

# Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY January/February 2021



## President's Message

Hello Brothers,

I want to start by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to slowly resume our normal activities in 2021. My first year as President has not exactly gone according to plan but nothing about year 2020 was normal. I thank our Division and Corporation board members for all their work and support while we had to close and stop all operations and events for an extended period of time. This put additional stress on our members and on our finances. We have been fighting our way through these difficult times thanks to the strong character and dedication of our members.

Our next division meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM in our Hall.

At our December meeting we said goodbye to our Chaplain, Fr. Donald Babinski. Fr. Don retired from St. Mary's Church and has moved down to Southport, NC to enjoy some warmer weather. We will greatly miss Fr. Don but we know this move is the best thing for him and his health. We are in the process of confirming a new Chaplain for Division 7.

Congratulations to our Grand Marshal for our next John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade, **Bill LePage** and the Ladies Aide **Eileen Knockenhauer**. Unfortunately, we have not received our permits to run our parade in March 2020 so we will have to move these very well

Deserved honors to next year when we can again host a Grand Marshal's Ball and St. Patrick's Day Parade and properly honor these dedicated members.

Bill LePage joined Roisin Dubh Pipe Band in 1985 and began marching in 1986. He became the band's Pipe Major in 1995. To this day he still competes with the band at a grade 3 level and also teaches the grade 5 competition band. Bill dedicates his time to students Tuesday and Thursday nights. He leads the band at the many parades they perform in throughout the St. Patrick's Day season, the summer parade season, the competitions, etc. I look forward to the day we can all march behind Bill as our Grand Marshal.

**Wishing you "All the Best"**  
**In Our Motto of Friendship, Unity and**  
**Christian Charity**  
**Tom McHugh**



Grand Marshal Bill LePage



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**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dues will be \$120.**



Our lady of Knock beautifully  
decorated for Christmas

# L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I pray that as we enter this new year it is with good health and surrounded by those we love. Even during this very different holiday season, we were blessed as a division to still be able to make financial contributions to the charities we hold dear and also had a successful gift card collection, delivering those to some of our local parishes. We will continue to work this coming year to raise money and come up with unique and new ideas to host fundraisers to help support the many local charities that are all struggling more than usual during these times.

A big thank you to Alie Gray-Barba and Chris Brogan for a very successful 300 Club Raffle!!! This is our biggest annual fundraiser and with all your efforts it was a huge success, in spite of the many challenges presented this year in selling the tickets. Thank you to all who supported this and purchased tickets and congratulations to all of our winners!!

Our next screening for new members will be held on Tuesday, January 5th by ZOOM. Please forward any applications for perspective members to Margaret Davis at [margaretdavis327@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdavis327@gmail.com). Membership applications can be downloaded from the national website <https://ladiesaoh.com/membership/>

Our dues for 2021 are now due and are \$45.00, since we do not know when our next in person meeting will be, you can mail a check (made out to LAOH Division 7) for your dues and include your dues card and also a self-addressed stamped envelope to LAOH Division 7, PO Box 774, East Islip NY 11730 and our Financial Secretary Patty Kunzinger will process your dues and mail the card back to you. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, you can still get current, there was no late fee imposed for dues not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> last year so you can become

current with the \$45 from 2020 and \$45 for 2021. If you have any questions or concerns regarding dues, please email Patty at [LAOHDiv7FinSecy@gmail.com](mailto:LAOHDiv7FinSecy@gmail.com)

Division Seven's 2021 honoree for the "*Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid*" is Corinne McKeown!!! Corinne is well deserving of this honor!! We will be celebrating with her at Mass on Saturday, January 30th, 2021 at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions there will be no luncheon after. If you are interested in attending the mass, we are very limited in space, so please email me and let me know by January 13<sup>th</sup> that you would like to attend.

Our biggest congratulations to our Spiritual Advisor, our trusted friend and sister Eileen Knockenhauer who is our 2021 LAOH Division 7 Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal!! Eileen truly exemplifies our motto and this is such a well-deserved honor, we are so excited for Eileen and her family!!! Although this year's festivities will most certainly not be the same as our usual, we will find a way to honor and celebrate Eileen and will keep all posted on the details.

Our next meeting will be virtual on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. We will email a link to our members prior to the meeting. Be safe and be well.

**Yours in Friendship, Unity and  
Christian Charity,  
Cathie Norton Doherty**

## Juniors

Our Division 7 Junior Girls sponsored a wonderfully uplifting Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at our Division 7 Hibernian Hall. The girls planned the ceremony as a way for our division to safely come together outdoors staying socially distanced yet celebrating the upcoming Christmas season. Attendees were treated to hot chocolate, warm

apple cider, cookies and candy canes. After a countdown to the tree lighting, Bill LePage treated us to Christmas songs on the bagpipes and Mac McFadden led the group singing joyful Christmas carols ending the evening with a fun-filled version of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Our Junior Girls had partnered with a local girl scout troop collecting children's mittens and gloves as a fundraiser and had asked those attending the Tree Lighting to donate these items. In all, 100+ pairs mittens and gloves were collected. The Junior Girls would like to humbly thank Gene Hearl and the Corporation for donating the Christmas lights which beautifully lit up the building and the trees surrounding the statue of our Blessed Mother and also the beautiful Nativity scene by our Halls entrance. All of the attendees commented that evening that they had never seen the Hall look more beautiful.

It was truly a wonderful evening enjoyed by all who attended. The girls know our members have been hit hard by the pandemic this year and wanted to provide them with something special and uplifting. They are excited to have started a "new" tradition for our members and are already looking forward to next year's event.

And speaking of next year, anyone who is involved in fundraising knows the pandemic restrictions have made it somewhat challenging as we can no longer gather in large groups. That said, the girls are currently collecting the front covers of Christmas cards. They will use these to make Christmas Name Tags to sell in 2021 as a fundraiser. So, please donate the front covers of any cards you have. You can leave them in the Pub addressed to Patty Fitzpatrick.

**In Friendship, Unity and  
Christian Charity  
Patty Fitzpatrick  
Junior Girls Coordinator**





## What's Happening Jan. & Feb.

### JANUARY:

Jan 6 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 11 Mon	Jr. Girls Meeting	6:00 PM
Jan 13 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Virtual Meeting	7:30 PM
Jan 29 Fri	March for Life in Washington DC	
TBD	St. Brigid Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue (Postponed)	

### FEBRUARY:

Feb 3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Feb 7 Sun	Super Bowl Sunday	
Feb 8 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Feb 10 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 14 Thu	Happy Valentine's Day	

## Corporation Corner

Happy New Year to all, please remember that we have a liquor license and we are subject to NYS COVID-19 rules. Please respect the rules of the building as posted at the front door.

Corporation President,  
Gene Hearl



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"The annual Community Childrens' Christmas Party at Division Seven had to be cancelled, so the brothers brought Christmas to the children. Gift Cards and a letter from Santa were distributed to all the local schools to ensure that all children in the community would have a Merry Christmas. Pictured l. to r., President Tom McHugh, VP Shawn O'Neill and Christmas Party Chairman Vic Vogel."



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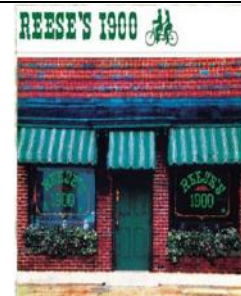
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