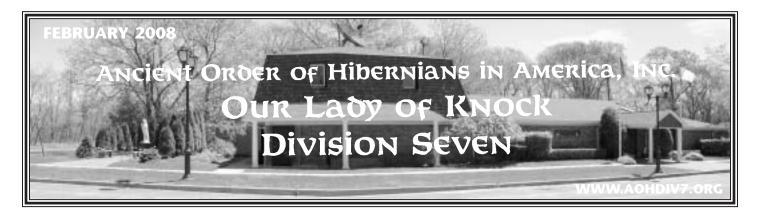
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President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on February 6, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Let me first thank Danny Kissane for providing the leadership and vision to our division for the last 2 years. Danny accomplished many things during his tenure as president. I know I will be able to lean on him for his advice and consul during the next two years. Thank you from all of us Danny, for a job well done!!!

I would like to thank everyone who attended the installation of officers for the Junior Girls, LAOH, Junior Boys and the AOH. Congratulations to all the new officers of each division. I would especially wish the Junior Boys good luck. It was my pleasure to oversee the boys during the last few years. I have enjoyed watching all of you grow and mature. I am looking forward to seeing you boys, eventually become members of the men's division in the future. The division is very proud of all of you, especially past president Brian Hanley. Brian was a fantastic leader by example for all the Junior Boys. Thank your for all your help and good luck in the future Brian.

The Grand Marshal's Ball will be held at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip on Saturday February 9. This year's Grand Marshal is Danny Kissane. This is an honor truly well deserved for Danny and I encourage everyone to try to attend the ball. Contact Tommy Davis (224-1849) for tickets.

During the month of February, Vic Vogel will be posting the list for sign up for the St. Patrick's Day parade in NYC. The cost and time of departure will be posted with the sign up sheet. Let's give Father Hugh Cannon a warm welcome as our new division Chaplin. Father Hugh has been a member of our division for several years and is currently at St. Mary's.

I am proud to announce that this year's men's honoree at the Suffolk County Ball on April 18, is Division 7's own Tom Conway. This is the second year in a row a member of our division is being honored by the county. Please make an effort to attend the County Ball this year to show your support of Tom. The Ball will be held at the Larkfield Manor. You can see me for any information regarding tickets or placing an ad in the County journal. Congratulations Tom !!!!

It's not too late to order your division jackets to wear while marching in our parade on March 2. You can order them on line through our website at www.aohdiv7.org/ events/ div7apparel. And while you have your new jacket, it looks great with a sash...see 'Mac' (968-0614) for all your fashion needs!!!! Finally I would like to thank all the

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

Military Packout

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members of the men's and ladies division for your support. Division 7 is well known and admired by many around the country and state. promise to continue our tradition of being the finest division not only in the state, but also the country.

Grand Marshal's Ball

The Grand Marshal's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at The Irish Coffee Pub.

We will be honoring Danny Kissane as the Grand Marshal. Reservations are now being taken.

Tickets are \$95 per person. Cocktails are from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. Dinner will be from 8:00 until midnight. Entertainment by "Tommy Pollitto and the Sweetwater Band"

Seating is on a first come - first serve basis. A waiting list will be established once the 200 seats are sold. If you have not reserved a seat and payment is not made by February 9, 2006 your reservation will be void and your seat will be given to the waiting list. Contact Tom Davis at 224-1849

Membership Dues

The men's division announced that the annual dues are \$40 if paid prior to March 17 and \$48 if paid after that date.

If paying by check, please put your member number on your check.

Payments can be left in the green locked mailbox found just outside the pub room. If paying by cash, please put your name and membership number on the outside of the envelope.

The L.A.O.H announced that the dues are \$25 and after March 31 they are \$30. Tables will be set up at the next Ladies meeting to ease the payina of dues.

Ladies Division

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13th. The recitation of the Rosary will begin promptly at 7:30pm and the meeting will begin thereafter. We are now collecting dues (2008) of \$25 until March 31st and \$30 thereafter. Please bring a dessert or snack for our Hospitality Table, it was a little bare at the last meeting. I know it was January and everyone is on a diet, so you can bring a "healthy" snack/dessert if there is such a thing I'd like to see it. Thanks ladies!

The Installation of Officer's was held on January 26th and I would like to congratulate and thank all of my Officers and Appointed Committee Members! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good wishes and to thank my predecessor and best friend, Sue O'Neill for her many contributions and hard work that she has done in the past year. It's going to be tough following in her footsteps, but I know that she will be there for me, as are all of our Past Presidents of the LAOH. I really appreciate your knowledge, and can assure you that I will be seeking your wisdom and assistance throughout the next two years!

The St. Bridget's Day Mass will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at St. Joseph's, Brentwood at 10:30am. A breakfast that will follow at Division 2 Hall in Babylon. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$8 for children under 12. Our own, Mary Phelan will be honored at this Breakfast so it would be wonderful if we have a good turnout for Mary – she deserves it!

We will be having a screening for new members on Tuesday, February 5th at 8:00pm at the hall. If anyone would like an application please call myself at 224-4157 or Joanne Clancy at 581-6950.

The Grand Marshal's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 9th at the Irish Coffee Pub, tickets are still available. Please call Tom Davis at 224-1849.

The East Islip Parade will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. Please line up with sashes at the East Islip Library at

2:00pm. If anyone would like to order a sash for the upcoming marching season, please contact MaryAnn Baron at 943-9947 as soon as possible, the final order is going in on February 6th. If vou are planning on marching with the LAOH in New York City you will need to have a sash. We will also be seeking some kitchen help for the festivities at the hall after the parade. If everyone just gives a little time, you'll only be in there for a short time!

Finally, if you know of any member of Division 7 who is ill and in need of our prayers please contact myself or

Military Packout (Photo on back page)

On Sunday, January 20, 2008 numerous volunteers showed up at the Division 7, Hibernian Hall in East Islip to assist in the packaging of items. These items will be shipped to various servicemen and women serving in Irag.

The items collected were; 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 and Rosaries.

Claudia Troiano and Gerri Muligan, who chaired the event remarked, ..."I want to thank you all for a fabulous turnout today in support of our troops! It was awesome to see so many people, so many ages, working together.

We sent out to 56 soldiers, plus an extra 10 boxes to each of the lieutenants with extra to share with their

units. We did deplete most of our inventory and will need to replenish for the next one, with will be the second week of March. Please note that we will have to do some fund rising to raise money for postage also. Special thanks to the Ancient Order of Hibernians...for their generous contributions, the use of

Margaret Davis at 224-1849.

ing on the 13th!

I hope to see everyone at the meet-

Yours in Friendship, Unity,

and Christian Charity,

Alice Faughnan

Dates to Remember

Feb. 3 - St. Brigid's Day Mass/

Feb. 5 – Screening for New Member's

Feb. 11 – Jr. Girl's Meeting at 6:30pm

Feb. 13 – L.A.O.H. Meeting at 7:30pm

Mar. 3 – East Islip St. Patrick's Day

Celebration

Parade

the facility, and the extra people to help! They have generously offered to store our leftover inventory and let us conduct our next 'packout' there. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Claudia also provided a list of soldiers in case anyone would like to write to them. They love hearing from home. However she cautioned that, ... "Please tell your children not to expect letters back. Sometimes it happens, but not often."

The next group of soldiers will probably be some of our own, those who recently left from Brentwood.

She reminded everyone to keep them all in your prayers.

Pub Cleanup

There will be a Pub Clean-up on Saturday, February 23rd at 9:00 A.M.

Any bartenders and members who can help will be welcome. It takes about two hours, and will have the pub looking smart for the St Patrick's season festivities. Refreshments will be served.

Thank You.

Junior Girls



The Jr. Girl's held their monthly meeting on Monday, January 7th. The Ir. Girl's and the Jr. Boy's presented Ms. Diane Carlson from "Make-A-Wish" Foundation of Suffolk County a donation check in the amount of, \$3,000.00. That was the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner and a donation from our Men's Division. The Girls and Boys watched a short DVD on the Make-A-Wish Foundation and it's wonderful contributions. It was remarkable to learn that since 1997 the Jr. Members of this Division have contributed a total of \$23,100! I think that is something to really be proud of!

The Installation of Officer's was held on January 26th. Congratulations to our

New president, Bridget Hanley and

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Ladies Division.

I Wish You Enough...

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

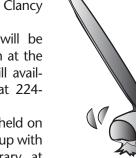
I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye. It is said that it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them; but then an entire life to forget them.

Valentine Wish



all of her officers! The new Ir. Girl's coordinator will be Charlene Gibbs who will be taking over at the February meeting. The St. Brigid's Day Mass will be celebrated on, Sunday February 3rd at 10:30am at St. Joseph's in Brentwood. Please be there at 10:15am so that we can line up for the procession. There will be a breakfast following the mass at Division 2, Babylon. All are welcome to attend. The cost of any Jr. Girl member that does attend will be paid for by the

Looking ahead, the East Islip Parade will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. Line up at the East Islip Library at 2:00pm. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 11th at 6:30pm.

Scholarships

If you have a high school student who may be eligible for an award see Tom McEnroe for applications. (581-7543)

There will be two, \$3000 awards awarded.

All applications must be in by April 15, 2008

High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory.



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, Tom McFnroe. For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Liz Colgan at

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Mhat's Happening... Happy Valentine's Day St. Brigid's Mass – St. Joseph's Academy 10:00AM Super Bowl Sunday at the Pub – Day at Races 3:00PM LAOH Screening 8:00PM Grand Marshal's Ball – Irish Coffee Pub 7:00PM Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Jr Boys and Jr Girls Division Meeting 6:30PM Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM East Islip St. Patrick Day Parade 1:00PM

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

Right to Life Announcement

Two teams of scientists reported they had turned human skin cells into what appear to be embryonic stem cells without having to make or destroy an embryo, a feat that could quell the ethical debate troubling the field. Until now, the only way to get such human universal cells was to pluck them from a human embryo several days after fertilization, destroying the embryo in the process thus resulting in a

Researchers and ethicists say the work, conducted by independent teams from Japan and Wisconsin, should reshape the stem cell field. With the use of skin cells it will no longer be necessary, thank God, to create and destroy human embryos in order to obtain stem cells. (Portions taken from the New York Times, November 21, 2007)

Reminder: To become involved in working against pro-abortion forces in New York State, we are repeating our invitation to join the Catholic Advocacy Network at www.nyscatholic.org.

dead at the table.

Michael O'Conner looks around and asks, "Oh, me boys, someone got to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?"

They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishmen you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me."

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers and asks what he wants. Gallagher declares: "Your husband just lost \$500 and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!", says Murphy's wife. "I'll go tell him." says Gallagher



The Retired Irishmen

Six retired Irishmen were plaving poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops

Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band

The band is preparing for the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade season. We are especially looking forward to our own "John Reilly Memorial" St. Patrick's Day Parade and Grand Marshal's Ball honoring President Danny Kissane. Danny's staunch support has encouraged Roisin Dubh to excel. Danny, we appreciate your leadership and we are proud to be marching down Main Street with you.

The band will also be playing at the St. Brigid's Day Mass at St. Joseph's Academy on February 3ra. In addition to New York City, we will be appearing in parades at Bay Shore. Ronkonkoma, Westhampton, Bayport, Center Moriches and Hampton Bays. Join us for the fun!

the class of pipe and drum students that was begun in September is doing well. We expect some of the students to be performing by the summer and look for more to be marching by the following St. Patrick's Day. The band practices every Thursday night.,

Vic Vogel Band Manager



February 3, 2008

Come down to the Pub on Sunday, February 3, 2008 and celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a Day at the Races and a Raffle.

The races will start at 3PM., followed by the Super Bowl.

We will be raffling off a HDTV.

Winners will be announced at Super Bowl half time. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 300 tickets available.



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