



Dear Brothers,

I want to say thank you to all who attended the installations on January 22, 2022. It was a good time had by all.

Our next upcoming meetings are March 2 and April 6, 2022. March is a busy time for the Division with the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band playing at all the upcoming parades. You can see their parade schedule listed on their web site <https://www.rdpb.com>.

This past Saturday we had the Grand Marshal Ball honoring Bill LePage and the ladies aide Eileen Knockenhauer.

Congratulations to John Davis the 2022 Hibernian of the Year for all the work and support he does for our division.

Thanks again to Kevin Smith and John Hanley for once again running our St. Patrick's Day parade Superbowl pool fundraiser. It is a yearlong and very difficult effort to communicate with all the players and collect and manage all the money. The profit from this fundraiser goes directly to the cost of our parade.

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm we will step off from the East Islip Library to lead the way of our 57th annual John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please come out and march down Main Street with your Hibernian brothers and show our community the size and strength of our organization. After our parade on Sunday please come down and support our division and corporation. The corporation will be providing music.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Mary's will be having a service for Ash Wednesday at 4:30pm in the auditorium.

On Friday, May 6, the Suffolk County AOH and LAOH will be hosting the annual Suffolk County Ball at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore. This year's honorees will be John Wahlberg and Christopher Thompson and Division 7's LAOH member Alice Faughnan. Tickets are \$95 per person. Please see Sue O'Neill for tickets for this event. Make checks payable to AOH/LAOH Suffolk County Ball.

I encourage all members to take advantage of our early payment discount on your yearly dues. When dues are paid before March 17th the dues are \$100 for the year; after March 17th, the dues are then \$120.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and blessed Easter.

**Yours in Friendship, Unity  
and Christian Charity,  
Shawn P. O'Neill**

Shawn O'Neill presents the Hibernian of the Year Award to John Davis at the Grand Marshal Ball



Grand Marshal Bill LePage with his Aide Joe LePage and the Ladies Aide to the GM Eileen Knockenhauer



## **L.A.O.H.**

Dear Sisters,

A warm welcome to all our new members. We are delighted to have you join us and look forward to embracing you in our sisterhood. We appreciate your support in our many activities such as parades, soup kitchen, fundraisers community events and much more.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Corinne McKeown, our own Division 7 recipient of the "Following in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" award. Corinne truly embraces our motto, is so well deserving of this honor and does so much for all Hibernians and our local community.

Congratulations to Bill LePage, the 2022 Grand Marshal, his Aide Joe LePage, our beautiful Ladies Aide, Eileen Knockenhauer, and John Davis (Hibernian of the Year). This is a great honor for all of you. Thank you also to the Ball and Parade committees for your tireless work and effort to make both events very special and memorable for all Division 7 members and our community. Please be sure to stop by the East Islip Library to see the beautiful display of all things Irish coordinated by our Historian Doris Kennedy. You should also visit the Irish Heritage Room on the lower level, a room created by a group of Division 7 members headed up by Vic Vogel and Kathleen Ring, before we lineup for the John P. Reilly East Islip Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. All ladies are asked to assemble at the library at 1:15pm. Please remember to wear your sashes. Please join us at our Hall after the parade for a celebration with food and music by 3's Accompany.

If you are planning to head into NYC to march or watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, please consider taking the bus from Division 7. \$60/pp for transportation to and from NYC and includes beer, wine and food. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the pub, or contact John Owen at [pipecorporal@optonline.net](mailto:pipecorporal@optonline.net) or (631) 921-2372.

Ladies, a gentle reminder, it's time to pay your annual dues: \$45 up till March 31<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, the dues are \$60.

Please see Financial Secretary, Chris Brogan.

Please consider supporting our Junior Girls at their Lenten Soup Dinner on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Come down and enjoy "homemade" non-meat soups and salad. The girls always do a wonderful job hosting this event. This is their largest fundraiser and your support of this event is always greatly appreciated. The cost is \$10/pp, or \$5 for children under 12. If you would like to donate any ingredients for the soups, please contact our Jr. Girls Coordinators, Becci Enders and Gina Holm.

If anyone knows of a family in need of an Easter Food Basket, please let Missions and Charities, Valerie Hand know the number of children and adults in the family. No names please as we prefer the families to remain anonymous. A sign-up list of donated fresh produce will be available at our next meeting. Dry goods and Easter candy are needed as well.

On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7-11pm, the Suffolk County Ball will be held at Captain Bills in Bay Shore. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate the Suffolk County Divisions who will be honoring Alice Faughnan, John Wahlberg and Christopher Thompson. This promises to be a fun-filled evening! Checks should be made payable to AOH LAOH Suffolk County Ball and given to LAOH Suffolk County President, Sue O'Neill for tickets. Tickets are \$95 per person.

Our next LAOH Division 7 meeting is Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. If you need a ride to our meeting, please reach out to me at (516) 459-0840.

Lastly, the next LAOH Suffolk County Board meeting will be held at our Division 7 Hall on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. All ladies are welcome to attend this meeting and must bring your dues card showing your dues are paid in full.

**Wishing you all a very Happy St. Patrick's Day! Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Patty Fitzpatrick**

## **Juniors**

Our Division 7 Junior Girls are off to a great start for 2022! In January, we held the installation of officers along with the Division 7 AOH and LAOH. Congratulations to the

newly installed officers.

In February, our Division 7 Junior Girls' President, Lauren, led the procession and placed flowers at the altar for the St. Brigid's Mass held at Mt Carmel RCC in Patchogue as we honored the Suffolk County St Brigid honorees.

During our February meeting, the girls presented their annual donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Joan Siedlecki, a representative from the MAWF, spoke to the girls about how the money is spent granting "wishes" to critically ill children. This inspired the girls to discuss the fundraising activities that they will do this year so they can continue to make this annual donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Please be on the lookout for future fundraising events that we are bringing back in 2022, such as the Lenten Soup night, the summer Car Wash and the fall Spaghetti Night! Also, we received an abundance of card fronts so the girls can make Christmas gift tags that we will start selling in the fall; thank you to all that donated the card fronts. The girls also decided to continue bringing a non-perishable item to their monthly meetings to give to a local food pantry and will be bringing instant mashed potatoes to their March meeting.

In preparation for St. Valentine's Day, the Junior Girls made Valentine's Day cards for some of our Division 7 senior members. These cards were personally delivered the weekend before Valentine's Day along with cookies, cupcakes, and sweets. Everyone was very appreciative of this sweet gesture made by our Juniors. Thank you to the LAOH ladies who assisted in making these deliveries.

Please mark your calendars for the Lenten Soup night at our hall on April 8<sup>th</sup>; all are welcome to attend, and we will serve until we run out of soup! Thank you to all of Division 7 AOH & LAOH for always helping to support the Junior Girls efforts to live in our motto of friendship, unity, and Christian charity.

**Yours In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity  
Becci Enders & Gina Holm  
Junior Girls Co-Coordinators**





## What's Happening March & April



### MARCH:

Mar 2 Wed	Ash Wednesday, St. Mary's Ash Service at 4:30	
Mar 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Mar 6 Sun	East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade	2:00 PM
Mar 7 Mon	Jr. Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Mar 9 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting at Hall	7:30 PM
Mar 17 Thu	St. Patrick's Day	

### APRIL:

Apr 6 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr 8 Fri	Jr Girls Lenten Soup Dinner	5:30 PM
Apr 11 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr 13 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting at Hall	7:30 PM
Apr 15 Fri	Good Friday	
Apr 17 Sun	Easter Sunday	

## Corporation Corner

We hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day season. Please come out and enjoy the East Islip Parade on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> in our Hall and on St. Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will slowly begin having some live music in our Hall and below is the current schedule.

Gene Hearl

Corporation President

### LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

#### MARCH

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> J & D Acoustic 7:00 – 10:00pm

#### APRIL

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Todd The Guitar Man 6:00 – 10:00pm

## THE IRISH

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

Irish – Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit!

Pronunciation – Law Way-luh Paw-drig  
sah-nuh ditch!

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

Irish – Lá fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!

Pronunciation – Law Way-luh Paw-drig  
sah-nuh deev!



Roisin Dubh Pipe Band at the Grand Marshal Ball on Saturday 2/26



Installation of Division 7 Officers on Saturday Jan. 22, 2022



Division 7 Jr. Girls present a donation to  
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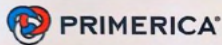
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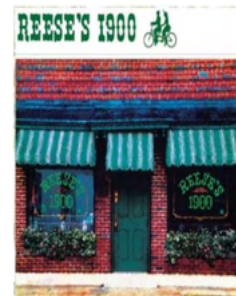
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