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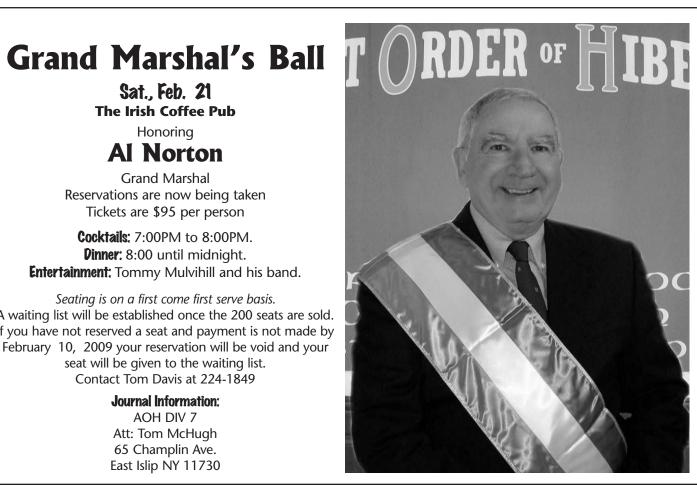
Cocktails: 7:00PM to 8:00PM. **Dinner:** 8:00 until midnight.

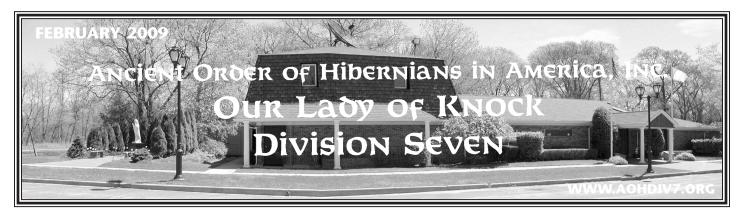
Entertainment: Tommy Mulvihill and his band.

Seating is on a first come first serve basis. A waiting list will be established once the 200 seats are sold. If you have not reserved a seat and payment is not made by February 10, 2009 your reservation will be void and your seat will be given to the waiting list. Contact Tom Davis at 224-1849

Journal Information:

AOH DIV 7 Att: Tom McHugh 65 Champlin Ave. East Islip NY 11730





President's Message

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on February 4, 2009 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

At our next meeting, there will be a vote taken for the national lifetime membership of Herman Boyle. Herman is very well qualified for this honor. Herman is a past president of our division (1984 - 1985) and is also a past Grand Marshal (1990) of our St. Patrick's Day parade. Herman has chaired and continues to work on the Athletic Club. He is the chairman of our Project Children's committee and also is on the Project Children's 5K run committee and our Project Children's Golf committee.

Membership dues for 2009 are now due. Our annual dues are \$40 per year if paid prior to March 17th and \$48 if paid after March 17th. If you wish to mail in your dues, please include the last 4 digits of your membership number on your check and mark on the envelope "DUES". If paying your dues while at the pub, please ask the bartender for an envelope and write your name and last 4 digits of your membership number on the envelope and place it in the green mailbox in the hallway.

There will be a screening of new members at the hall on Friday February 6 at 7 pm. Applications are available in the pub and also on line on our website www.aohdiv7.org . There is a \$50 application fee due on the screening night.

On Saturday February 21 the divi-

sion will be holding its biggest event of the year, our Grand Marshal Ball. This year we will be honoring brother Al Norton as this year's Grand Marshal. The ladies have chosen Maryann Baron as their aide to the Grand Marshal. Contact Tom Davis at 224-1849 for tickets and information. If you would like to place an ad in the Grand Marshal Ball Journal contact Tom McHugh at 277-8034.

Don't forget our parade is very early this year. Our parade is Sunday March 1st at 2 pm. Members and Juniors boys are asked to meet at the East Islip library at 1:30 pm. Let's show our community how proud we are to be Irish. Please dress like Irish gentlemen. It's not too late to order your division jackets to march in our parade. You can order them on line through our website at AOHdiv7.org/ events/div7 apparel. And while you have your new jacket, it looks great with a sash... see Mac (968-0614) for all your fashion needs!!!!

If you plan on attending the festivities back at the hall after our parade, remember you need a current paid dues card to gain admittance to the hall. For safety reasons children are not permitted in the hall on that day.

The sign up list for the buses on St. Patrick's Day for New York City is behind the bar in the pub. As always it's a first come, first serve.

Check out the entertainment in the pub on most Saturday evenings. A list of the entertainment is available on the division's website.

God bless the troops and the unborn

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

Jerry Delaney

Pub Cleanup

There will be a Pub Clean-up on Saturday, February 14 at 9:00 A.M.

Any bartenders and members who can help will be welcome. It takes about two hours, and will have the pub Iooking smart for the St Patrick's season festivities. Refreshments will be served. Thank You.

Scholarships

If you have a high school student who may be eligible for an award see Tom McEnroe for applications. (581-7543)

There will be two, \$3000 awards. All applications must be in by April 15, 2009. High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory.

Membership Dues

The men's division announced that the annual dues are \$40 if paid prior to March 17 and \$48 if paid after that

If paying by check, please put your member number on your check.

Payments can be left in the green locked mailbox found just outside the pub room. If paying by cash, please put your name and membership number on the outside of the envelope.

The L.A.O.H announced that dues are \$25 and after March 31 they are \$30. tables will be set up at the next Ladies meeting to ease the paying of dues.

NOTE: You must have a 2009 dues card in order to gain admittance to the party at the hall after the Division Parade on March 1.

Ladies Division

The monthly meeting of the LAOH was held on January 14th. Although it was a bitter cold evening the turnout was great!

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Leslie Lannigan and Cindy Hargrove for putting together the wonderful raffle prizes for the Midnight Bowl held on January 17th. These two women worked very hard getting donations from up and down Main Street in the East Islip/Islip area and then they made lovely baskets. I would just like to ask the membership of the LAOH/AOH to support these local businesses who are always so generous to our organization. And speaking of the Midnight Bowl, it was an awesome night and a lot of laughs...all for a good cause too! Thank you Debbie and Mac McFadden!

The St. Brigid's Day Mass will be held on Sunday, February 1st at St. Joseph's Convent on Brentwood Rd., Brentwood at 10:30 am. There is a breakfast at Division 2 following the mass and tickets are \$12 per adult and \$8 for children. Please contact me at 224-4157 if you would like to purchase tickets. Our Spiritual Advisor Pat Kinlan is the guest speaker and also the Division 7 Recipient of the St. Brigid's Award and it would be really wonderful if we had a good showing from Division 7.

Division 2, Babylon is holding a fundraiser for the local Parish Outreach Programs that are desperate need of monetary support. It will be held on Friday, February 6th at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person (includes Open Bar, snacks and entertainment by "Sweetwater") If you would like to purchase tickets please call: Maureen Frohnhoeffer at 412-3099 or Collette Kavanaugh at 277-0759.

The Financial Secretary, Carol McHugh is collecting dues for 2009. The cost is \$25 until March 31st and \$30 after that.

Liz Colgan has organized a trip to Broadway to see "West Side Story" on

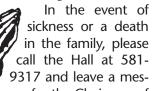
March 7th at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$82.50 for rear mezzanine and \$110 for the first 3 rows of rear mezzanine. If anyone is interested in attending the show please let me know. Tickets can be paid for at the February Meeting.

There is a screening for new members on Tuesday, February 3rd at the hall at 8:00pm. If you would like more information or an application please see Joanne Clancy.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11th beginning promptly with the recitation of the rosary at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Alice Faughnan

Please Pray For...



sickness or a death in the family, please call the Hall at 581-9317 and leave a message for the Chairman of

the Committee on the Sick, John Fitzpatrick ar 581-5705.

For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Margaret Davis, 224-1849.

Juniors

January's meeting was very informative. Raffaello Carone, second grader, was our guest speaker. He is a spokesperson for Make-a-Wish. He told us about his journey with cancer and receiving his wish from Make-a-Wish. He was grateful for the donation that our juniors raised. And we did raise a substantial amount— \$1,900! The proceeds from our annual Spaghetti Dinner are donated to Make-a-Wish. The juniors work hard to make the dinner happen each year but everyone contributes to the proceeds. Thank you for your support. Junior Girls President Bridget Hanley and Junior Boys President Connor Faughnan presented the check to Make-a-Wish. Congratulation juniors.

Our next activity will be the St. Brigid's Mass. It will be held at St Joseph's in Brentwood on Feb. 1 at 10:00 am.

Our next meeting will be held at the hall on Feb. 9 at 6:30 pm. We will begin preparations for fundraising at the St Patrick's dance. Please bring your rosary. We will be collecting dues of \$10 from those who have not

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Charlene Gibbs



Divison 7 Juniors presents check to Make-A-Wish Foundation at lanuary meeting.

St. Patrick's Day **NYC Buses**

The sign up list for buses for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC will be behind the bar either in early Feb or immediately following the Menís meeting. The cost is \$35 per person which includes transportation, refreshments on the bus, and a delicious corned beef dinner back at the hall upon our return. We are limited to 3 buses and will be on a first come first serve basis. Ask the bartender for the list and a small brown envelope to place your check in. Mark on the outside of the envelope iPARADEiwith your name. Payment must be received no later than March 1. Anyone who reserves a seat and does not pay by March 1 will lose their seat to the waiting list. Checks should be made out to: AOH Div 7.

Victor Vogel



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PROSTATE AWARENESS BOWLING NIGHT: The committee: (L to R) Mary Hughes, Leslie Lanigan, Cindy Hargrove, Mac and Debbie MacFadden, Lea and Jerry Delaney. The Prostate Awareness Bowling Night, held at the East Islip Lanes, was an overwhelming success. Eighteen lanes were run at capacity. It was an awesome and fun filled event. Everyone will be looking forward to the next one! Congratulations to the committee for an outstanding job in putting it all together!

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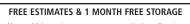
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Mat's Happening...

Sun	Feb 1	St. Brigid's Mass & Breakfast - St. Joseph Convent 10:00AM
Sun	Feb 1	Day At The Races; Raffle Drawing; Super Bowl 31
Tues	Feb 3	LAOH Screening - See Joann Clancy 8:00PM
Wed	Feb 4	Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
Fri	Feb 6	AOH Screening - New Members 7PM
		See John Hanley
Fri	Feb 6	St. John of God Fundraiser - Div 2 Hall 8PM
Sat	Feb 7	Darby Night - Roisin Dubh Band - Sponsor 7PM
Mon	Feb 9	Jr Girls and Jr Boys Meeting 6:30PM
Wed	Feb 11	Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM
Sat	Feb 14	Pub Clean Up - Volunteers Needed 9AM
		See Dan Sullivan
Sat	Feb 21	Grand Marshal's Ball - Irish Coffee Pub 7PM
Sun	Mar 1	"John Reilly Memorial" St. Patrick Day Parade 1PM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM

Project Children

This is the thirtieth year that Division 7 has been involved with Project Children.

We have sponsored over 150 children during this span. The children range in age from nine through fourteen.

We are also now involved in bringing over interns. These are college-age students who work only to earn credits towards their degrees.

The Project Children recipients are here for four weeks, approximately from the last week of June into July.

The interns are here for six weeks. They are required to find their own transportation to work. However, any help is appreciated. We have already established a work location for one in the Bay Shore area.

We need families to house these individuals. What they need is a place to stay and provide food. (As they say in Ireland, "...another potato in the pot!")

The bonds that are established by housing these individuals are immensely gratifying.

Please call Herman Boyle at 631-277-2377 if you have an interest in providing for a child or an intern.

Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band

Roisin Dubh will appear at St. Brigid's Mass at St. Joseph's Academy for the LAOH on February 1. In addition, the band will perform a special set at the Grand Marshal's Ball honoring its own Al Norton on February 21. Our next appearance will be the East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade on **March 1**. Al, it will be a pleasure to follow you and your Aides, Mary Ann Baron and a cast of Nortons. down the avenue. You're the best!

We will perform in nine parades in New York and Suffolk County during the month of March. Come join us for the craic! The band practices on Thursday nights. If you or a family member is interested in learning to play the pipes or drums, stop by and talk to us.

Vic Vogel **Band Manager**

Presidents Day February 16

Corporation Corner

There will be a Corporation meeting during the regular Division meeting on Feb 4, 2009. A summary year end report will be given on the expenses and revenue of the corporation.

Commencing with the next Major Degree, the membership discount for a hall rental will only be given to those members who have made their Major Degree. A current dues card will also have to be presented at the time of booking. Please keep in mind that second party rentals are not permitted.

The rental agreement has to stipulate the purpose of the rental.

Vincent P. Clancv **Corporation President**

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January 31 Karaoke with Jean Marie

February 7 No entertainment - Darby Night

February 14 Captain Don

February 21

No entertainment Grand Marshal's Ball

February 28 Ward Cloughen March 7

Dave Kotliar

Announcements

There is still time to get in either, or both, the advertising and journal con-

Danny Kissane has been elected to the Finance Committee.

There will be a screening for new members on Fri, Feb 6 at 8:00PM. You can obtain an application from the website or see John Hanley. The application fee is fifty dollars.

The LAOH will have a screening for new members on Tues., Feb. 3 at 8PM. See Joann Clancy for informa-

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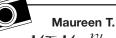
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