

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter. Our next meeting is May 3, 2023 and our June meeting will be held on June 7, 2023. I want to welcome our 21 new members who received their Shamrock Degree at our meeting.

Our parade was a great success and Tom McHugh and Patty Fitzpatrick had a great day with an outstanding crowd watching them as they passed by.

The St. Patrick's Parade season was a great success through all the towns that held one. A couple of parades were first timers. The Roisin Dubh Pipe Band participated in eleven parades. If interested in learning the pipes or drums come on down any Thursday and speak with Bill or any of the band members.

The Junior Boy's and Girl's will be doing the May Crowning on Monday, May 8th at 7pm at our hall. Please attend and support our Junior Divisions.

The Suffolk County Convention will be held at Division 2 in Babylon on Sunday, May 21,2023.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Patchogue will be holding their Irish Music Festival on June 10-11 on the parish grounds. The bands are finalized and they are looking for vendors. Volunteers are needed to help with the festival. The posters are finalized and being made up. I will have more info at our next meeting.

St. Mary's will be having their Family Festival from June 1^{st} – June 4^{th} . They are also looking for

volunteers. You can call Rocky Nevelino, Event Coordinator 631-581-7070 x133 for more information. St. Mary's will also be having their 125th Celebration at the Mansion at Timber Point on Wednesday June 14th @ 6pm.

The AOH New York State Convention will be held on July 12 – July 16 in Binghamton, NY.

It was brought up by Father Henry Reid, who is the Suffolk County Chaplain, that when attending church wear your Hibernian apparel to show the community our Irish Catholic spirit and we could get some inquiries of people who may want to join our organization.

I want to thank our members and community for the support given to the Queen of Hearts. As you may know, the Queen was found and a new game started on April 29th. We will continue to do Saturday nights up until and including June 24th. For the summer months of July and August, we will hold the drawing only on July 15th @ 8pm and then the next one will be August 19th @ 8pm. Tentatively we will go back to Saturdays on Sept. 9th @ 7:30 pm.

The AOH Board and I hope everyone has a healthy, happy, and enjoyable summer.

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

<u> Junior Boys</u>

The Jr. Boys proudly made their public debut on March 5th, 2023 marching in the John P. Reilly East

Islip St. Patrick's Day parade behind our Grand Marshal, Tom McHugh. Thanks to co-coordinator, Jason Holm, all the boys got to march up front displaying the dusted off Jr. Boys banner. They were warmly received and got quite a few shout outs from friends and schoolmates watching the parade.

Going into May, the boys will be assisting the Town of Islip hang flags up and down Main St. to honor our fallen veterans on Memorial Day. Vice President John Owen and Marshal, Jason Holm hope to have a Jr. Boys meeting to go over the format of how future meetings will be run. Jr. Boys President Liam Holm will be presiding and hopefully we can have some reports from committee chairmen.

Before we break for the summer, I've gotten approval from our Division President, Shawn O'Neill to take the boys (with Moms or Dads invited of course) to a Long Island Ducks game. Their roster this year includes a lot of former NY Mets so that should be fun.

Dates and times will be emailed as soon as events are confirmed. Looking ahead, we also plan to visit the Lt. Michael Murphy Museum in Sayville. Lt. Murphy, a Navy Seal, gave his life to save his fellow SEALS during an all out gun battle in Afghanistan.

Anyone who has a son or grandson interested in joining the Jr. Boys, see or call either John Owen 631 921-2372 or Jason Holm 631 358-3935 and join us in the journey of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

John Owen & Jason Holm Junior Boys Coordinators

<u>L.A.O.H.</u>

Dear Sisters,

We have had a busy couple of months and lots more to come. Once again, the Junior Girls held a successful Lenten Soup Night. Thank you to Modern Bakery, Irish Coffee Pub and the Harp & Hound for your generous donations of bread and soup and to all of the Ladies who came down to help make it a success for our Junior Girls.

Several of us attended the Annual Thomas Clark Memorial Service in Manorville and as always, it was a lovely event. Father Henry always does a beautiful Homily.

A huge thank you to our Missions and Charities Officer Gina Holm for organizing the collection for the Easter meals we provided to local families. Her efforts raised enough to provide a full Easter diner, candy baskets for the children (donated by the Junior Girls & Boys) and grocery gift cards for several families. Thank you to our AOH men for donating the hams and to all the Ladies who helped make the event a success.

Thank you to the LAOH Fundraising Committee chairpersons Cindy Haugland, Ellen Murray and also to Jeanine Amato of Country Village Florist and all the Ladies that helped make the Easter Centerpiece Making Class and Designer Bag Bingo Nights both huge successes. We had many ladies in attendance for both of these events and lots of fun was had by all.

We have a lot of events coming up including the First Annual Patricia Dovle Golf Outing. All the proceeds will go to the Patricia Doyle Grants that are allocated throughout New York State (formerly known as the Appeal for Aid Grant). This will be held on Monday June 19th at the Sayville Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8am with lunch following at AOH Division 7 Hall at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please contact NYS LAOH Fundraising Appointee Chris Brogan at (631)428-3085. For hole sponsorship for this event, contact Maggie Brogan at

Maggie.brogan74@gmail.com.

Speaking of golf, the Ladies will start their 2023 season of golf on Thursday, May 4th at Gull Haven. Whether you are a golfer or not, this is always a good time with the Ladies and no experience is required. Please contact Chris Brogan if you are interested in joining in on the fun (631)428-3085.

The annual commemoration of the Easter Rising (Irish: Éirí Amach na Cásca) will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at the Cohalan Court Complex at 400 Carleton Avenue in Central Islip at 1:00PM; all are welcome to attend.

We are still not able to cook for the soup kitchen at St. Anne's but we will be going on Saturday May 13th to help bag up food for the families that the soup kitchen provides for and all are welcome to come down and help.

The Junior Girls will be doing the May Crowning on May 8th and we will be doing a full Rosary before the ceremony. We welcome all to attend. The Rosary will be a lovely addition to the May Crowning and a beautiful way to honor all of our mothers.

Lastly, we will have our May meeting on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30PM. We are asking that members bring new or handmade baby items (clothing 2T-4T, diapers size 4, 5 & 6, and Enfamil formula – yellow can) for our donation to the Life Center of Long Island. We are also asking for members to bring coffee and/or cookies to donate to Hospitality Too, as they have a need for these items.

I hope you all have a lovely spring and am looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting. Earrach sona.

Yours in Our Motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Becci Enders



Junior Girls

The Division Seven Junior Girls would like to thank all who attended the Lenten Soup Dinner on April 7th. The girls were gracious hosts serving all who attended with attentive smiles. The profits from this major fundraiser will enable the girls to continue to make their yearly generous donations.

Please mark your calendar to attend the annual May Crowning on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 P.M. The girls have created a beautiful crown to place on the Our Lady of Knock statue at our hall. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The girls have been working on their yearly scrapbook, collecting pictures and fliers commemorating all their activities including those of service, religious events and fundraisers either hosted by them or in which they participated. The scrapbook will be entered into the LAOH state-wide competition held at the NYS LAOH Convention in Rochester this coming Julv.

Over this past year the Junior Girls have welcomed a few new members. Membership is growing each month. If you are a mother or grandmother with children ages 6- 17 who would like to join, please reach out to Madonna at <u>mnolty@yahoo.com</u> or Gina Holm at jaygholm@gmail.com

Please be on the lookout for dates for the Spaghetti Supper that the Junior Girls will host in the Fall to raise money towards their fundraising goals. As we move toward the end of the school year and look forward to summer, the girls will gather in June for a gettogether. We all hope that you can soak up the sun and have a summer of fun by the ton!

> In Our Motto, Madonna Nolty & Gina Holm Junior Girls Coordinators





What's Happening May & June



	<u>MAY</u> :		
May 3 Wed	Annual commemoration of the Easter		Ľ
	Rising at the Cohalan Court Complex	1:00 PM	
May 3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM	
May 8 Mon	Jr. Girls May Crowning	7:00 PM	
May 10 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM	1
May 21 Sun	May 21 Sun AOH Suffolk County Convention at Division 2		
	JUNE:		1
Jun 1-4	Jun 1-4 St. Mary's Family Festival		1
Jun 7 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM	
Jun 10-11	un 10-11 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Patchogue		1
	Irish Music Festival		1
Jun 12 Mon	Juniors Meetings	6:30 PM	j
Jun 14 Wed	LAOH Division 7 Meeting	7:30 PM	(
Jun 14 Wed	St. Mary's 125 Celebration @Timber Point	6:00 PM	(
Jun 17 Sat	Roisin Dubh Pipe Band Horseshoe Tournament		
	In the parking lot at Division 7 1:00	-5:00 PM	1
Jun 20 Tue	Division 7 Golf Outing at the Wind Wa	atch Golf	1
	Course, Shotgun Start at 7:30 AM		, ,
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JULY:

Jul 12-16 NY State AOH Convention in Binghamton, NY



Division 7 representatives at the Tom Clarke Memorial Mass Rock



Past Grand Marshals of our John P. Rielly St. Patrick's Day Parade

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	Corporation Corner		
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	Happy Hour		
	Fri 19th Pete K - Happy Hour 6:00 – 9:00		
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Charlie taught his students that there were			
some Irish words that had varying			
pronunciations depending on where in Ireland			
	you lived. The reasons for the differences in		
	the language might be caused by living in a		
	very isolated region or the result of being the		
	influence of invaders. One example Charlie		
	cited was how the Irish said "Hello". "Dia		
	duit" in the west of Ireland would be		
	pronounced "Gee-uh Ditch". A Dubliner		
	might say "Gee-uh Gwith". Both were easily		
	understood and accepted just as we have		
	variations in the pronunciation of words in our		
	own country. So, for instance, if you asked		
	Charlie if the correct pronunciation of "Roisin		
-	Dubh" was "Row-sheen Dew" or "Row-sheen		
	Duhv", he would simply respond "Yes". Then		
	he would break out into his famous smile and		
	congratulate you for the education of it!		
	- Vic Vogel		



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Horseshoe Tournament







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Time: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Sponsor a Pit for \$100

AOH Golf Tournament Tuesday, June 20, 2023



Division 7's Annual Golf Tournament Hamlet Wind Watch GC 1715 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788



7:30 am 4-man Scramble & Shot-gun Start Event includes:

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