ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA Our Lady of Knock Div. 7 65 Champlin Avenue East Islip, NY 11730

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President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 8:00PM in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Another Christmas season has come and gone by so quickly. On behalf of the membership and anvone else who enioved the many different functions that went on in Dec. in our hall. I would like to thank all who volunteered their time and effort. Everything seemed to go so smoothly as usual and we really do appreciate all your hard work. Special thanks go to Barry Heathwood and John Davis for the great Christmas parties that they put on for us. Again. to all the volunteers. 'Thank You'!

There are two openings on the Finance Committee slate and nominations will be taken from the floor at this January 2, 2008 meeting. Also, we are still accepting donations for our military, so help out if you can. Vic Vogel is also accepting cash donations that will buy items for our soldiers.

Congratulations to Jerry Delaney on his election of Division President and to all the other Division officers. I thank each and everyone of you for everything that you have done for me during my two year tenure as president and you made my time a lot more enjoyable. I hope that your time as officers will be as great an experience as mine was. 'Good Luck'

and my best wishes to you all. Also, congratulations to all the Corporation officers on your reelection. My Presidency was made a lot more pleasant because of your help and guidance, so I wish you all well in your time in office. I can't say that I am not going to miss doing this newsletter every month by Al's deadline, (e-mail reminders) but I am going to miss being your President. My time was a great experience in my life and I wouldn't trade it for any thing. A 'Thank You' to all the past Presidents for your knowledge and help that you extended to me during my time in office. I want to especially thank Tom McEnroe and Herman Boyle for the special advice you guys gave me whenever I needed it. And thanks to Pat Philbin for all your help, I couldn't have done this without the help of you three friends. I hope I can be as much help to the future officers as you were to me.

But most of all, I want to thank the members, all of you who came into my life during the past nineteen years that I was a member and made my life a little more special. I promise to stay around and help out as much as I can.

I especially want to thank my wife Helen and my 3 children, Chris, Caitlin and Derek for sharing me with the A.O.H. I love you guys.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Danny Kissane

Hibernian of the Year

There will be a meeting for the Hibernian of The Year prior to the regular Division meeting on January 2, 2008 meeting at 7:00PM sharp.

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 Dan Sullivan.

Nominations must be in before January 1, 2008.

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

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 paying of dues.

On Sunday, December 16,2007 "The Division 7 children" waited patiently for the arrival of Santa and his elf. When he arrived he as greeted enthusiastically as you can see by the expressions.

Happy New Year

Ladies Division

Our first meeting of the New Year will be Jan. 9, 2008 at 7:30PM. Dues are \$25 until March and then become \$30. so pay early and save.

This will be my last meeting as President of this wonderful division. I would like to thank everyone for all their support and kind words over the past year. A special thank you to the great ladies who served on the board with me for always keeping it FUN!

All the best my to friend and partner in crime, Alice Faughnan, who will not only be a wonderful president but a beautiful Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshall for the 2008 East Islip Parade.

Congratulations to Danny Kissane who will lead us down Main Street this year as Grand Marshall. (Tell me that's not going to be a Grand Marshall Ball to remember!)

On behalf of the ladies, I would like to congratulate Jerry Delaney, our next AOH President and all the AOH officers for the new term...especially the Sentinel!

The installation of officers will take place on Jan. 26, 2008 starting with the Junior Girls at 6PM. Come witness the 'changing of the guards' and of coarse the party afterwards.

The 300 Raffle was a great success and a fantastic time. Thanks to Maryann Baron, our grand prize winner and coordinator of this annual event.

On Jan. 20, 2008 we will be packaging up all the items for our soldiers, so keep bringing your donations down. Come out that day to help us get these items ready for shipping overseas.

St. Brigid's Day Mass will take place on Feb. 3, 2008 at St. Joseph's Academy in Brentwood. Mass will be at 10AM with a brunch to follow at Div. 2.

Please remember to keep in your prayers all our members who are in need.

I wish you all a year filled with good health, good friends, much love and lots of laughter. In our motto.

In our motto, Sue O'Neill

Junior Girls

The Junior Girl's monthly meeting was held on Monday, December 11th. The Christmas Tree was decorated with crafts that were made by the Junior. Girls. The Girls and Boys then had a Christmas Party. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year to all.

On Saturday, January 26th Division 7 will install the new officers. There was an error on the 2008 Slate of Officer's last month, (Sorry Mackenzie!). Here is the corrected and final 2008 Junior Girls Slate of Officers:

President – Bridget Hanley Vice President – Meagan Faughnan Recording Secretary – Niamh Ashe Financial Secretary – Kayla Hanley Treasurer – Meagan Davis Missions & Charities

Mackenzie Houghton Irish Historian – Shannon Cummings Catholic Action – Colleen O'Neill Mistress at Arms – Kayla Cosgrove

Sentinel – Tricia Hanley CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!! Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 7th at 6:30pm. There will be a representative from the "Make a Wish" Foundation present to receive our donation from the proceeds of our Spaghetti Dinner. Please try your best to be there – you all worked so hard for this! We will be collecting dues for 2008. Dues are \$10 per member. I hope to see you all on the 7th!

Alice Faughnan

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

Junior Boys

The following boys of the Junior Boys have been elected to the respective positions for 2008.

President - Connor Faughnan Vice President - Dan Wolff Recording Secy. - Brian Philbin Financial Secy. - Shawn Cummings Treasurer - James Faughnan Standing Committee - Justin White Marshal - James Philbin Sentinel - John Hanley

NYS Hibernian Calendars

The 2008 NY State Hibernian Calendars are on sale for \$25. All calendars are numbered and the winning numbers come from the evening 3 digit daily number drawn by the NYS lottery. Daily winners are \$25 except for Wednesdays, when the prize is \$50. All calendars will be registered with the NYS board and prize money is mailed out immediately. Any questions please see me, call me or send me an email. I have been buying them for the past few years and have won several times. lerry Delanev. Chairman

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Some of the "Children Fund Elves" who assisted with the Christmas party on Saturday, December 15.

Christmas For Our Troops

We would like to thank all the men and women of Division Seven for their donations of support and comfort to the troops in harm's way. Your response was powerful and your generosity heartwarming. Your concern and charity for the troops is truly indicative of our Hibernian ideals.

We have been given a pack-out date of January 20, 2008 at 10am at our hall. We will need volunteers to sort, box and inventory all of our donations. Obviously these packages won't arrive until after Christmas, but I'm sure they will be just as appreciated by our fighting men and women. If you missed the opportunity to participate, you may make your donation at any time before the packout date.

If you have a relative, neighbor or friend serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please be sure to give us their name and address. We will be honored to see that they receive a Christmas package. Go raibh maith agat. Vic Vogel, Chairman

2008 Officers

President Jerry Delaney

Vice President Vic Vogel

Recording Secretary Mac McFadden

Financial Secretary Dave Ring

> **Treasurer** Larry Wolff

Chairman - Standing Committee Tom Davis

> Marshal Tom McHugh

Sentinel Shawn O'Neill

Calling Post

Division 7 has a process for sending out announcements that are of importance and cannot wait until a regularly scheduled meeting.

Since not everyone visits the hall on a daily basis, it was decided by the Division Officers that we would use the services of an organization called 'Calling Post'.

This is a strictly voluntary call alerting notification system and is fundamentally non intrusive.

You will have to provide the Division with your phone number. Phone numbers are kept confidential and they will not be distributed.

Calling Post messages cannot be delivered to a phone system that requires the entering of an extension number or forwarding by a person. Messages are delivered only between the hours of 9AM to 9PM. This service is available to paid up members and will be terminated if the dues are not current. If you want to be added to the list you can; contact AI Norton at 631-277-0228, leave your information at the hall or email AI at alnorton@optonline.net.

Grand Marshal Ball

The Grand Marshal 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



the new Division 7 Ladies President, Alice Faughnan became as enthusiastic as the children and told Santa what she wanted for Christmas.



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Happy New Year!	
2008	
Wed Jan 2 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM	
Mon Jan 7 Jr Boys and Jr Girls Division Meeting 6:30PM	
Wed Jan 9 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM	
Sun Jan 20 Package Articles for Troops – Hall 9:00AM	
Sat Jan 26 Installation of Officers 6:00PM	
Sun Feb 3 St. Brigid's Mass – St. Joseph's Academy 10:00AM	
Sat Feb 9 Grand Marshall Ball – Irish Coffee Pub 7:00PM	

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

Announcements

(631) 698-2714



Jerry Delaney and his wife Lea wish to announce the birth of their first grandchild to their daughter Shanna. Vincent Joseph Abbatiello IV was born Tuesday Nov 20, 2007.

New Chaplain

We are very pleased to announce that Father Hugh Cannon of St. Mary's, former pastor of St. Peter's, has agreed to become our Chaplain. Father Hugh has been a member of Division 7 for several years and is very eager to assume his duties.

The installation of officers will be held on Saturday Jan 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The ceremonies will begin with the installation of the Junior Girls followed by the installation of the Ladies, Junior Boys and finally the Men. A buffet will follow at 8 p.m. followed by an evening of music and dancing with Ward Cloughen & Sean Daly's band.



Serving In Iraq

Lance Corporal Connor T. McKean, grandson of lack and Maureen McKean, is currently serving in Iraq with the United States Marine Corp as a combat engineer. In case anyone would like to drop

him some well wishes, his mailing address is:

Lance Corporal Connor T. McKean, First CEB Charlie Company Ha Plt, Unit 40515 FPO AP 96426-0516.

Please keep Connor in your prayers as well as the other troops serving our country.

Best Wishes for a happy & healthy new year!

Grand Marshal



Danny Kissane has been selected by the members of Division 7. Our Lady of Knock. East Islip NY, as the Grand Marshal of the "John Reilly Memorial" St. Patrick's Day Parade, East Islip, NY on March 2, 2008.

Danny is the past president of Division 7 and a member for approximately twenty years. He resides in West Islip with his wife. Helen and their three children: Chris, Caitlin and Derek. Danny is employed by Smith and Wollensky, the guintessential New York City Steak House, and is the Director of Purchasing. The aides to the Grand Marshall will be Kevin Kissane, Christopher Kissane, Derek Kissane, John Kelly and Richard Maher. and the Div 7 L.A.O.H. Ladies Aide is Alice Faughnan.

Please come to the parade and demonstrate your Irish-Catholic heritage by marching behind Danny!

Right to Life

In order for us to become involved in working against pro-abortion forces in NYS, we are repeating our invitation to join the Catholic Advocacy Network at www.nyscatholic.org. By joining, members will receive alerts about pending bills and issues and can get in touch with their lawmakers to express their support or opposition. There are more than 7 million Catholics in the State of New York. We want to harness that power and use it in the political arena. Please log on as soon as possible as we are striving to have 100% of our Division 7 members join.

