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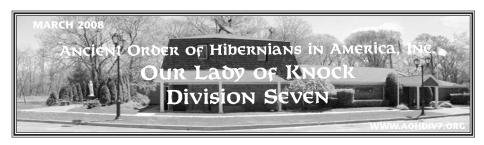
Grand Marshal's Ball - 2008



L.A.O.H. AIDE - Sue O'Neill, immediate past president of Division 7 L.A.O.H. installs incoming president, Alice Faughnan as the Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal for 2008



HIBERNIAN OF THE YEAR - Congratulations to Vince Clancy for being awarded as the Hibernian of the Year. Danny Kissane, the Grand Marshal, congratulates this year's well deserved recipient.



President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on March 5, 2008 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Our St. Patrick's Day season has gotten off to a fantastic start with our Grand Marshal's Ball honoring Danny Kissane. Congratulations to Danny and his aides. A special congratulation goes to Ladies President and Ladies Aide, Alice Faughnan. Good Luck Alice!! As usual, Ball Chairman, Tom Davis provided us with a wonderful evening. The music of Tommy Polito and the Sweetwater Band had everyone on the dance floor and enjoying themselves. Thanks for all of your hard and tedious work Tom. At the conclusion of the Ball, the Grand Marshal's Ball Journal was distributed to all in attendance. Tom McHugh put together a terrific edition. Many thanks also go out to Kevin Boyle, who went door to door asking for the local merchants to participate in the journal. Great job Tom & Kevin. Once again the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band performed and we all saw why they have won so many awards. Thank you, Billy LePage. Another thank you must go to the Irish Dancers - these young ladies did a great job.

Congratulations to Vinny Clancy on being named Hibernian of the Year. This award to Vinny was long overdue. Thank you for all you have done not only for the division but also for those in the community.

Our parade is of course **March 2** at **2 p.m.** All members and junior

boys are asked to be at the East Islip library between 1:30 and 1:45. Please dress appropriately. Remember you are representing the finest Hibernian division in the world. Let's all show up and march proudly behind Danny!! Dan Sullivan is always looking for help on the lineup committee for our parade. This is a great opportunity for new members to "get on board" and help. If you would like to help, contact Dan or leave your name and phone number at the bar.

Please don't forget to pay your dues before March 17 to save some money. If paid before March 17 the cost is \$40, if paid after it's \$48.You will need a current paid up dues card to enter the hall after our parade on March 2. And please remember no children are allowed in the hall that day for safety reasons.

Vice President Vic Vogel has placed the sign up list at the bar for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC. The cost is \$30 per person and the buses will be leaving the hall at 8:30 a.m. Please ask your bartender for the sign up list.

Macoda will be playing at the hall after our parade on March 2 and The Cogs will be playing there on St. Patrick's Day March 17.

The 94th Biennial National Convention for AOH/LAOH is being held from July 23 to July 25, in New Orleans. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the packages, please contact me.

There will be a new member screening at the hall on Friday, April 4th at 8 p.m. Applications are available on line at our website www.aohdiv7 org. The cut off for the applications for our scholarship awards is April 15.

Please contact Tom McEnroe for information

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

St. Patrick's Day NYC Buses

The sign up list for buses for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC is behind the bar. The cost is \$30 per person which includes transportation, refreshments on the bus, and a delicious corned beef dinner back at the hall upon our return. We are limited to 3 buses and will be on a first come first serve basis. Ask the bartender for the list and a small brown envelope to place your check in. Mark on the outside of the envelope "PARADE" with your name. Payment must be received no later than March 1. Anyone who reserves a seat and does not pay by March 1 will lose their seat to the waiting list. Checks should be made out to: **AOH Div 7**.

Victor Vogel



Ladies Division

Our February meeting was held on February 13th. I would like to thank Fr. Hugh Cannon for coming to our meeting and leading us in the Recitation of the Rosary. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday. March 12th at 7:30pm. Dues are still being collected and they are \$25 until March 31st and will increase to \$30 on April 1st (NO APRIL FOOLS) so if you haven't already paid, please do so. I would also like to take this opportunity to announce the new Spiritual Advisor to LAOH Division 7, Patricia Kinlan. We are very pleased to have her

Tickets are still available for the Suffolk County LAOH 300 Club Raffle; please see Sue O'Neill for tickets.

The Grand Marshal's Ball was held on February 9th at the Irish Coffee Pub. A good time was had by all who attended. I would like to thank everyone for the honor of being named, "Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshall" and I will march proudly up Main Street along with our Grand Marshal, Danny Kissane and his aides on March 2nd. Thank you to Tom Davis for his hard work running the Ball and as always: a job well done!

On February 25th Patti McNeill

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Chaplain Sr. Pat Duffy President Alice Faughnan Vice Pres. Charlene Gibbs (LAOH Irish Historian) and some of the ladies decorated the display cases at the East Islip High School and the Middle School for Irish Heritage Month. They look wonderful, if you would like to see the display I am sure it wouldn't be a problem to visit the schools. I just wanted to say thank you to these ladies. you did a fabulous job.

The East Islip Parade will be held on Sunday March 2nd. Line-up at the East Islip Library promptly at 1:30pm with sashes! We are seeking bakers of Irish Soda Bread for three different occasions this month. First for the Parade on Mar 2. next for the Ir. Girl's/Bov's visit to St. loseph's Convent on Mar 10th and finally for St. Patrick's Day on Mar 17th. It would be greatly appreciated!!! As mentioned at the February meeting, we are also asking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen on Sunday March 2nd following the parade and also on the 17th following the NYC Parade. If anyone can pitch in and help that too would be appreciated. The sign up sheets for the NYC Parade are behind the bar, the price is \$30.00 per person for transportation and dinner back at the hall after the parade. See any of the bar tenders to sign up. For all of those who are signed up the bus will leave promptly at 8:30am from the Hall. Ladies, we must have our sashes and proper attire...no sneakers, no silly hats and no pins on the sashes and please don't be late!

Finally, since Easter is celebrated early this year, we will be putting together the baskets for "Families in Need" on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00pm at the Hall. I know Margaret Davis had a list out for perishable/nonperishable foods for the baskets at the February meeting and there will still be time to sign up at the March meeting. If you know of a family that is in need of one of these baskets or if you would like donate food items and cannot make the March meeting, please contact Margaret Davis at 224-1849.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

Alice Faughnan

Junior Girls

Our next meeting will be March 10, 6:30 pm, at St. Joseph's Convent on Brentwood Road in Brentwood. The luniors will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration for the retired Sisters. The Sisters look forward to the entertainment and socialization with the Juniors. For this evening we provide the Irish Soda Bread.

So, if you love to bake and would like to donate some bread please contact me at charlene65@msn.com.

March 2 is the East Islip St Patrick's Day parade. The Juniors will be marching in this parade. Line up for the parade will be at the East Islip Library at 1:30 pm. This is always a fun event.

On February 3 the Junior Girls participated in the St Brigid's Day Mass at St. loseph's in Brentwood. Their participation enhanced the beauty of the mass. We are very proud of our Junior Girls. Thank you for your attendance.

Our February meeting was devoted to St. Brigid. Our guest speaker, Dr. Ring, spoke about St. Brigid's life and the significance of her cross. We then made the crosses out of raffia. It was a busy event. Each Junior made a cross to display in their home. We will be selling the remaining crosses at the hall after the East Islip parade. The cost will be \$5.00. Your support of the Juniors is always appreciated.

Dues are still being collected for 2008. Please try to pay your dues at the next meeting. Thanks.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 2: St. Patrick's Day Parade.

March 10: Monthly meeting at St. Joseph's Convent, Brentwood

May 9: Annual Spaghetti Dinner Charlene Gibbs

Announcements

A.O.H. Screening on April 4 at 8:00pm for new members.

Visit the website for applications or see John Hanley.

Suffolk County Junior Girls The Future of Our Order



On Sunday, February 3, 2008, the Iunior Girls of Suffolk County New York led the procession of the Mass in honor of St. Brigid of Ireland. The Mass was celebrated at the beautiful Chapel of the Sacred Heart on the grounds of the St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood Long Island.

The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Sean Gann, of Christ The King Parish in Commack Fr Sean also elaborated on his Irish ancestry and the role of St. N.Y. Briaid.

All the Divisions of Suffolk County were represented at the crowded Mass. In attendance were officers of the Divisions of both L.A.O.H and A.O.H.. and most importantly by the future of our order, the "lunior Girls of Suffolk County".

Also in attendance were: National L.A.O.H. Treasurer Margaret Hennessy: NY LAOH State Officers: State Chaplin, Sr. Phylis O'Dowd OP, and President, Kathy Conway.

The Mass was sung by the incredible Hibernian Festival singers who can only be described as angelic. The entrance and exit procession was led by the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band from Division 7, Our Lady of Knock, East Islip

After the Mass, at a Brunch held at Division 2, St. Patrick's Division, in Babylon New York, eight women, each representing one of the LAOH Divisions in Suffolk, were presented the St. Brigid Award for their dedication and immense contributions to the Church and their community.

Junior Boys

Because St. Brigid's Day is celebrated during the month of February, the Junior Boys dedicated their February meeting to the honor of St. Brigid. Dr. Dave Ring spoke to the group about the life, work and miracles of St. Brigid. After the presentation, the lunior Boys and Girls joined together in a project to make St. Brigid's Crosses from reed-like material. Their work was a success and an enjoyable

The March meeting for the Junior Boys and Girls is Monday, March 10th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St. loseph's Academy in Brentwood. This is the traditional St. Patrick's Season visit to the nuns at St. Joseph's Convent. The girls and boys will provide Irish Soda Bread and tea while Irish Step Dancers, Baggipers and Drummers provide entertainment. The nuns look forward to the company of the girls and boys each year and greatly appreciate their service and friendship. Please join us for an evening that always proves to be a rewarding and memorable experience for the Juniors...and adults alike! Vic Voael

Project Children

This is the 27th year that Division 7 has been involved with Project Children. We have sponsored more than 150 children in that time.

This year, Project Children will bring children over to the United States around the first week of July. They will be staying for four weeks. The children's ages range from nine through fourteen.

The Division takes care of the cost of the air flight and insurance. Your responsibility is to pick them up at the airport and then bring them back to the airport after the four weeks.

You treat them like your own children and they become part of your family. It is a great opportunity for you and your family to understand the conditions in Ireland today.

If you would like more information please call Herman Boyle at 632-277-



At the well attended Grand Marshal's Ball, live entertainment was provided by the 'Tommy Pollitto and the Sweetwater Band' as well as the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. Dancers from both the Hunt School of Dance and the Mulvihill-Lynch School of Dance paid honor to the Grand Marshal, Danny Kissane with a grand performance.

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Wed	Mar 5	Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
Sat	Mar 8	Bay Shore St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00PM
Sun	Mar 9	Lake Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00P
Mon	Mar 10	Jr Boys and Jr Girls Division Meeting 6:30PM
		St. Joseph's Convent
Wed	Mar 12	Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM
Sat	Mar 15	Westhampton St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00PM
Sun	Mar 16	Bayport St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00PM
Mon	Mar 17	St. Patrick Day - Buses to NYC Parade 8:30AM
Sat	Mar 29	Hampton Bays St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00PM
Sun	Mar 30	Patchogue St. Patrick's Day Parade 2:00PM
Fri	Apr 18	Suffolk County Ball – Larkfield Manor 7:00PM

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Right to Life

Fearing the overturn of Roe vs. Wade, Gov. Eliot Spitzer, in 2007, introduced Governor's Program Bill #16. the "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act" (Senate 5829). The bill is designed to guarantee the continued right to abortion in New York State in a post-Roe vs. Wade era.

The bill seeks to ensure legal abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy, prevent enactment of parental involvement legislation, would remove New York's abortionrelated laws from the criminal code,

Currently religious (Catholic) hospitals are free to refuse to perform abortions. Spitzer's bill seeks to prevent religious hospitals from refusing to perform abortions.

In order to become effectively involved in working against this evil, you are again invited to join the New York

State Catholic Advocacy Network at www.nvscatholic.org.

Every Saturday morning at 9:30 AM there is a prayerful gathering at the Abortion Clinic at 42 First Avenue, Brentwood (across the street from the Solar Café). Please join and pray the Rosary to stop Abortions, (St. Ann's Brentwood).

Scholarships

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

There will be two, \$3000 awards presented.

All applications must be in by April

High School graduation and SAT lune scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory.

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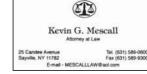
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