



President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th which is also Ash Wednesday. Father Don will be administering ashes at the conclusion of the meeting for those of you who are unable to go to your church during the day.

This time of year is always a busy time for all members and their families with many of the events we have coming up. The season officially kicked off this past Saturday as we returned to the Irish Coffee Pub for our annual Grand Marshal's Ball. Congratulations to Grand Marshal Jim O'Kane and his aides Kevin Smith and Bill Kelly. I would also like to congratulate the Ladies Aide, Claire Melecca and *Hibernian of the Year* Kevin Smith. Jim's honor is well deserved. He is a person that is always on hand to do whatever needs to be done to keep our hall running smoothly throughout the year. He is truly a dedicated member of the division. Without people like Jim we would not be able to accomplish many of the things that we do. In addition, congratulations to one of Jim's cohorts, Kevin Smith, who has spearheaded many fundraising efforts throughout the year. He has tirelessly worked with the other division officers in executing these fundraising activities.

The Grand Marshal's Ball was an enjoyable event. I would like to thank John Hanley and Alice Faughnan who helped us return the event to the Irish Coffee Pub. Thanks to John Davis for coordinating the ball and providing his humor throughout the evening. Sincere gratitude also goes out to Journal Chairman Jason Holm, assisted by Dennis Bennett, Seamus Flannery and

Cindy Haugland. Also, special thanks goes to the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band with their wonderful performance at the ball.

On Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00 pm we will step off for the 54th annual *John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade*. Parade Co-Chairman Dave Ring and Frank Lyons have been working hard to make sure our annual parade goes smoothly. Line-up Chairman, Tim Ring, can use additional volunteers to help him kick off the parade. Contact Tim if you are able to help. Once again I encourage all members who are able to march with the division behind Jim and the *Roisin Dubh Pipe Band*. 2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the Irish Declaration of Independence, so I feel the parade has extra meaning this year to help honor those who bravely sought an independent nation. After the parade I encourage all members to come down to the hall for some corned beef sandwiches, a pint of Guinness and enjoy the comradery with the division membership. Entertainment will be provided by *Buoy 34*.

On Friday, April 12th the Suffolk County AOH/LAOH board will be holding the 28th Annual Suffolk County Ball at the Irish Coffee Pub. They will be honoring outgoing Suffolk County Presidents Patricia Cremmins and Jerry Belmont. Contact Vic Vogel for tickets.

On Sunday, April 28th at 9:00 am we will be conducting the Tom Clark Memorial Service followed by a mass and breakfast. Please contact me for additional information.

In late April the Division will be holding a screening for new members. Contact Bob Knockenhauer for further information.

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a great spring and a Blessed Easter to you

and your families.

**Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity,
Tom Davis**



Grand Marshal Jim O'Kane and Ladies Aide Claire Melecca are ready to start the John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day parade.



Grand Marshal Jim O'Kane shopping at The Little Shop of Shamrocks in Islip to prepare for the parade.

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. As we celebrate a first in Suffolk County "Irish – American Appreciation Month" there are a lot of activities for you to participate and display your Irish heritage. We appreciate your support in our many activities such as the parades, soup kitchen, pub entertainment and fundraisers.

Last Saturday, February 23rd we enjoyed our annual Grand Marshal's Ball at the Irish Coffee Pub. It was a wonderful evening of celebration as only Division Seven can do! Congratulations to Jim O'Kane, the 2019 Grand Marshal and his aids, Kevin Smith (Hibernian of the Year) and Bill Kelly and of course, our lovely Ladies-Aide, Claire Melecca. We look forward to following you down Main Street this Sunday, March 3rd. All ladies are asked to assemble at the East Islip Library at 1:15 PM. Please remember to wear your sashes. Thank you also to the ball and parade committees for all your hard work and effort. Please be sure to stop by the East Islip Library to see the beautiful display of all things Irish coordinated by our Irish Historian, Becci Enders. I am so looking forward to seeing you all there! Please join us at our hall after the Parade to continue our parade day celebration with music provided by Buoy 34.

It's time to pay your annual dues: \$45 up until March 31st. April 1st and after dues are \$60. Please see Financial Secretary, Patty Kunzinger at our next meeting.

On Monday, March 11th our Junior Girls will be visiting our dear retired Sisters of St. Josephs at the convent in Brentwood. Soda bread is needed. Please contact Cathie Norton Doherty if you can help.

I have already conveyed the great news to all of you that Suffolk County LAOH won first place in the 2018 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade which resulted in a much earlier step off time for the 2019 Parade on Saturday, March 16th. Our step off time is 11:45 am along with our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band.

The assemble point is East 44th Street between Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues. This step-off time will guarantee an appearance on TV, so set your DVRs. It could be a once in a lifetime opportunity for you to march in the oldest consecutive parade in US history! We are working to arrange for group

rate travel into the parade on the Long Island Railroad. The cost is just \$10 for a roundtrip; however, we must have an accurate count to take advantage of this discount. You must sign-up and pay for this ticket in advance. I will have a sign-up sheet at the East Islip Parade this weekend and at the Hall. We are required to guarantee 30 riders prior to requesting and obtaining the group rate. Please meet at the Great River train station at 7:30 AM, Saturday March 16th. Alice Faughnan and Sue O'Neill will have the group tickets to hand out that morning. The train depart at 7:45 AM. I look forward to marching with you up 5th Avenue! After the parade you are on your own to enjoy whatever the city has to offer and return on the LIRR at whatever time you wish. Of course, you can continue your celebration at our hall later that day!

Please consider supporting our Junior Girls at their Lenten Soup Dinner on March 29th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at our hall. You will enjoy delicious non-meat Soups and salad. The girls do a wonderful job of hosting this event. This is their largest fundraiser and your support of this event is greatly appreciated. The cost is \$10 per person.

If anyone knows of a family in need of an Easter Food Basket, please let Tricia Clark-Cellan know the number of children and adults in the family. No names, please - the families remain anonymous. A sign-up list of donated fresh foods and produce will be available at the next meeting. Dry goods are needed as well.

On April 7th we will be holding a Ladies Tea. This is a major fundraiser and a very elegant affair. So, dust off those wonderful hats and fascinators! The cost is \$30 and is open to you and your friends/guests. You will enjoy a large selection of tea sandwiches, decadent desserts along with the traditional scones and cream. Reservations will be taken at our next meeting. You may also reserve by calling me at 631-589-2584 or my cell 914-318-4177 or emailing me at mnolty@yahoo.com.

On Friday, April 12th, the Suffolk County Ball will be held at the Irish Coffee Pub. Tickets will be available at our next meeting. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate with all the Suffolk County Divisions who will be honoring the respective Suffolk County LAOH/AOH Presidents, Pat Cremmins and Jerry Belmont.

On April 28th Suffolk County will be holding the annual Tom Clark Memorial service. Tom Clark was one of the signers of the Irish Proclamation in 1916. The service is held in

Manorville. More details to follow at our April meeting.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30pm. April's meeting will be held on April 10th. If you need a ride to our meeting please reach out to me at numbers or email above.

Wishing all of you a very Happy St. Patrick's

Day!!! In our motto,

Madonna

Juniors

Our LAOH Division 7 Junior Girls are proud to share that at our February meeting we were joined by a representative from Make A Wish Foundation who we presented a donation check to of \$1,000 that the Juniors worked hard to raise in 2018. Job well done to all of the Juniors and a big thanks to all who support their fundraisers. March will be a busy month for our Juniors. On March 3rd 2019 we will meet at 1:30 pm at the East Islip Library to march proudly down Main Street in the John P. Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day East Islip Parade. On Monday March 11th, the Juniors will make their annual March visit to the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brentwood to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and spread some Irish cheer.

On Friday March 29th from 5:30pm-8pm all are invited to the Junior Girls annual Lenten Soup Dinner Fundraiser they host to raise money for their annual donation to Make A Wish Foundation. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under 12. The choices of soup will be delicious and the Juniors will be our hostesses for the night, please come down and support this worthy cause.

On Monday April 8th at 6:30 we will have our monthly meeting at Division 7 and will be working on the Juniors scrapbook to be entered into competition at the 2019 NYS LAOH Convention in July.

.In Friendship, Unity and Charity,

**Cathie Norton Doherty,
Junior Girls Coordinator**





What's Happening March & April



MARCH:

Mar	3 Sun	John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade	
Mar	6 Wed	AOH Division 7 Meeting and Ash Wed. 8:00 PM	
Mar	11 Mon	Jr Girls visit Sisters of Saint Joseph (Brentwood)	
Mar	13 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Mar	16 Sat	NY City St. Patrick's Day Parade	
Mar	17 Sun	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar	29 Fri	Jr. Girls Soup Dinner in our Hall	5:30-8:30PM

APRIL:

Apr	3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Apr	7 Sun	Ladies Tea in our Hall	
Apr	8 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Apr	10 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr	12 Fri	Suffolk County Ball at the Irish Coffee Pub	
Apr	21 Sun	Easter Sunday	
Apr	28 Sun	Tom Clark Memorial Service	

Corporation Corner

LIVE MUSIC AT THE AOH

MARCH

Sat	2 nd	Kevin Wilson	8:00 – 11:00
Sun	3 rd	Buoy 34	After Parade
Fri	8 th	Three's Accompany	6:00 – 9:00
		Happy Hour	
Sat	9 th	Karaoke with Steve	8:00 – 11:00
Sat	16 th	Strings Attached	8:00 – 11:00
Fri	22 nd	Joe and Julie	6:00 – 9:00
		Happy Hour	
Sat	23 rd	Break Down Blues	8:00 – 11:00
Sat	30 th	Kevin Wilson	8:00 – 11:00

APRIL

Sat	6 th	Three's Accompany	8:00 – 11:00
Fri	12 th	Pete Kletchker	6:00 – 9:00
		Happy Hour	
Sat	13 th	J & D Acoustic	8:00 – 11:00
Sat	20 th	Gil & Mary	8:00 – 11:00
Sat	27 th	Howie Seal	8:00 – 11:00

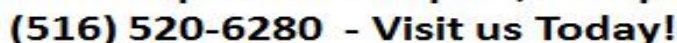


Photos from the Long Island tile mural at the East Islip Library. The AOH Division 7 purchased a Tile, the LAOH Ladies purchased a Tile and the John P. Reilly family purchased a Tile. Stop by the EI library to see the mural in person!

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

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)

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 Please remember to put your Membership # on all payments.

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 For L.A.O.H., contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Peggy Sundin.

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