

Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY September/October 2020



President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

Welcome back! It has been an unusual spring and summer but we will be back with our regular monthly meetings in September and October. This summer the AOH held its first virtual National Convention. The event was a success and we managed to elect 2 NY State Hibernians to the national board (Liam McNabb – Treasurer and Tim McSweeney – Director). Congrats to all the nationally elected Hibernians:

President-Danny O'Connell, Ohio

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National Directors:

Tim McSweeney-New York

Ed Halligan-Pennsylvania

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Ray Lynch-Florida

Sean O'Dowd-Illinois

Bob Mehrens-Montana

We all hope that the NFL Football season will begin and run successfully starting in September. Please come out and support our organization and enjoy some games in our Pub all season long.

Written nominations for the 56th Annual John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal are due by September 30th. Please see announcement in the top right corner of this page for details.

Unfortunately, our annual Fall Picnic had to be cancelled. We applied and paid for our permit to hold the picnic, but NY State would not issue such permits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will of course try again next year to obtain a permit.

We will hold a new member screen on Friday night Sept. 11th in our Hall. Applications for membership are stored behind our bar. See your bartender for a copy of the application.

Our annual deceased members Mass will be held on Sunday October 18th at St. Mary's Church in East Islip at 9:00 AM. It's important that we always remember our Hibernian brother's and sister's that are no longer with us. Please put this important date in your calendar.

I want to thank everyone that continues to support our Queen of Hearts game as this has become a key component to our success.

I also want to thank our Corporation Officers for getting our building back up and running. They have worked extremely hard at keeping us all safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

In closing I want to congratulate our 2020 Fr. Hugh, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Award winner, Matt McGrath. Matt has always been willing and able to help our Division when we need. Several years ago, when we had multiple events booked on the same day Matt assumed responsibility to maintain our Division calendar so that everyone knows what everyone else has planned and we don't double book. When our Division needed someone to take a position on the AOH Suffolk County Board so that Division 7's interests were always heard, it was Matt again that took on this position. These are just two of the many things Matt does for our members in addition to the support his family brings to our Division, thank you Matt.

Wishing you "All the Best"
In Our Motto of Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity
Tom McHugh

Grand Marshal Nominations

Grand Marshal nominations for the 2021 John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade are now being accepted.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the person submitting the nomination. Envelopes should be addressed to Vinny Smith the Chairman of the Standing Committee and placed in the Division mailbox. The deadline for submitting written nominations is September 30th, 2020. Nominations will be announced at the October Men's meeting. Members will be able to nominate other members at the November meeting and if necessary, a vote would take place at our December meeting.

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AND
GET YOUR
FLU SHOT

Pharmacist Ryan Baist will
administer Flu Shots to all that
would like to receive it on
Saturday September 26th
outdoors under tents at Division 7
between 4:00-8:00 PM.
The Flu Shot is free with your
insurance card, \$40 without
insurance. Please come down and
get your Flu Shot with your fellow
Hibernians.

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

Welcome back Ladies, hoping you are all well. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next LAOH Division 7 meeting, September 9th at 7:30pm. We will be voting in new members at this meeting. Our screening for new members is set for Tuesday September 8th at 7pm, outside of the Hall. We will adhere to NYS guidelines for our meeting, masks are required, we will stay distanced as well. We will not be offering our usual hospitality at the end of our meeting, hopefully we can get back to all of that soon. For those unable or not ready yet to meet in person, we completely understand. We miss seeing so many of you. As usual following our monthly meeting, you will receive an email update with any important info and dates that are put out at our meeting. We look forward to and pray for the day we can all safely come together again.

Our 2020 LAOH National Convention was held virtually this past July. During our next meeting we will give updates on all the convention goings on as we made history holding our first virtual convention in our 125-year history. At this year's convention, I am very proud to announce that I was appointed as the very first LAOH National Military and Veteran Affairs Chair. I am truly grateful to our National President Karen Keane for this appointment, also truly grateful for the never-ending support and encouragement of my Division 7 Sisters and Brothers, this is an incredible opportunity and I will work hard for this order in the

position. Also, very pleased and excited to announce that at the National Convention Appeals for Aid committee meeting, we applied for and were awarded a \$1600 grant for Hospitality Too, the non profit that runs the food pantry program at St. Anne's Church in Brentwood. We are looking forward to receiving the check and presenting it to a charity so dear to our hearts. Thank you to all of our Division 7 board members that gave up their time to be convention delegates this year and attend the virtual meetings.

As many of our usual and annual events for this fall have been cancelled or will be rescheduled, we do not have many upcoming dates to save but we will put them out as they come. Our Deceased Members Mass is scheduled for October 18th at 9am at St. Mary's Church. Please join us that morning as we celebrate and remember in prayer, the lives of those members who have gone before us.

LAOH Division 7 Ladies are headed to the golf course and we would love to have you join us for some golf and fun!! Each Wednesday in September, tee off times 4:30-5:30pm at Gull Haven Golf Club, all skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, reach out today if you are interested in joining.

Our annual 300 raffle ticket sale will be kicking off soon, more details will be coming!!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

**Yours in Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity,
Cathie Norton Doherty**

Juniors

Our Division 7 Junior Girls were kept busy this summer by planting

and tending to a **Vegetable Garden** located at Brookwood Hall in unison with the Islip/East Islip Rotary Club. The girls planted string beans, brussel sprout and turnip seeds and are keeping to a weekly watering and weeding schedule. They completed, constructed and installed a trellis for the string beans which will grow to 5-ft high. The girls can donate the vegetables to an organization of their choice and have decided to give all the vegetables yielded to our Division 7 ladies who cook the meatloaves for St. Anne's Soup Kitchen to use as side dishes.

The Junior Girls will also be planting **Spring Flower Bulbs** (donated by the Rotary Club) at their September meeting. The girls will plant the bulbs by our Statue of the Blessed Mother and the flowers should be in full bloom for Easter and the May Crowning ceremony. Additionally, the girls each painted a beautiful rock to place in the flower garden which will always add a little extra color especially as the seasons change.

Lastly, the girls are planning a **Car Wash** Fundraiser in mid-September. Social-distance fundraising has its challenges and our thought was an outdoor event would be the safest route to take. The proceeds will go toward their annual check presented to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Please stay tuned for the date and support this fundraiser if you can.

**In Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity
Patty Fitzpatrick
Junior Girls Coordinator**



What's Happening Sept. & Oct.



SEPTEMBER:

Sept 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Sept 8 Tue	LAOH New Member Screening	7:00 PM
Sept 9 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Sept 11 Fri	AOH Div. 7 New Member Screening	7:30 PM
Sept 14 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting (planting bulbs)	6:30 PM
	Car Wash for Make-A-Wish in Mid Sept.	
Sept 26 Sat	Flu Shots at the AOH Under Tents 4:00-8:00 PM	
Sept 30 Wed	Written nominations for Grand Marshal due in.	

OCTOBER:

Oct 7 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Oct 12 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Oct 14 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Oct 18 Sun	Deceased Members Mass at St. Mary's	9:00 AM

Corporation Corner

Welcome back! Please remember that a Mask is required to enter our building and must be worn when you are not seated.

We look forward to a great football season in our Pub. Come down and enjoy the games with your fellow Hibernians.

Look for announcements about when there will be entertainment provided in our Pub.

Corporation President,
Gene Hearl

**Every Saturday Night we
are holding a Queen of
Hearts drawing at 7:30PM**



The Jr. Girls planting and tending to a Vegetable Garden located at Brookwood Hall, East Islip



Thank you **Vinny Smith** for organizing and running the first AOH Division Seven Wednesday Night Golf League. This was a huge success and we heard nothing but good things from the many members that participated.

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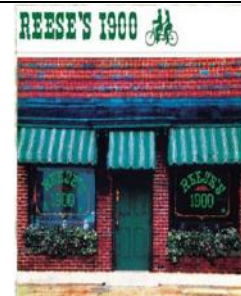
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