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Sgt. Michael Ryan NYPD



On November 5, 2007, Sgt. Michael W. Ryan, 41, of Hauppauge New York succumbed to multiple cancers. (Non-Hodgkin's L y m p h o m a).

Michael, one of the hero responders of 911, was a Sergeant in the New York City Police Department and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 7, Our Lady of Knock, Suffolk County, New York. Additionally he was a member of the New York Police Department Emerald Society. His tenure with the New York Police Department spanned twenty years. Michael leaves behind his wife, Eilen (Casey), formerly of Woodside New York and four children, Liam, Erin,

Casey and Aidan.

Also, he will be missed by his parents, James and Anne Ryan who refer to him in every day life as "Our Michael". His Irish wit, humorous antics and sometimes mischievous behavior will be long remembered by his siblings; James, a Suffolk County police officer, John, a New York City police officer and his two sisters, Maureen Ryan and Patrice Swane. Michael is also a cherished uncle to many nephews and nieces.

Michael was an excellent role model for the community by being extensively involved, as a coach, in the Hauppauge Football Little League. He additionally enjoyed being a player-coach for the Division 7 softball team for ten years.

Sgt. Michael Ryan's regular assignment was with the Queens Warrant squad. However, like many police officers, as a result of September 11, 2001
Terrorist Attack. he was reassigned

with a detail of officers to the '911' disposal site in Fresh Kills, Staten Island. Sadly we now see how toxic much of this material was, as Mike Ryan and others have become so seriously ill.

He first became ill after spending countless hours working at this '911' recovery site.

It was a grueling and at times an overwhelming assignment as the remains and personal effects of '911' victims were recovered. It took painstaking efforts sifting through the tonnage by both machine and finally by hand, eventually affording dignity to those lost souls.

Michael also worked at the morgue and 'Ground Zero'. Mike took great pride in being a sergeant in the NYPD. It was this dedication to duty that led to the contracting of these cancers.

Donations can be made to: Children of Michael Ryan College Fund, P.O. Box 5041, Hauppauge, NY 11788.



President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on Wed. Dec. 5th, at 8:00 in our hall. This will be our annual Christmas meeting, so please come down and get into the Christmas spirit by enjoying some food and drink with your fellow members. I also hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

I would like to thank you all for giving me the honor of being your Grand Marshal for this year's St. Patrick's Day parade down Main St. Patrick's Day parade down Main St. It is an both an honor and a privilege to be representing our Division as I will be leading you in the parade, I will walk proudly. Again, Thank You. I would also like to thank Patricia Reilly for all she has done for our origination and try to remember her again next year.

There will be an election at this meeting for the office of President between our Vice Pres. Jerry Delaney and Jim O'Hagan, so please come and show your support.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to congratulate all the new members who took their Shamrock Degree and all who also took there Major Degree's. To all the new members, try and get involved, there aremany different ways you can help out in some way. And to all our other members who have not received their Major Degree's, think about getting it, because you are not a true Hibernian until you have done so.

December is a busy month with all the festivities that we will have, so try and attend and enjoy them. Our very own Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sun. Dec.16th, from 1:00-

4:00. This is a great day for the kids to start the season and it won't put you in the poor house yet. Please bring a gift for each of your children and put their name and age on it and try to keep it around \$10. This will be followed by the adults' party and this will start at 6:00, going till 10:00. Please bring a gift for your wife or girlfriend and try to keep it around \$1000. Only Kidding. Another charity event our Division does is a Christmas Party for the less fortunate children of our community and that will be held on Sat. Dec.15th at 12:00. If you can find a little time in your day, please come and help out, you will not believe how happy these kids are with all that goes on and I quarantee you yourself will leave with a smile on your face. If anyone knows of a child who could use a little help, see John Davis.

We will be collecting goods for our servicemen overseas during the month of Dec., the details are in this newsletter. This a very good cause and everyone should really try and do what they can. The Pipers' Ball was another great success and we look forward to another year of Roisin Dubh's wonderful music and wish them luck in all that they do.

With the end of the year approaching, we should keep in mind all the members who have gone before us, especially those that we lost this year. Please try and keep them in our prayers. Also, since we are a Christian and Charitable org., this is especially the time of year when we should try and help those who are less fortunate than us, so try and think about that as we approach the season.

If you are in need of any of the services that our advertisers offer, try and

use them because they are there for us all year long. And do not forget our very own clothing line for Christmas, see Mac McFadden. Again, on behalf of all the officers, I wish you and all your families a Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Danny Kissane

Hibernian of the Year

As is customary, Division 7 will select a "Hibernian Of The Year", who will receive an award for this honor at our Grand Marshal's Ball in February. 2008.

Anyone wishing to nominate a candidate please submit your selection, with an appropriate write-up, to last year's recipient, lack Bonner.

Nominations must be in before January 1, 2008.

Grand Marshal

David Ring, East Islip Parade Chairman announced at the men's meeting on October 3, 2007 that the Grand Marshal for 2008 is Danny Kissane

Dan is the current Division 7 presi-

Congratulations to Dan Kissane!



Ladies Division

Our next meeting will be Dec.12 at 7:30PM. This will be our Christmas party and members are asked to bring a snack or dessert for the hospitality table. We will be having a grab bag, if you choose to participate, bring a \$10 gift card.

The 300 Raffle will take place on Friday Dec. 14 at 8PM in the pub. Come on down and see who wins.

The Division Children's Christmas party will be Dec. 16 at 1PM. This is for all members children/grandchildren. You must bring a wrapped gift (\$10 value) with the child's name and age on it for Santa to deliver. We need LAOH members to bring cupcakes for this event. The adult party for Division members will follow at 6PM so come and spread that holiday cheer.

The new LAOH Officers for 2008/09 will be:

Alice Faughnan - President
Charlene Gibbs - Vice Pres.
Liz Colgan - Recording Secy.
Traci Begley - Treasurer
Carol McHugh - Financial Secy.
Patty McNeill - Irish Historian
Margaret Davis - Missions & Charities
Kathleen Callegari - Catholic Action
Kerry Gimbel - Mistress at Arms
Leslie Lanihan - Sentinel
Good luck to you all!
If anyone needs to contact me, I can be reached at 581-1489.

The following members need our prayers:

Joan Johnson Eileen Corcoran Pat Kelly(Lorraine) Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year!! Sue O'Neill

Junior Girls

The Junior Girls monthly meeting was held on Monday, November 12th and it was at this meeting the Junior Girls nominated and voted in the 2008/2009 slate of officers. We here at Division 7 are so fortunate to have the enthusiastic Junior Girls membership that we do. The installation of officers will be held on Saturday, January 26th details to follow. Here is the 2008/2009 slate of officers:

President - Bridget Hanley
Vice President - Meagan Faughnan
Recording Secretary - Niamh Ashe
Treasurer - Shannon Cummings
Irish Historian - Kayla Hanley
Missions & Charities - Meagan Davis
Catholic Action - Colleen O'Neill
Mistress at Arms - Kayla Cosgrove
Sentinel - Tricia Hanley
CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!!

It was also at this meeting that we had a representative from the Guide Dog Foundation come, and with him he brought three special guests. A blind woman named, Marilyn who is a recipient of her second trained dog from the Guide Dog Foundation. Her trained guide dog was a Black Lab named, "Raider" and then there was "Parker" a Golden Lab who is a, "Puppy in training". As I am sure that I can speak for everyone present at the meeting, it was both very informative and enjoyable. The Jr. Girls and Boys watched a short film on Guide Dogs and their training and then they had an opportunity to ask questions and yes, they got to pet these adorable dogs! Lastly, we presented the Guide Dog Foundation with a check in the amount of \$750 (Proceeds from our Columbus Day Car Wash). Girls you should all be very proud of yourselves, as you already know how much I am! I was told that night what a wonderful group of girls and boys we have. (I already knew that, but it's nice to be reminded!)

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10th. We will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the Hall and then we will have our Christmas Party. During the Holiday

Party, we will be having a "Gift Card" Grab Bag. If you would like to participate please bring a \$10 Gift Card to the place of your choice, i.e.; Friendlies, Claire's, Bath and Body Works, etc (Get the idea). This is not mandatory. If you do not wish to participate you are not obligated.

I will see you all at our next meeting!

Please Pray For...



In the event of sickness or a death in the family, please call the Hall at 581-9317 and leave a mes-

sage for the Chairman of the Committee on the Sick. Tom McEnroe.

For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Liz Colgan at 277-2248.



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Military Collection

Division 7 will be collecting items that will be sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please bring any of the requested items to our December meeting.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please bring your donations and leave them at the hall. Our cut off date for accepting donations will be December, Friday Dec 14. Vic Vogel will be heading this committee.

Requested Items: Wipes and Wet Ones Playing Cards Crossword Puzzles Hand held games Jam or Jelly in Plastic Jars Peanut Butter in Plastic lars Foot powder Crackers Writing paper and pens Sealed Chapstick Trail Mix Disposable Cameras Oreo Cookies in Plastic Containers Chocolate Chips in Plastic Containers Beefy Jerky Rosaries

Right to Life

Governor Eliot Spitzer is sponsoring legislation that would make abortion a fundamental right in New York State, including partial birth abortion which is currently outlawed by the U.S Supreme Court. His bill would guarantee abortion at any time during pregnancy for any reason.

We need to give the message to our lawmakers that this is not a pro-choice bill, it is a no-choice bill.

To fight Sptizer's unethical plan to murder the unborn, we are encouraged to visit the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network Web site at www.nyscatholic.org.

The purpose behind the Catholic Advocacy Network is to use the strength we have in numbers.

There are more then seven million Catholics in the State of New York. We want to harness that power and use it in the political arena.

(Portions taken from The Long Island Catholic, 10/17/07)

New Members

Congratulations to these men who made their Shamrock Degree at the November men's meeting.

Michael Barnes Vincent K. Dineen Thomas J. Hayes Daniel Servino Michael Buchta Thomas C. Burke III William P. Tanner Sr. Richard Nixdorf Patrick Kelly Robert E. Lopez Jr. Scott J. Smith



Guide Dog Foundation



At the Junior Girls and Junior Boys Meeting held on Monday, Nov 12, 2007, a check in the amount of \$750 was presented to a representative of the Guide Dog Foundation. This was the proceeds from a 'Columbus Day' car wash. The group also met an actual guide dog and a "Puppy In Training".

Christmas Prayer

I said a Christmas prayer for you Because the season's near I didn't ash for riches But for gifts so much more dear.

T asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all around
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.

T asked for quiet moments In your heart on Christmas morn For a special time to celebrate The Aavior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best That you might know they care I asked for peace and love and hope And I know God heard my prayer

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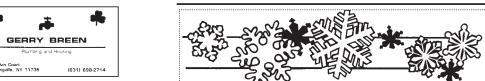
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What's Happening... Merry Christmas!

Wed Dec 5 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Sat Feast of Immaculate Conception Ir Boys and Ir Girls Division Meeting 6:30PM Mon Wed Dec 12 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM '300 Raffle' in the PUB 8:00PM Fri Dec 15 Children's Fund Christmas Party 12:00PM Sat Division Children's Party (1:00PM to 4:00PM) 1:00PM Sun Adult Division Party (6:00PM to 10:00PM) 6:00PM Tues Dec 25 Christmas Mon Dec 31 New Year's Eve Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00PM

Announcements

John Flynn has announced that "Charlie's Hot Dog" stand is

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Corporation Corner

At the November 2007 meeting, the following candidates were elected to the respective offices.

President - Vincent P. Clancy Vice Pres. - Donald Dobbin Treasurer - Al Norton Secretary - Daniel Sullivan

We wish to thank all the members for their confidence and sup-

As reported there will be some substitutions on the TVs and new chairs for the hall.

Thank you all. Vincent P. Clancy Corporation President











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