## Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY November/December 2022







Dear Brothers,

Our meeting will next be November 2, 2022, at 8:00 PM. On October 14, we had nine members Shamrock screening. at our Congratulations to the three members who made their major degree on Saturday October 15, 2022 at St. Rosalie's. Thank you to all who attended our deceased members mass at St. Mary's on 10/15/22. Thank you to the pipers from the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band for leading Fr. John, the AOH and LAOH officers into the church.

Congratulations to Thomas McHugh on being selected to be our 2023 Grand Marshal of the John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 5, 2023.

Congratulations to Mac McFadden on being reappointed to our Finance Committee as at large member. This is a three-year term.

Our September picnic was a great success this year thanks to the hard work of Mike McCall and John McCullough. It was wonderful to see so many of our members volunteer to help with the setup, cooking and clean up. It truly makes the day so much more enjoyable when everyone helps.

I am happy to announce we have started up our Jr. Boy s Division with the help of John Owen and Jason Holm. We currently have 12 young men. They will meet on the Monday following the men's meetings.

Thanks to Ryan Baist, Rite Aid and Mary Baist for assisting in giving our members the flu and Covid booster on October 1, 2022.

The Children's Fund Christmas Party will be on December 10, 2022 at 11 to 1pm. If you would like to volunteer, please see Vic Vogel. Our annual member Christmas Party will be on December 17, 2022 from 7pm to 11pm. It will be a cash bar.

The officers and I wish everyone a joyous, healthy and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

# **Junior Boys**

We are happy to announce that Division 7's AOH Junior Boys have officially commenced. The Junior Boys gathered in October, for their 1st meeting. We had about 10 boys who have joined. We are looking forward to holding an official Officer's Installation in the near future. Meetings will take place once a month.

New Member Recruitment: If you know a boy, between the ages of 8-18, who is looking to join our organization, please contact John Owen at (631) 921-2372 or Jason Holm at (631) 358-3935. Becoming a Junior Boy allows them to participate in community service, helping our community in various ways. Community service hours for school and or religious efforts such as Honor Society or Confirmation can be obtained as well. We welcome new members throughout the year.

# Hibernian of the Year Nominations

Anyone wishing to make a nomination for the Hibernian of the Year must do so before January 1st.

The person being nominated must be a member in good standing and have made his Major Degree.

Please write the nominee's name on a piece of paper (no letters) and put it in an envelope addressed to last year's HOY,

John Davis, and put it in the

Division mailbox.





## L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters.

The 300 Club Raffle is underway and selling fast! Tickets are \$20 each and the prizes are awesome!! One \$1000, two \$500, and ten \$100 will be raffled off. If you win a prize, your ticket goes back into the drawing for another chance to win. Please come down and support the Ladies and enjoy a little holiday cheer on Friday December 9, 2022 at 8pm when we draw our winners. Please contact Chris Brogan (631) 428-3085 or Alie Gray Barba (631) 383-2465 for tickets.

Our Junior Girls will be hosting their Veterans Appreciation Night on Monday, November 7th at All LAOH and AOH 6:30pm. members that have served in the US Armed Forces are invited to attend. All members are welcome show their thanks to and appreciation for our Veteran Brothers and Sisters. Food and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of our ceremony. The Juniors will once again host the Division 7 Christmas Tree Lighting on the evening of Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long and light refreshments immediately following.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our newest members. We are delighted to have you join our sisterhood and look forward to having you involved with our many events and activities. Congratulations to 10 of our sisters who made their Degree in October. It was a beautiful ceremony and we were delighted to have Division 7 so well represented that afternoon.

A huge thank you to our Fundraising Committee, co-chaired by Cindy Haugland and Ellen Murray. The committee has held several events these past months, two Bingo Nights, a Trivia Night, a Wigging Out Party on Oct 28th and a Survey

Fundraiser running until Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to this incredible committee and to those who have supported these events.

Congratulations to the newest member to our Board, Maggie Brogan. Maggie will serve as Sentinel and we know she will be an amazing asset to our Board. Thank you Maggie for making this commitment to our Order!

Congratulations to Eileen Knockenhauer who is our Division 7 Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid recipient. Congratulations Eileen! Well deserved!!

Congratulations to Aggie O'Leary selected by Suffolk County AOH to be the Suffolk County Aide to the Grand Marshal at the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. Congratulations Aggie! We are so proud of you and look forward to following you up Fifth Avenue!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30pm. We will finalize the sign-up sheets and items needed for our Thanksgiving Your generosity in baskets. donating these items is always appreciated. If you know of a family in need, please reach out to our Catholic Action Officer, Kathi Dinota at (631) 258-5848.

Wishing all a Blessed and very Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

> In our Motto, Patty Fitzpatrick

# Junior Girls

Our Junior Girls hosted a very successful Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at our hall. They were excellent hostesses and served those who attended with a smile. This fundraiser allowed them to meet their goal for their annual Make A Wish donation and additional money to donate to another cause if they so choose. Thank you to all who came down to support this fundraiser.

We are also grateful for the LAOH Ladies who helped by cooking, bringing desserts and donating time to help make this a successful night.

For the month of November, the Junior Girls will be collecting food to donate to a local food pantry. On November 7th at 6:30PM, the Junior Girls will host their Annual Veterans Appreciation Night. We invite all AOH & LAOH Division 7 members that are Veterans of the Armed Forces or still active duty, to come down for a night of thanks and appreciation. Refreshments will be served after our ceremony. All members are invited to join us for this special night, showing our appreciation for our members who have served our country, in honor of Veterans Day.

The Junior Girls will also host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have refreshments and hot beverages for all to enjoy. The highlight of the night will be singing Christmas Carols, including the infamous Twelve Days of Christmas!

Upcoming Junior Girls Meetings: November 7<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Appreciation Night) and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

New Member Recruitment: If you know a girl, currently in kindergarten through 12th grade, who is looking to join a fun organization, where they will experience volunteerism, leadership, building camaraderie amongst their peers, honoring veterans and the elderly, while fostering their teamwork skills, please reach out to Becci Enders at (631) 413-5881 or Gina Holm at (516) 445-9592. Junior Girls is a great opportunity to obtain community service hours for school and/or religious efforts such as Honor Society or Confirmation. We welcome new members throughout the year.

> In Our Motto, Becci Enders / Gina Holm Junior Girls Coordinators



# What's Happening Nov. & Dec.



## **NOVEMBER:**

| Nov 2 Wed  | AOH Division Seven Meeting          | 8:00 PM   |  |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Nov 7 Mon  | Juniors Veterans Appreciation Night | 6:30 PM   |  |
| Nov 9 Wed  | LAOH Division 7 Meeting at Hall     | 7:30 PM   |  |
| Nov 24 Thu | Thanksgiving Day                    |           |  |
| Nov 29 Tue | Tree Lighting at Division 7         |           |  |
|            | <b>DECEMBER:</b>                    |           |  |
| Dec 7 Wed  | AOH Division Seven Meeting          | 8:00 PM   |  |
| Dec 9 Fri  | LAOH 300 Club Drawing               | 8:00 PM   |  |
| Dec 10 Sat | Div 7's Community Christmas Party   | 11:00 AM  |  |
| Dec 12 Mon | Jr Girls & Boys Meetings            | 6:30 PM   |  |
| Dec 14 Wed | LAOH Division 7 Meeting at Hall     | 7:30 PM   |  |
| Dec 17 Sat | Division 7 Christmas Party 7:00     | -11:00 PM |  |
| Dec 25 Sun | Christmas Day                       |           |  |
| Dec 31 Sat | New Year's Eve                      |           |  |
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|                     | Happy Hour                 |             |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> | J & D Acoustics            | 6:00 - 9:00 |

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd the Guitar Man 6:00 – 9:00 Happy Hour

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Rich Mahogany Trio 6:00 – 9:00 Happy Hour

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> AOH Christmas Party 7:00 – 11:00

The Boggs





On behalf of the Officers of Division Seven and the Community Children's Christmas Party Committee, I would like to thank our Sister and Brother Hibernians for the abundance of presents that were donated at our annual picnic. Your response was amazing. Your generosity was typical of the men and women of Division Seven. Because of you, Santa will see many happy, smiling faces this year!

Vic Vogel, Chairman

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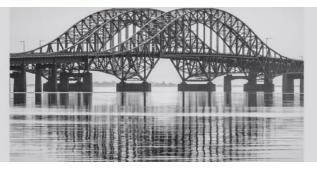
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