## Our Lady of Knock - Division 7, East Islip, NY September/October 2022



Dear Brothers,

Summer is near the end now. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Summer. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2022 at 8 pm. During our time off we had National Convention our in Pittsburgh that was attended by some of our division officers. I can report that the motion to allow women to join the Men's divisions was defeated. Our Lady of Knock Mass was held at St. Mary's on Saturday August 20, 2022 @ 4:30 in the auditorium. Also, Tom and Margaret Davis's nephew played at our hall one night in June. Everyone enjoyed his performance.

The Annual Horseshoe Tournament and AOH Golf outing were both a great success. Thanks to our chairmen and all the volunteers that make these events Without areat success. а volunteers the many events we have would not be possible. An active member is one who is involved.

Our Annual Picnic for our current paid members and their immediate families is on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Heckscher State Park field 3 from noon to 5pm. Mike McCall will need help that morning packing the truck at the hall and then packing and unloading after it's over.

October 15, 2022 we will have our Annual Deceased Members Mass at 11 am at St. Mary's Church.

Thanks to everyone for supporting all of the events and activities. Looking forward to the upcoming football season and the baseball playoffs and having some great games to watch at the pub during this busy sports season.

The Queen is still having weekly drawings, come down and enjoy the excitement.

AOH Division 7 would like to start up our Junior Boy's Division again. We need at least 13 young men to join. They must be between the ages of 8-17. We will have a meeting on 9/19/22 at 6:30 pm at the hall. If interested, please bring your son(s) down. If you can't attend, please contact Jason Holm or John Owen.

Grand Marshal nominations for the 2023 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 the Parade Chairman and placed in the division mailbox. The deadline nominations for submitting is September 30th, 2022. Nominations will be announced at the October Men's meeting. If necessary, a vote will take place at the November meeting.

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



Saturday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Noon – 5:00 PM Free for Members and their family. BBQ, DJ, Roisin Dubh Pipe Band, Beer, Soda, Bouncey House and much more!

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National Jr. LAOH Hibernian of the Year Lauren Smith with her parents Joann & Kevin

Dear Sisters,

Well it's been quite the busy summer. Several Division 7 Sisters attended the National AOH/LAOH Convention in July which was held in Pittsburgh, PA. A new slate of officers was installed as we said good-bye to Karen Keane as National President and her Board and welcomed Marilyn Madigan and her newly elected Board of awesome ladies. Division 7 members were thrilled to watch as our Junior Girls President Lauren Smith was given the National Junior Hibernian of the Year Award. We were all so humbled to say the least, and needless to say, her parents Joann and Kevin were equally as proud to witness this wonderful moment!

At the National Convention, LAOH Division 7 was very happy to accept \$1000 checks for three organizations we completed an Appeals for Aid application for, namely: Birthright of Islip, Life Center of Long Island and The Islip Breast Cancer Coalition. Several of our Division 7 ladies volunteer at these wonderful organizations, and we were only too proud to help. Each organization graciously and humbly accepted the checks from National LAOH.

Our newly created Fundraising Committee has been hard at work this summer, holding meetings and planning several great events. This committee is being Co-Chaired by Cindy Haugland and Ellen Murray and includes a great group of ladies. In July, they held a "Summer Lovin' Bingo Night" which was almost sold out and a great time was had by all. In late August, a Trivia Night was held, its theme being "The Last Dog Days of *Summer.*" Back by popular demand on September 20<sup>th</sup> will be "FALL-ing for Bingo" (please pre-register). Lastly, mark your calendars for a fun-filled "Wigging Out" party. That's right ladies and gentlemen, we're all wearing wigs! It will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm - 11:30pm at our hall. More information to follow, but we

promise you a lot of laughs!!!! We hope to see you all at these events.

During the month of August, we once again collected *Back-to-School* items for Branches Long Island in Middle Island. We will continue to collect these school items until our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and plan to make a second donation to St. Mary's in East Islip.

New membership applications are currently being accepted and Margaret Davis will screen the applicants on Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm. If you have a friend or relative who would like to join our wonderful division, please reach out to Margaret at 516-443-0604 or <u>margaretdavis327@gmail.com</u>.

All members are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12pm for the *Division 7 AOH/LAOH Family Picnic* at Heckscher Park. The Ladies will kick off their annual *300 Club Raffle* at the picnic. So, get your tickets early!

Please join us on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am for the *Mass Rock* at the Tom & Katy Daly Clarke Memorial on Route 111 in Manorville.

For all our Division 7 ladies who have not yet made your Degree, I urge you to attend the *LAOH Degree* being held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm in Kings Park. Please reach out to Becci Enders, our Division 7 Vice President if you would like to register to make your Degree. Becci can be reached at 631-413-5881.

> In our Motto, Patty Fitzpatrick

> <u>Juniors</u>

The Junior Girls, once again, hosted a beautiful May Crowning Ceremony for Division 7 members at the Our Lady of Knock Statue outside of our hall. A special thank you to Fr John from St. Mary's for leading us in this beautiful ceremony. Also, thank you to Bill LePage for playing the pipes for us. Thank you to all of the Ladies who came out to help with this event.

Over the summer, we had something very special happen to one of our

Junior Girls! We are proud to announce that Lauren Smith was awarded the National Junior Hibernian of the Year for all of her outstanding accomplishments during her time as a Junior Girl thus far. Lauren was awarded this honor by Marilyn Madigan (former National VP, now current President) at the AOH/LAOH National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA in July. Lauren gave a very eloquent acceptance speech to all in attendance and she had several of our Division 7 Hibernian Brothers & Sisters there for support. I do not think that any of us had a dry eye after listening to her speech and seeing how proud her parents (Joann & Kevin) were of her accomplishments. CONGRATULATIONS LAUREN!

In addition to this exciting news, the Junior Girls completed their scrapbook at their June meeting and it was presented to the committee at the National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Our Division 7 Junior Girls won FIRST PLACE in the scrapbook contest. The girls work hard on the scrapbook all year and this is a wonderful accomplishment for all of them. CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Junior Girls!

Over the summer the Juniors cut out gift tags from the Christmas cards that were donated and will be selling them between their first meeting in September through December.

Now that the summer break is over, we are excited to have several things in the works for the Juniors. We are planning on some fun activities for them including the Spaghetti Dinner and their annual Veterans Day Celebration. **In Our Motto**,

> Becci Enders / Gina Holm Junior Girls Coordinators





Lauren Smith accepting the LAOH Jr. Girls Hibernian of the Year award at the National Convention

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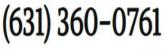
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