sat	Division 7 Children's Party	1:00 PM
Dec 12 Sat	Division 7 Christmas Party	6:00-10:00 PM
Dec 13 Sun	Div. 7's Community Children's Party	12:00-3:00 PM
Dec 18 Fri	300 Club raffle drawing in our Pub	7:00 PM
Dec 25 Fri	Christmas Day	
Dec 26 Sat	St. Stephan's Day Party in our Pub	7:00 PM

## Juniors

On behalf of the Juniors-THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU! We received many donations from both the men and ladies of our division to sell at the yard sale in October. We were able to donate the items that didn't sell to the Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang (hosted at St. Anne's in Brentwood). Thank-you to those volunteers that either donated their time or items that helped make this event a success.

Thank-you to Joe Roche who sang songs at our meeting on October 12 to help us learn about the Easter Rising. Thank-you to Eileen Knockenhauer, LAOH Division Seven historian, who spoke about the Irish History Writing Contest. THANK-YOU for your generous donations and support. Our movie night was a great success. We were able to meet our fundraising goal and will be donating a generous check to Make-a-Wish at our January meeting.

At our next meeting, Monday, Nov. 9 we will be hosting all of our AOH and LAOH members who have served or are currently serving in the military. We will have a special color guard in which one of our members (Erin Fitzgerald) will perform. We will also be receiving a proclamation to the O'Keefe family on behalf of our recently deceased AOH member, Tommy O'Keefe as well as to our Veterans for their service from Senator Phil Boyle. All members are welcome to attend this patriotic ceremony. A special thank-you to Patty O'Neil, our Junior Vice President (Erin Fitzgerald) and Cathy Doherty for arranging this event.

At our December meeting, we will be collecting holiday items for needy children. If you have any items you wish to donate, please contact me at 516-375-8136 or email me at [victoriadring@aol.com](mailto:victoriadring@aol.com).

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, GENEROSITY, KINDNESS, and LAUGHTER that you have brought into our hearts. We are truly blessed!

In our motto, Vicky

## Corporation Corner

The Corporation officers would like to welcome all members back from their summer activities and invite you to come down to our Pub and enjoy the numerous events, musical entertainers and of course the NFL and College football seasons.

Corporation President,  
Gene Hearl



### LIVE MUSIC November



Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Kate	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Todd the Guitar Man	8:30 – 11:30
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	3's Accompany Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Joe & Julie	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Gregory	8:30 – 11:30

### December

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gil McLean	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	6:00 – 10:00
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Kletcha (Happy Hour)	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Wilson	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gil McLean (St. Stephen's Day)	8:30 – 11:30

### Hibernian of the Year Nominations

Anyone wishing to make a nomination for Hibernian of the year must do so before our January meeting. Nominee must be a member in good standing and have made his Major Degree. Please write the nominees name on a piece of paper (no letters) and address it to last year's HOY Mac McFadden, and put it in the Division mailbox.

## LAOH 300 Club Tickets

The LAOH 300 club tickets are on sale. The tickets sell for \$20.00 each. Prizes are one \$1,000 winner, two \$500 winners, and 10 \$100 winners.

The Raffle drawing will be held Friday, December 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the hall. Please join us for the drawing.



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In the church:

7:30AM, 11:00AM\* & 5:00PM

In the Auditorium:

9:15AM, 10:45AM & 12:15PM

(\* No 11:00 AM Mass in July & August)



# Membership Dues

2015 Dues are now \$100. Dues Can be paid before or after our monthly meetings or they can be mailed to the hall:

**65 Champlin Ave  
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Attn: Tom McHugh**

Those who did not pay their 2014 dues now owe \$200.00 to be current through 2015. Please remember to put your membership number on all payment.

## 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.

## 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 of 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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## The Irish

**Irish – Lá Nollaig**  
Pronunciation – LAW NULLig  
English - Christmas Day

**Irish – Óíche Nollaig**  
Pronunciation – EEuh NULLig  
English - Christmas Eve

**Irish - Lá Fhéile Stiofáin**  
Pronunciation – LAW AYIuh STIFFawn  
English - Feast Day of Stephen

**Irish - Nollaig shona duit**  
Pronunciation- HULLig HONuh DITCH  
English - Merry Christmas

**Irish - Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit!**  
Pronunciation-  
English - Happy New Year



My thanks to the 2015 Picnic Crew. It couldn't be done without you, Mike McCall.