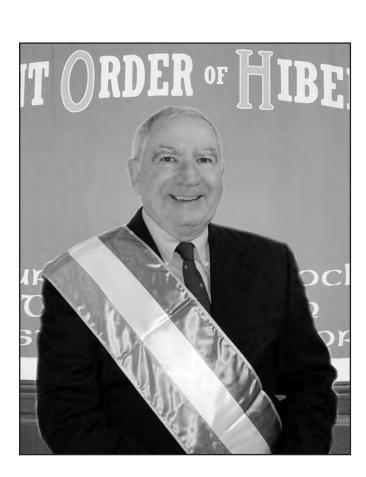
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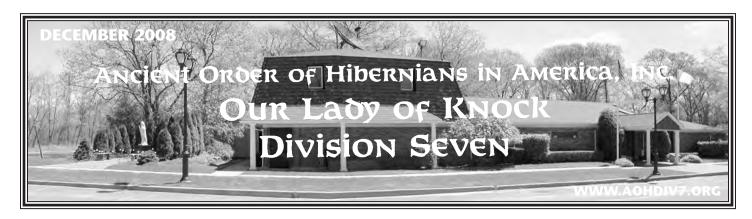
Seating is on a first come – first serve basis.

A waiting list will be established once
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If you have not reserved a seat and payment is not made
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your seat will be given to the waiting list.

Contact Tom Davis at 224-1849

Journal Information: AOH DIV 7 Att: Tom McHugh 65 Champlin Ave, East Islip NY 11730



President's Message

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on December 3, 2008 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. I would like to congratulate our 2009 Grand Marshal, Al Norton. This is an honor well deserved. All is one of the many members who work behind the scenes in order to make this division the finest in the country. It will be an honor to march behind you on Main Street in March. I would also like to congratulate Mary Ann Baron on being named LAOH Aide to the Grand Marshal. It is great to see two people, who truly understand the meaning of being a Hibernian and will represent our division proudly.

Due to printing deadlines, I was unable to mention the magnificent job John Owens did in coordinating the Mass for Deceased Members in October. John and his committee put together a beautiful morning. Thank you to Father Hugh who celebrated Mass and offered a wonderful homily. I also would like to thank all the members who attended. It was a breathtaking sight to see St. Mary's filled with our members and families honoring those who have done so much to make our division.

Congratulations to those members who made their Major Degree on Sunday, Oct 26, as well as the new members who received their Shamrock Degree on Wed Nov 5. (Listing inside).

Well the holiday season is in full bloom now. We hope to see everyone at the annual Division Christmas party. This year we are trying something different and holding it on a Saturday.

The children's party will be held on Saturday, December 13 beginning at 1 p.m and end at 4 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift under \$20 with the child's name on it. The adult Christmas party will begin at 6 p.m. until 11 pm. I hope to see everyone attending and having a good time. This is a great opportunity for the newly inducted members of both the men's and ladies divisions to come and meet their brother and sister members. On Sunday, December 14, John Davis will be having the Christmas party for the community children in need. Please see John at the December meeting if you would like to help out at the party.

Coming in January, Mac McFadden is putting together a midnight bowl. All proceeds will go to our Prostate Awareness Fund. I encourage everyone to come down to East Islip Lanes on Saturday, January 17 at 9 p.m. to kick off our prostate awareness campaign. This disease has touched so many individuals in our division. Let's make this a night to make everyone aware how important it is for every man to get a PSA done.

On November 9 our division hosted a pack out for the troops. The morning was a huge success. The group packed up packages for about 140 troops. Thanks to Vice President Vic Vogel for chairing the committee. What a fantastic sight it was to see everyone working together for such a worthy cause. Hopefully we will not have to do this for next Christmas.

On behalf of the officers of the division, we would like to wish everyone and their families a very happy and healthy and holy Christmas.

God Bless the Troops Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Jerry Delaney

#### **Grand Marshal**

David Ring, East Islip St. Patrick Parade Chairman announced at the men's meeting on November 5, 2008 that the Grand Marshal for 2009 is Al Norton.

Al is the Division 7 Corporation Treasurer, news editor, webmaster, as well as the New York State Webmaster.

Congratulations to Al Norton!



# Hibernian of the Year

There will be a meeting for the Hibernian of The Year prior to the regular Division meeting on January 7 2009 meeting at 7:00PM sharp.

As is customary, Division 7 will select a "Hibernian Of The Year", and will receive an award for this honor at our Grand Marshall's Ball in February, 2009.

Anyone wishing to nominate a candidate please submit your selection, with an appropriate write-up, to Vince Clancy.

Nominations must be in before January 1, 2009.

Committee members are asked to be upstairs and on time for the vote.

## **Ladies Division**

Our monthly meeting was held on November 12th' 2008 and it is with great pleasure to announce the 2009 Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshall; Mary Ann Baron. On behalf of the Board of Officer's and the membership we could not have had a more worthy recipient of this honor! I would like to thank the 2009 Grand Marshal, Al Norton for coming to the meeting and presenting Mary Ann with flowers, it was such a nice touch! (It was all Al's idea.....what a fabulous fellow!) Congratulations Al and Mary Ann, I can't wait until the parade on March 1st!

The NYS LAOH Board Meeting and Testimonial Dinner was held on Saturday, November 22nd and because this article goes to print before the actual event I wanted to congratulate NYS President Kathy Conway on all of her success and accomplishments...she has made us all very proud!

Thank you to all of the members for their generous donations to our Thanksgiving Baskets. They were filled to the brim making the families who received them very thankful! I would like to thank Margaret Davis for coordinating the process – her hard work is very much appreciated.

Now that Thanksgiving is over and the holidays are upon us...the Annual Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. If you would like your child/grandchild to receive a gift from Santa, please bring a gift (no more than \$20.00) wrapped with the child's name and age on it and place under the Christmas tree. As always we are asking to please bring baked/store bought cupcakes to the party for the Children. The Adult party will follow the Children's Party at 6:00pm. All members (in good standing) along with their significant others are invited to attend. At our next meeting we will do our Annual Christmas donations and then we will have our holiday celebration. If you would like to participate in the Gift Card Grab Bag, please bring a \$10.00

gift card in a sealed envelope to the meeting.

Finally, on Friday December 12th we will hold our Annual 300 Club Raffle.....if there is anyone who still needs to purchase a ticket or can sell tickets please contact Mary Ann Baron. Also if you are holding tickets they need to be turned in as soon as possible

On behalf of the Board of Officers I would like to wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Alice Faughnan



Congratulations to 2009 St. Parick's Parade, E.Islip Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal Mary Ann Baron, and Grand Marshal Al Norton.

# Christmas Blessings to all!

# **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 581-5705.

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

## **Corporation Corner**

At the November 2008 meeting, the following candidates were elected to the respective offices.

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

We wish to thank all the members for their confidence and support.

As reported, the used chairs may still be available for purchase at \$10 each. The money from those chairs will be used towards the purchase of replacement tables.

Thank you all.

The Corporation extends a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all.

Vincent P. Clancy Corporation President

# Finance Committee

Financial reports are to be turned in monthly. Every quarter you need to supply the bank statements to validate your monthly report.

Shawn O'Neill Chairman

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## **Juniors**

At our November meeting the juniors brought in food and decorated boxes for our Thanksgiving baskets. They will be giving about 8 beautifully decorated, filled food baskets to families in need. A big thank you to Kathleen Callegari and Vic Vogel for shopping for the perishables, the turkeys, and delivering the heavy baskets to St. Ann's.

The Christmas party will be held at our next meeting. If you wish to participate in the Christmas grab bag please bring in a \$10 gift card from your favorite store. Participation is optional. We will also decorate mugs for you to take home so bring your crayons/markers to the meeting.

The holiday play is Beauty and the Beast. The date is Sunday, Dec. 28th at 2 pm at the Smithtown Center for Performing Arts. The cost for juniors is \$10. The \$10 will be refunded to you at the theater. You must attend the show to receive the refund. Adult tickets are \$22. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please leave an envelope addressed to Charlene Gibbs containing the money and your order at the hall bar. Please make checks out to Division 3.

The Irish History Contest topics are available on line. If you are interested in entering check the web at www.laohnys. org for details.

Division 7 has an outstanding group of Junior Girls and Boys. Each month we have about 40 juniors attending the meeting. And we continue to grow! They are so eager to participate. If you are interested in helping or observing a meeting please join us. It is a lot of fun. Our next meeting is December 8th at 6:30 pm.

Things to remember for the next meeting:

Rosary
Crayons/markers
Dues for 2008 (if needed)
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# What's Happening...

Wed Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Dec 8 Ir Girls and Ir Boys Meeting 6:30PM Mon Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wed Dec 10 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM Dec 13 Division Children's Christmas Party 1:00PM Sat Division Members Christmas Party 6:00PM Dec 14 Community Children Christmas Party 1:00PM Sun Dec 25 Christmas Thurs Wed Dec 31 New Year's Eve Jan 17 Prostate Awareness Bowling Fund Raiser 9:00PM East Islip Lanes

#### **CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**

Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM

## **New Members**

Congratulations to our new members who made their Shamrock Degree on Wed, Nov 5, 2008. They are:

Bryan Preble, Timothy Malone, Stephen Preble, Edward Skehan, James Malone, Jerry Malone, Sean Malone, Brian Sweeny, Don Miller, Bill Lane, Charles Mattson, Scott Eifert, James Nellis, Doug Dambrowski, Gerard Reilly.

# **Prostate Health Awareness**

The bowling night/fundraiser to benefit Prostate Health awareness is January 17, 2009 from 9pm to 1am. The cost is \$40 per person which includes 2 games (with shoes), cold buffet, and open bar (beer, wine, and soda). There is a signup book at the bar. Or, contact me at 968-0614. There will be raffles and 50-50's as

Mac McFadden, Chairman

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# **Right to Life**

As a result of the November elections, both the U.S. Congress and the N.Y State Legislature House won a majority of pro-abortion legislators. (Pro-Death).

Unfortunately, this will allow Governor Paterson and his pro-abortion allies to now try and pass radical abortion-on-demand legislation and enforce it on the electorate. He is also prepared to insulate our State against future pro-life U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

We are a Pro-Life Catholic organization and believe in the sanctity of life.

If you have not already done so, please, as soon as possible, become effectively involved in the fight against the evil of abortion by joining the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network and make your voice heard in Albany and Washington. Ph.: 518-434-6195 or email network@nyscatholic.org.

# **Major Degree**

Congratulations to these members who made their Major Degree on October 26, 2008:

William Carew, Kyle Canavay, Robert Lopez, Richard Barrett, Patrick Kelly, Greg Baist, Partick Gherity, Brian Hanley, Edward Hanley, Michael Meyer, Dennis Dudley, John Clarkin, Eddie Ryan, Matther Taxter, Arthur Thorgesen, Tim Haggerty, Ed Smith, Leonard Devlin and Robert McGrath.

The degree was adminstered by the Tara Court Degree Team.



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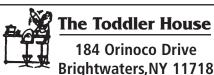
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