



President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

This is our time of year as we celebrate our wonderful and unique Irish Heritage in many different ways. Of course nothing begins the season like our own parade, Suffolk County's Official Hibernian Parade. On Sunday March 5th at 2 PM we will step off for the 52nd John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Parade from the East Islip Library. The longevity of our parade is a credit to everyone in Division 7, past and present, who have worked so hard over the years to present Long Island's finest traditional St. Patrick's Parade. We can all be proud of this accomplishment as we march behind our Grand Marshal, Barry Heathwood, Ladies Aide, Margaret Davis and Barry's Aides Kevin Barry Heathwood, Haftm Heathwood, Meaghan Kate Heathwood, and Patricia Heathwood. Congratulations to Barry and his entire family! After the parade, come down to the Hall to enjoy Hibernian Brotherhood, entertainment and to purchase a delicious sandwich. Please be reminded that because of limited space, anyone wishing to gain entrance to the building after the parade must have a current 2017 dues card (dues are \$60 before March 17th, \$100 after). For safety reasons, except for Junior members of the Band, children will not be

permitted in the hall after the parade. On St. Patrick's Day, come down to the Hall to celebrate our Irish heritage with a Mass at 5 PM followed by entertainment provided by the Corporation.

April 16th 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 Friday April 21st, the Suffolk County AOH and LAOH will be holding the 26th Annual Hibernian Ball at the Bellport Country Club located at 40 South Country Road, Bellport, NY. The ball starts at 7 pm and the honorees will be Jack Ryan and Nellie O'Neill. Tickets are \$80 per person. Raffles are also available at \$10. Please see me or Vic Vogel if you are interested. Irish movie nights are 3/10; "The Quiet Man" fundraiser (\$10 per person) and 4/27 at 7 PM. Come down and enjoy a film with your friends.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm, which is also Ash Wednesday. 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. This Division always shows its pride in our Irish heritage and in conducting ourselves as Irish Catholic Gentlemen.

**Yours in Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity,
Larry Wolff**

Hibernian of the Year Jim Hand



Jimmy Hand was presented the Hibernian of the Year award at the GM Ball on Feb. 25, 2017.

Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal Margaret Davis



L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Madonna Nolty, our own Division Seven recipient of the "Following in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" award. Madonna truly embraces our motto, is a fine role model, and is well deserving of this honor.

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. We appreciate your support in our many activities such as the parades, soup kitchen, pub entertainment and fundraisers.

Congratulations to Barry Heathwood, the Grand Marshal of this year's parade and our Ladie's Aide to the Grand Marshal, Margaret Davis. We will proudly march behind you and wish you the grandest of days. Thank you also to the ball and parade 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.

It's time to pay your annual dues: \$35 up until March 31st. April 1st and later, it is \$50. Please see Financial Secretary Eileen Knockenhauer.

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 P. Reilly East Islip Memorial St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 5th at 1:30 PM. Thank you to our Historian, Denise Fischer and Betty Kreamer for gathering all the items and setting up the various showcases.

On Monday, March 6th our junior girls will be visiting our dear retired Sisters of St. Josephs at the convent in Brentwood. Soda bread is needed. Please contact Madonna Nolty. Please consider attending this wonderful event to share our celebration in honor of St. Patrick.

Back by popular demand! (Friday,

March 10th - 7pm.) Please join us for an evening of fun, song, and the movie, *The Quiet Man*. Your ten dollar donation includes popcorn, candy, and hot dogs!

If anyone knows of a family in need of an Easter Food Basket, please let Peggy Sundin 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. Dry goods are needed as well.

Get your bowling shoes ready! We are planning another fun evening at East Islip Lanes on Saturday, April 29th. See Vinny Smith or Cindy Haugland for information.

Calling all actresses-or shall I say cowgirls! We will be putting on a Western Murder Mystery fundraiser in September. Please consider volunteering to help with this fun event! Please contact myself or our Fundraising Chair-Cindy Haugland.

On Friday, April 21st, the Suffolk County Ball will be held. Tickets will be available at our meetings. Please see Kathleen Ring. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate with all the Suffolk County Divisions as we honor LAOH Division Three member, Nellie O'Neill and Suffolk County AOH President, Jack Ryan.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30pm.

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

**In our motto,
Vicky Ring**

Juniors

Please join us in congratulating our Junior Girls' President, Erin Fitzgerald, who is the winner of the Irish History Writing Contest for Suffolk County. Her essay "The Role of the Irish in World War I" was a masterpiece and will automatically be submitted for


consideration at the New York State level.

The Junior Girls want to congratulate the Grand Marshal for the John P. Reilly Memorial Parade, Mr. Barry Heathwood and the Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Margaret Davis. We are proud to follow you down Main Street on March 5th. Please be at the East Islip Library no later than 1:30 PM.

The girls recently learned about the history of Irish Soda Bread which led to them beautifully decorating jars of the dry ingredients to make an Irish Soda Bread. The jars will be sold at various events during the month of March.

On Monday, March 6th the girls are excited to visit with the retired sisters at St Joseph's Convent in Brentwood. The girls will be serving the sisters Irish Soda Bread and other treats. The sisters love this opportunity for us to share our Irish Heritage. We will be joined by members of the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band along with Mr. Mac McFadden who will lead the sisters in a sing-a-long. Also, our own Kate and Erin Schaefer will dance for the Sisters.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL!

Please mark your calendars  for the Junior's Big Fundraisers and an opportunity to share our Catholic Traditions with your fellow Hibernians.

All Welcome

**LENTEN SOUP DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2016**

**AOH Division Seven Hall
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Dinner will include choice of
several hearty homemade soups,
bread, salad and dessert
\$10 for Adults
\$5 Children under 12**

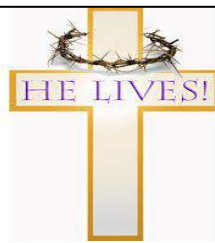
**Proceeds to support the
Junior Girls Charity
Make-A-Wish Foundation**

As always, the girls thank you for your continued support!

**Junior Coordinator
Madonna Nolty**



What's Happening March & April



Corporation Corner

March 5th at 6 PM the corporation will be providing music in our Hall that is open to our members and guests. Food will be available for purchase during this time. Those under 21 are not permitted except for band members.

March 17th the corporation will be providing music (Mike Gregory) from 6 – 10 PM in our Pub, food will be available for purchase.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Corporation Officers



LIVE MUSIC



MARCH

Sun 5 th	Buoy 34 (after the Parade ~5:30)	
Sat 11 th	Gil Mc Lean	8:30 – 11:30
Fri 17 th	Mike Gregory	6:00 – 10:00
Sat 18 th	Tom Bauer	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 25 th	Karaoke John Catone	8:30 – 11:30

APRIL

Sat 1 st	Kevin Wilson	8:30 – 11:30
Fri 7 th	Andrew Brochart	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 8 th	3's Accompany	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 15 th	Joe & Julie	8:30 – 11:30
Fri 21 st	Pete Kletchka	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 22 nd	Todd the Guitar Man	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 29 th	Karaoke John Catone	7:30 – 11:30

MARCH:

Mar 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Mar 5 Sun	John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Parade	Step-off 2:00 PM
Mar 6 Mon	Jr Girls at St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood	
Mar 8 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Mar 10 Fri	Irish Movie Night "The Quiet Man" fundraiser (\$10 per person)	7:00 PM
Mar 17 Fri	St. Patrick's Day, NYC parade and Mass in our Hall at 5:00 PM	
Mar 31 Fri	Lenten Soup Dinner in our Hall	5:30 – 8:30 PM

APRIL:

Apr 5 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr 10 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr 12 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr 13 Thu	Holy Thursday	
Apr 14 Fri	Good Friday	
Apr 16 Sun	Easter Sunday.	
Apr 21 Fri	AOH & LAOH Suffolk County Ball Bellport Country Club	7:00 PM
Apr 27 Thu	Irish Movie Night	7:00 PM



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We can reinstate members if/when they pay their 2016 and 2017 dues.

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The Irish

English - Happy St. Patrick's Day!
(singular)

Irish – Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!

Pronunciation – Law Way-lah Paw-drig
Son-ah ditch!

English - Happy St. Patrick's Day!
(plural)

Irish – Lá fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!

Pronunciation – Law Way-lah Paw-drig
Son-ah jeev!

English - Luck of the Irish!

Irish - Ádh na nÉireannach!

Pronunciation – Awe nah Nay-ron akh!



Grand Marshal Barry Heathwood with his Aides and family at the Grand Marshal Ball.