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The Grand Marshal's Ball Saturday, February 19, 2005

The Grand Marshal's Ball was held Saturday February 19, 2005 at the Irish Coffee Pub.

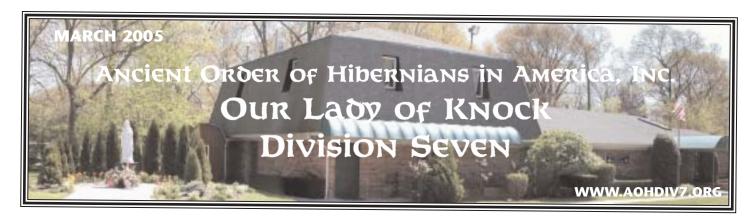
Don Dobbin was honored as the Grand Marshall.



In the photo with Don is Al Norton who received the Hibernian of the Year award.



Also honoring the Grand Marshal, Don Dobbin, were dancers from the Hunt School of Dance in East Islip. These two dancers from the Hunt School happen to be Don's granddaughters!



President's Message

We will also be running a bus to the Hampton Bays First Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sat. Mar. 19th. The cost will be \$10 per person which includes food and drinks on the bus. The bus will leave the hall at 10:00 and is on a first come first serve basis, and the sign up sheet will also be at the bar.

I would like to Congratulate Betty Kramer, who will be the Suffolk County Aide to the Grand Marshal of the NYC St. Patrick?s Day Parade. Please make sure to congratulate Betty and her First Man Bill when you see them on this outstanding honor.

The Suffolk County Ball will be held on April 23rd, at the West Lake Inn starting at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$70 per person, and please contact Bill Kilkenny or Vic Vogel for tickets.

I would like to congratulate our Grand Marshal Don Dobbin, our Ladies Aide Winnie Morrissey, and our Hibernian of the year Al Norton, who were all installed at our Grand Marshal's Ball last month. I would also like to thank everyone who helped make this night yet another one we will all remember. The one man crew of Jerry Delaney on the Ball itself did another great job. Tom Davis and his committee of Kevin Boyle, Jim Cappock, and Kevin Lyons did an excellent job on the journal. John Reilly and his parade crew of Frank Lyons and Dan Sullivan are preparing for the big parade and need all volunteers for the lineup

committee to make sure everything runs smoothly. Please see Dan if your interested.

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Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Pat Philbin



Right To Life

Friday, March 4, 2005. 1:00PM Rosary for Life, St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia. Call 631-589-0540

Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 7 – 8 PM. Rosary for Life, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Patchogue. Adoration from 9AM to Mid-Night.

Contact your Federal legislators in support of the "Child Custody Protection Act" in making it a Federal crime to take a minor over state lines for a secret abortion. This would support the parent's right to be notified.

Scholarships

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

There will be two, \$3000 scholar-ships awarded.

All applications must be in by May 1, 2005

High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory.

We will be running a bus to Hampton Bays First Annual St Patrick's Day Parade held by Division 11 on Sat. Mar. 19th.

Let's show them our support and come on out and march along with our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. The cost will be \$10 which includes transportation, as well as food and drinks on the bus. Please contact Vic Vogel or myself if interested.

Thanks, Pat Philbin

PARADE COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee would like to invite ALL past Grand Marshals and ALL past aides to wear their sashes at our Parade on March 6.

All members are to assemble at 1:30PM at the East Islip Library.

Thanks you all, John Reilly Parade Chairman

Ladies Division

Well my first official meeting as President is behind me. I was very nervous but everyone was gracious and I thank you.

The Junior Girls, with their coordinator Sue O'Neill, will be visiting the Nuns at St Joseph's in Brentwood on March 7th. We need people to bake or buy soda bread for both their visit and to sell on March 6th after the East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade. If any girls need a ride to St Joseph's, I will be at the AOH hall from 5:45 to 6:00 PM.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC on March 17th has a STRICT DRESS CODE as follows: Skirts or dress slacks will be worn along with shoes. NO JEANS, SNEAKERS, FACE PAINT OR "FUNNY HATS". Sashes and white gloves are required particularly for the first line, honor units and outside lines. NO EXCEPTIONS.

This year the Ladies have been asked to assemble by 11:00 AM sharp on West 47th Street between 5th & 6th Avenues.

Don't forget food for the Easter Baskets. Please bring to our next meeting or leave in the coat closet (clearly marked). If you know of a family in need, please call Pat Cassara.

We will prepare the food baskets The April meeting will include a Chinese Auction. Please bring new or nearly new articles to the March meeting. Anything dropped at the Hall after the meeting, please mark clearly.

The County Ball will take place on April 23rd at West Lake - there will be raffle tickets available at the next meeting. Entertainment provided by Gabe Hickey Band.

Dates to Remember:

March 6 - East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade - 1:30PM - E. Islip Library March 9- LAOH Meeting - 7:30PM March 17 - St. Patrick' s Day Parade - NYC - 11AM

March 22 -Easter Basket Preparation - 7PM

Yours in Friendship Unity and Christian Charity, Winnie Morrisey

Junior Girls

Thank you to all who attended the St. Brigid's Mass and for making my first meeting a smooth one. A special thanks to Mr. Conway for sharing your time and knowledge of Irish History with us.

The East Islip St. Patrick's parade is March 6, please be at the library by 1:45PM to march. We will be holding a 50/50 raffle immediately after at the hall to raise money for the spaghetti dinner in May.

Our March 7th meeting will be at the convent at St. loseph's academy in Brentwood for "Irish Night". There will be pipers, dancers and Irish soda bread so come on down.

Any question I can be reached at 581-1489

DATES TO REMEMBER:

3/6 El parade 1:45PM at library 3/7 Our meeting at St. Joseph's Academy convent at 6PM 5/13 Annual Make A Wish Spaghetti

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Sue O'Neill

2005 Dues

Annual dues are now \$40 if paid prior to March 17 and \$48 if paid

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

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

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 Jim

Portella, Chairman of the Committee on the Sick. Or, call him at 582-9142.

For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Dolores Gordon 586-9140.

Newsletter Information

The monthly newsletter will also be posted on the web site. It will be posted on the 'Event Page'.

In order to read the Newsletter off the web, a free software application called Adobe Acrobat Reader will be necessary. Instructions will be available on the web site.

You will be able to save the Newsletter on your PC or share it with anyone who has email. You will also be able to print it on your local print-

Please provide feedback if you find this interesting enough to continue.

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Suffolk County Aide to New York City **Grand Marshall**



Betty Kramer, daughter of Molly Hayes and Dennis Meaney of County Kilkenny has been selected to be an aide to the 2005 Grand Marshall of the New York City Parade.

Betty is a charter member of the Division 7 L.A.O.H and has been a past president for five terms as well as two terms as the Suffolk County L.A.O.H president.

In addition to being the organizer and Chairlady of the Celtic Degree Team since 1978, Betty was a New York State Officer for six

In 1999 Betty was honored with "National Life Membership."

Betty is married to William Kramer and the mother of three children and the proud grandmother of two. She lives with her husband in St. Mary's Parish, East Islip.



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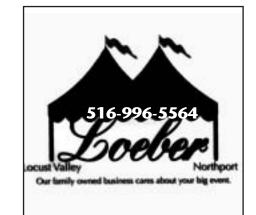
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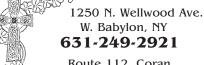
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What's Happening March 2005

Wed Mar 2 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Boys and Girls Division Meeting – 6:30PM Mar 7 Mon St. Joseph's Academy Wed Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM 1:30PM Mar 6 East Islip St. Patrick Day Parade Sun Mar 17 NYC Parade – Membership Dues 11:00AM

Burgundy and Grey

Congratulations to Donny Dobbin on being the Grand Marshall for the parade and Al Norton for being selected as Hibernian of the Year. Our Color Guard now has celebrity status! (I hope we can live with this?) Our schedule for March is as follows:

March 6	East Islip 2:00 PM	(Line up behind Donny Dobbin)
March 12	Bay Shore	2:00 PM
March 13	Bayport	11:30 AM
March 13	Center Moriches	2:00 PM
March 17	New York City	Bus Time 8:30 AM
March 19	Hampton Bays	Bus Time 9:30 AM
March 20	Montauk	Bus Time 10:00 AM

If you are taking any of the buses please sign up A.S.A.P. No later then ne Bay Shore Parade on March 12.

For: N.Y.C see George Broschart

Hampton Bays see Vic Vogel Montauk see Bill O'Halleran

After the Bay Shore parade, Trish Allen would like the band to play at the Division One hall for the Grand Marshall of their parade, her own Dad, Ronnie Allen. Everyone please show up and support Trish as well as ■ her father!

John Flynn **Band Manager**

"A pint can't hold a quart-if it holds a pint it is doing all that can be expected of it." - Margaret Deland

"Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian." - Dennis Wholey

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." - Bill Cosby

Pub Entertainment



Saturday, March 5 Howie Seal

Saturday, March 12

Karaoke with Carol

Saturday, March 19 Bill Brennan

Saturday, March 26 Martin Flynn

St. Patrick and the Power of **Forgiveness**

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. (See Mt. 5:44) We know that on the cross, Jesus forgave those who crucified Him. Perhaps we feel that while Jesus could make such an extraordinary act of forgiveness, what HE asks is simply beyond the abilities of ordinary mortals.

Yet that is exactly what St. Patrick did. Abducted from his homeland as a teenager, he was sold into slavery in a fierce, pagan land. Some sources say that his master was a harsh man, and we can be certain that the young Patrick's life was not a pleasant one.

Finally, after six long years, God led Patrick out of slavery and back to his homeland, only to call him to take the GOod News of the Gospel back to Ireland. Patrick responded to that call without hesitation.

How many of us would not feel bitter toward those who took us from our home and forced us to labor in captivity?

St. Patrick models for all Christians the transforming power of true forgiveness. By forgiving his former captors, then coming to love them, Patrick transformed not only him, self but the Irish people into staunch protectors and preservers of the Christian faith.