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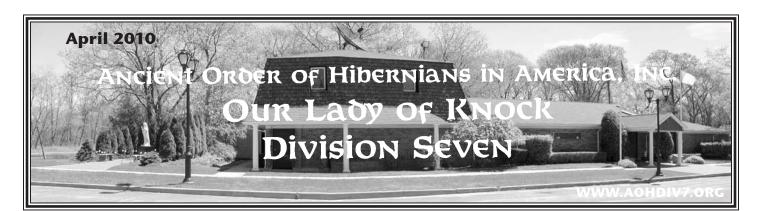






Roisin dubh pípe Bano month of st. patríck march 2010 photos by Linda Snyder





President's Message

Dia duit. The Irish parade season has ended, but what a grand season it was! The weather for the East Islip and the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parades was outstanding and unlike anything we have seen in many years. It was great!

There are so many people who contributed to the success of our parade and who accommodated all of the parade enthusiasts who returned to the hall. I would like to thank Dr. Dave Ring, Frank Lyons and the entire Parade Committee for producing an event that presented the finest aspects of the Irish culture to our community. I would like to thank Dan Sullivan and the Line-Up Committee for another professional job of forming all the marching units into an effectively organized parade. I would like to thank John Clarkin and his everincreasing staff of seasoned cooks for preparing and serving hundreds of corned beef dinners. I would like to thank Tom O'Brien and the men who checked dues cards at the door. I would like to thank the Corporation and the Tap Room Crew for cleaning and setting up the hall for both parades. I would like to thank Pipe Major Bill LePage and the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band for their excellent performances. I would like to thank Mac McFadden for organizing the buses to New York City and Larry Wolff for the extra effort in distributing dues cards. I would like to thank Tom Davis and Tom McHugh for an outstanding Grand Marshal's Ball and Journal. I would like to thank the Junior Girls and Boys for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day party they gave to the nuns of St. Joseph's Convent. And most especially, I would like to thank Father Hugh, the Eucharistic Ministers and all the people who filled our hall so that we could celebrate St. Patrick's Day Mass together. The best way to show our appreciation to our parish for bringing the Mass to Division Seven is to participate. Every aspect of our culture comes to the fore during the month of March and we truly experienced the Hibernian ideal this year.

There will be a Screening for perspective members on Friday, April 16th, at 7:30 pm in the James J. Walsh Room. Organizer John Hanley will arrive at 6:45 pm to process applications. If you know of any worthy candidates for membership, please invite them to the presentation. Let's support the National Program to "Grow the Order".

A Bowling Night Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at East Islip Lanes. The fundraiser is a joint effort of the LAOH and Roisin Dubh. Details will be posted in the Tap Room.

The Tom Clarke Memorial Ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 18th, at 9:00 am at the Manorville Shrine. Mass and Breakfast will follow at the Rock Hill Country Club. The featured speaker will be Rep. Peter King. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by contacting Rich Cremmins at rcaoh8@gmail.com.

The Suffolk County Ball will be held on Friday, April 23rd, at the Larkfield Manor in Northport. This year's honorees are Bud Thompson from Division Five and Patricia Rattigan from Division Two. See me for ticket information.

The Kentucky Derby Calcutta Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at race time in Division Seven Tap Room. Come and bid for horse ownership. If your horse wins, places, shows or comes in last, you WIN! Authentic Kentucky Derby food and Mint Juleps will be available. Ladies will most assuredly be wearing hats.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Division Seven will be on Wednesday, April 7th, at 8:00 pm. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated. May God bless our troops. Please keep our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity alive. Happy Easter!

Slan go foill, Vic Voael

Project Children

This year Project Children will be bring children over around the first week of July. They will be staying for 4 weeks. The children's ages range from 9 thru 14.

The Division takes care of the cost of the Air Flight and insurance. Your responsibility is to pick them up at the airport and bring them back to the airport in four weeks.

You treat them like your own children and they become part of your family. It is a great opportunity for you and your family to understand the conditions in Ireland today. We are limited on how many children that will be coming to Long Island this year. The latest that we can send in an application is the beginning of May.

If you would like more information please call Herman Boyle 631-277-2377 or 631-357-1545

L.A.O.H.

Our last meeting was held on March 10, 2010 at the hall. We had a delayed start so that the ladies could participate in the Hibernian service held in honor of Ralph Daigneault who passed away the previous weekend. Ralph will be missed. We would like to offer our condolences to Ralph's family.

The John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Parade was held Sunday, March 7, 2010. We were blessed with perfect weather. It was estimated that 20,000 people were at the parade. What fun! The party at the hall after the parade was well attended too. Our Juniors did a great job with their fund raisers that night. Thank you to the ladies who helped serve and make sandwiches. Your help in the kitchen is always appreciated. Also, I would like to thank everyone for providing the soda bread for the hall and for the Juniors event the next night. Everyone always looks forward to a little Irish soda bread. If you would like to order a sash please call Eileen Knochenhauer at 277-2872.

In our attempt to "go green" with our newsletter, Margaret Davis would like the email addresses of those who would be willing to receive their copy of the newsletter via email. Please email Margaret at mdavis@hhh.k12.ny.us with your information. This will save paper as well as postage. Also, if you are not on the Calling Post list or wish to be removed from the list please email Margaret Davis with your information. Thank you.

The Suffolk County Ball will be held April 23, 2010, at Larkfield Manor in East Northport. The honorees are Patrician Rattigan of Division 2 and Harold "Bud" Thompson of Division 5. If you are interested in attending please see me or Kathleen Callegari for tickets.

The LAOH Scholarship 2010 application is now available on the website at www.aohdiv7.org. Click on the LAOH tab and go to scholarship information. Hard copies of the form will be available at our next meeting from Liz Colgan. If you have a question you may contact Pat Kinlan, Scholarship Committee

Chairperson (631-592-1009 or at patricia@kinlan.com). The completed application is due on or before June 1,

Our next meeting will be held April 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the hall.

Dates to remember:

March 21: Military Pack Out, 10 am at the hall

April 14: LAOH meeting at 7:30 pm at the hall

April 23: Suffolk County Ball at Larkfield Manor, East Northport, NY at

June 1: LAOH Scholarship application due

Have a happy, blessed Easter. In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Charlene Gibbs

luniors

Our March meeting was quite busy as the Irs. entertained the retired Sisters of St. Joseph with the help of the Roisin Dubh Band members and our Irish Step Dancers. A litany of thanks is in order: to the Ladies, for the donation of their very best Irish soda breads and butter; to the Men, for the trays of corned beef and beverages; to Alice Faughnan, for providing the music and organizing the dancers; to the band members, who gave up a comfortable evening of relaxing at home to play, to Al Norton, for taking such wonderful pictures and to the parents, for their help and support. The Sisters enjoyed the music and the Irish soda bread but most of all they enjoyed the company of our Juniors as evidenced by the many requests for a return visit next year!

The Irs. also marched in the John Reilly Memorial East Islip Parade and, as of this writing, are looking forward to marching in the NYC Parade as well. Didn't they look adorable with their green boutonnieres?

Thank you to all those who assisted with our fundraisers: Mary Gilmore for the "Pirates of Fire Island" that she painted, Linda Synder for the beautiful afghan and gingerbread Irish Cottage she created, to Patty McNeill for making the handsome scarves and to Cindy Hargrove for donating the fabric used. We appreciate your talents and generosity!

Our next meeting will take place on April 12th at 6:30 at the Hall. Please remember to bring your dues

Parents, please send your e-mail addresses to me at division7jrs@ optonline.net so we may be able to keep you in the loop!

Wishing a very Happy Easter to you and your families.

In our motto, Liz Colgan

2010 LAOH Scholarship

Applications for the Division 7 LAOH Scholarship are now available. Any person who is a major degree member or whose parent or grandparent is a major degree member is eligible to apply. This scholarship is for those who are continuing their education in any accredited college or vocational school. To download an application from the website, go to www.aohdiv7.org At the top of the page, click on LAOH. Scroll down and click on Scholarship Information. Applications are to be received on or before June 1, 2010.

If you have a question, you may contact Pat Kinlan, Scholarship Committee Chairperson (631-592-1009 or patricia@kinlan.com)

Please Pray For...

In the event of 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-

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

Announcements



Congratulations to Michael Masiar, son of Stephen and Patricia Masiar, and a member of Roisin Dubh Pipe Band, upon receiving a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mike had previously attended the University of Pittsburgh where he received a Bachelor of Science in Physics in 2008. Mike was a recipient of a college scholarship from our division.

Dennis and Doreen Quinn. announced the arrival of their fourth girl on February 8, 2010, at 9:35AM. Her name is **Teagan Marion** Quinn, and weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces, 19.5 inches. She joins big sisters, Erin, Taryn, and Kathryn. That makes 10 beautiful granddaughters for Joan and Dennis Quinn (deceased).

The band has been very busy during the month of March. We had parades in the following towns. East Islip was by far the best weather in years and we were told we sounded great. Center Moriches, Ronkon koma had good weather and the turnout at these parades was also very good. The Pipe Band came in first place out of all the other Pipe Bands. Bay Shore was a different story, we are still wringing out our uniforms and equipment.

Roisin Dubh

Pipe Band

For the New York City parade, the band was grateful for the LAOH for winning last year, and as a result we marched off early in the line-up. It was a great day for all. (Except for one bass player). Let's hope the Suffolk County L.A.O.H win again this year so we ALL can go and March off early again in 2011.

Don't forget Thursdays at 7pm for new pipers and 7:30pm for drummers. Stop by and find out what's its all about.

Bill Kreamer

A member of Division 7 since 1972. At the Exchange Ambulance of the Islip's installation dinner on Ian. 30, 2010 Bill Kreamer was presented with two Certificates of Recognition from Town of Islip Supervisor, Phil Nolan and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilimi for his 55 Years of Dedicated Service to the Islip community and the Exchange Ambulance.

Then again on Feb. 4, 2010 at a ceremony honoring Long Island's military personnel, County Executive Steve Levy presented Bill with a Certificate from Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency for service to our veterans and our community as a member of AM-VETS POST 18 of East

Congratulations to Bill!



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Fri Apr 2 Good Friday Apr 4 Easter Sunday Sun

Apr 7 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Apr 11 Tara Court Major Degree - Hicksville Sun

Apr 12 Junior's Meeting 6:30PM

Wed Apr 14 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM

Apr 16 A.O.H. Screening 6:30PM Fri

Apr 17 Bowling Night El Lanes-Fundraiser for L.A.O.H and Band

Apr 18 Tom Clarke Memorial – Peter King Guest Speaker

Fri Apr 23 19th Annual Suffolk County Ball – Larkfield Manor 7:00PM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00PM

Bowling Night



On April 17th there will be a Bowling night fundraiser to benefit the ladies Division and Roisin Dubh pipe

Band. The cost will be \$40 per person, that will include 2 games of bowling (with shoes), cold cuts and salad, and domestic bottled beer, wine, and soda.

Information in the PUB.

Pub Clean-up

On Saturday, February 20th, a pub cleanup was conducted. Thanks to all who came down to help. In no particular order, Fred Ott, John McCullough, John "Ace" Flynn, Charlie Fagan, Jack "Grand Marshall" Murphy, Bill O'Halleran, Pat Maune, John Clarkin, Steve MacQuade, and a special thanks to Jim Walsh, who had all the heavy work done before anyone else arrived. Thanks again. - Dan

P.S. Al Norton took the best donut!

Right to Life

CBS aired an ad paid for by Focus on the Family during the Super Bowl. The theme of the ad is "Celebrate Family, Celebrate Life" and featured Pam Tebow's choice to give birth to her child Tim in 1987. She was in the Philippines doing missionary work and became ill. Doctors advised her to abort her unborn baby, but she chose instead to go ahead with the pregnancy. She gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Tim went on to win the Heisman Trophy in 2007, and also helped his teammates win two college football championships. We celebrate life and thank Pam and Tim Tebow for their courage; Focus on the Family for sponsoring this ad and CBS for airing it. Go to focus on the familv.com to listen to an interview with the Tebows. (From Life News, March, John Walsh, Chairman

and ladies, of A.O.H. Division 7. I wish to extend a very grateful thank you for all your hard work. There are many people who work behind the scenes to put the Grand Marshal Ball and parade together. Things of this magnitude don't happen by accident or magic. So the next time you see Tom Davis,

Division 7

Members

To all the members, both the men's

that puts the ball together. The next time you thumb through the journal, think of the time and effort as well as the weeks to takes Tom McHugh to put all the ad's together. Tom is the journal chairmen and deserves a thank you.

shake his hand and say thank you for a

great time because he is the person

The men that put the parade together under the leadership of Dave Ring, Parade Chairman, and the Line Up Chairman, Dan Sullivan, also deserve a thank you. Dan keeps the parade moving by telling people where to go and what to do. (And many times he has told me where to go!). And let's not forget the cooking crew, John and Gloria Clarkin, Pat Maune, and John McCullough. These people spend many hours behind the stove while we enjoy ourselves. And, to Al Norton, Ed Julich and Tom Snyder, for all your help.

And for all, I hope that these individuals will inspire the rest of the members to get involved in the activities. Your reward will be a big thank you as well as becoming a role model. All this will continue to keep Division 7 being a great organization.

Thank you. Jack Murphy, Grand Marshal 2010

Scholarships

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

There will be two, \$3000 awards awarded. All applications must be in by Apr 15, 2010. High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory. Information is also available on the EVENTS page of the web site for both the Division L.A.O.H scholarship information and the NYS Scholarship information.

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