### Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY January/February 2023







Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. One year down and one more to go. Thank you to our Members, Division and Corporation board members for all their work and support you have given me in my first year.

Sunday, December 11 was our Community Christmas Party and the kids had a great time, thanks to Vic, Santa and all his helpers.

Saturday, December 17, 2022 was our members Christmas Party and I believe everyone enjoyed the food and music by The Bogs.

It's nice to see things are finally getting back to somewhat normality. Our next monthly meeting will be January 4, 2023 @ 8pm.

Congratulations to our Grand Marshal for our next John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade, Thomas McHugh and the Ladies Aide Patricia Fitzpatrick. Tom and Patty have put a lot of time and effort into our Division and we can thank them by marching down Main Street with them on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our new parade committee (Local Hibernians, Inc.) for all their hard work and efforts as these men and women get this parade up and running.

We have lost some members during 2022, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Upcoming 2023 events:

- Fundraiser for Charlene Canavan (wife of men's member Kyle) on Sat. 1/21/23 at our hall 1-5 pm.

- Local Hibernian's Inc fundraiser on Sunday 2/5/23 at the Harp and Hound from 2pm to 5pm.
- Grand Mashal Ball at Irish
  Coffee Pub on February 25,
  2023 honoring past
  president Thomas McHugh
  Yours in Friendship, Unity
  and Christian Charity,
  Shawn P. O'Neill

### **Junior Boys**

We are happy to announce that Division 7's AOH Junior Boys has officially commenced. We would like to thank the Junior Girls for inviting the Junior Boys to Division 7's Annual Tree Lighting in November. This was a fun night for all that attended. The Junior Boys plan to gather at East Islip Lanes for a bowling outing - date/time TBD.

We are looking forward to holding an official Officer's Installation in the near future. Meetings will take place once a month.

New Member Recruitment: If you know a boy, between the ages of 8-18, who is looking to join our organization, please contact John Owen at (631) 921-2372 or Jason Holm at (631) 358-3935. Becoming a Junior Boy allows them to participate in community service, helping our community in various ways. Community service hours for school and/ or religious efforts such as Honor Society or Confirmation can be obtained as well. We welcome new members throughout the year.

Yours in our Motto, John and Jason Junior Boys Coordinators



Every Saturday Night Queen of Hearts drawing at 7:30

### Membership Dues

\$100 Dues for 2023 can be paid to our Financial Secretary
Kevin Smith
Contact Kevin at
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Please remember to put
your membership # on
all payments.
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Dues will be \$120.



Grand Marshal Tom McHugh & Ladies Aide Patricia Fitzpatrick

### L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters.

I hope you and your families shared a wonderful and blessed Christmas season. My wish for 2023 is to bring each and all of us a Happy and Healthy New Year, surrounded by those we love and hold dear.

Thank you to Tara LePage and Kerry Roarty for spearheading a hugely successful Online Survey Fundraiser and to all our members families and their who participated. Thank you Chris Brogan and Alie Gray-Barba for once again hosting a very successful 300 Club Raffle. We will continue to work on raising money for the many charities we support annually. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please contact our Fundraising Chairpersons, Cindy Haugland and Ellen Murray.

Thank you to all the ladies who helped decorate our beautiful Hall for the Christmas season. Once again, a fantastic job!

Our dues for 2023 will be \$45 and are now being accepted. Each member will receive a Dues Invoice from our Financial Secretary Chris Brogan. If you would like to mail your dues card with your payment and have it signed and returned. please enclose self-addressed а envelope with your payment and the card will be updated and mailed back to you. If you have questions or concerns any regarding your dues, please email Financial Secretary our LAOHDiv7FinSecy@gmail.com.

Our next **New Member Screening** is on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the Hall. Margaret Davis has been

accepting applications these past few months.

Division Seven's 2023 honoree for the "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" is Eileen Knockenhauer. Eileen is so deserving of this honor. We will be celebrating with Mass on Sat. Jan. 28th at 10am at our Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue. A luncheon will follow the Mass. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20. Raffles and 50/50 will be at the luncheon.

We have some fun events in the Movie Night on near future: Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm, featured movie is: Belfast. Entry is free, bring your own snacks! Trivia Night on Monday, January 30th at 7pm. Cash Bar available, contact Cindy Haugland (631) 793-2258 or Ellen Murray ((631) 649-5900. Lastly, we're having a Local Hibernians Parade Fundraiser on Sunday, February 5th 2-5pm at the Harp & Hound in Islip. We will have raffles, 50/50 and assorted appetizers with a \$20 donation at the door. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Please save the date for the **Grand Marshal's Ball** on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Irish Coffee Pub in honor of Division Seven's Grand Marshal Tom McHugh and Ladies Aide Patricia Fitzpatrick. It goes without saying I am truly humbled for this nomination. My appreciation and gratitude are hard to put into words. I grew up with the Reilly family and I think the world of Tom McHugh, so this truly is an honor.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Hope to see you all there!

In our Motto, Patty Fitzpatrick

### **Junior Girls**

Our Junior Girls wrapped up a busy yet fun month as they hosted the 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with the help of the Junior Boys. Our gratitude goes to the Junior Boys and their coordinators who decorated the trees and building this year. After the countdown to the tree lighting, gathered and Christmas carols, sipped hot chocolate, apple cider and nibbled on some cookies. A BIG thank you to Bill LePage for playing the bagpipes and Mac McFadden for leading us in song.

During the months of November and December, the Junior Girls collected over 100 pairs of gloves and mittens to donate to a local charity in the upcoming month.

Our next Junior Girls' meeting will be Monday, January 9th, at our hall. We are excited to announce Junior Girls that the exceeded their anticipated fundraising which allows them to increase their annual donations this year. A discussion will take place regarding which charity they want to make an additional donation to in conjunction with their annual Make A Wish donation. The February meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th, where the Junior Girls will present their annual donation to a host from the Make A Wish Foundation. This is always a wonderful event for them because they get to hear stories about children their donations help. The Division 7 Junior Girls want to wish all of you a Happy & Healthy New Year!

In Our Motto,
Becci Enders / Gina Holm
Junior Girls Coordinators



## What's Happening Jan. & Feb.



### JANUARY:

	0111 ( 011111 )	
Jan 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 9 Mon	Juniors Meeting	6:30 PM
Jan 10 Tue	Movie Night, "Belfast"	7:00 PM
Jan 11 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Jan 21 Sat	Fundraiser in our Hall	
	for Charlene Canavan	1:00-5:00 PM
Jan 28 Sat	St. Brigid Mass at Lady of Mou	ınt Carmel
	on N. Ocean Ave in Patchogue	10:00 AM
Jan 30 Mon	LAOH Trivia Night	7:00 PM
	<b>FEBRUARY:</b>	
Feb 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Feb 5 Sun	Fundraiser at the Harp and Hour	nd
	For our E.I. St. Patrick's Parade	2:00-5:00 PM
Feb 8 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 12 Sun	Super Bowl Sunday	
Feb 13 Mon	Juniors Meeting	6:30 PM
Feb 25 Sat	Grand Marshal Ball	
	at the Irish Coffee Pub	7:00-11:00 PM



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Happy Hour

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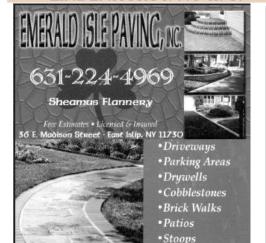
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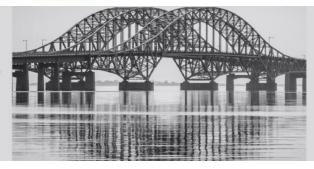
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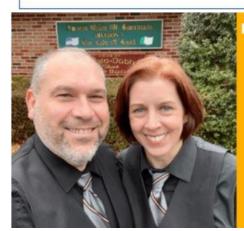


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