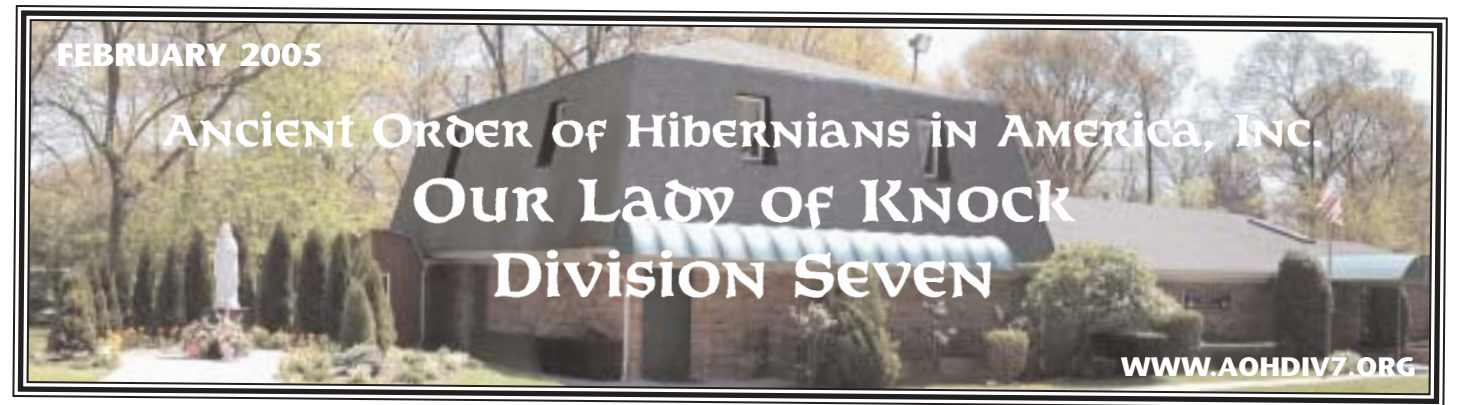


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President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on Wed. Feb 2nd at 8:00 p.m. at our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. An election will take place between Bill O'Halleran and Bill Kilkenny for the open position on the Finance Committee.

The Installation of Officers was held on January 21st, thank you to everyone who attended, and congratulations to all the Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Ladies and Men's Officers who were installed.

Our Grand Marshal's Ball honoring Don Dobbin takes place on Feb. 19th, at the Irish Coffee Pub. Come out and support Don and have a great time. Contact Jerry Delaney 581-3143 if interested. Please make sure to check the inside calendar for all other upcoming events. Don't forget that if you are in need of any services to check out our advertisers in the newsletter.

Our new website is up and running for anyone interested in Division 7 jackets, golf shirts, rugby shirts or other apparel and accessories. To view the website, go to the online store at <http://aohdv7store.bjm-promo.com> <<http://aohdv7store.bjm-promo.com/>> or contact Ed Sallie at 631-232-0590 x236 to place your order. Get your orders in so you'll be able to wear them proud for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day. Order forms will also be available at the Hall, and orders can be placed online, by fax, or by telephone. Sashes are also available by contacting Mac McFadden at 631-968-0614, as well

as Division hats can be purchased through any Corporation Officer.

Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity
Pat Philbin

2005 Dues

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

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.



Right To Life

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

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

Friday to Sunday, February 18 to 20. Rachel Vineyard Weekend Retreat. Kellenberg Retreat House, Uniondale N.Y. For both men and women affected by abortion. For information, call

Frank Gariboldi, 631-243-2373.
John Walsh 589-6694

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 scholarships 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

Super Bowl Sunday

February 6, 2005

Come down to the Pub on Sunday, February 6, 2005 and celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a Day at the Races and a Raffle. The races will start at 3:00PM. Followed by the Super Bowl.

Raffle winners will be announced at Super Bowl half time.

We will be raffling off a large screen TV and additional prizes.

Tickets are \$10 each • Only 300 tickets available.

Grand Marshal's Ball

Saturday, February 19, 2005

at the
Irish coffee Pub

honoring
Don Dobbin

Cocktails 7:00 pm • Dinner 8:00 pm
Reservations are now being taken

Tickets: \$90 per person
Seating is on a first come - first served basis

A waiting list will be established once 200 seats are sold.

If you have reserved a seat and payment is not made by February 9, 2005 your reservation will be void and your seat will be given to the waiting list.

Contact: Jerry Delaney at 581-3143

Ladies Division

As newly installed President of the LAOH, I wanted to express my gratitude at having been given this honor. I have many challenges ahead and will have to work hard to meet them. I appreciate all those individuals who have stepped up to their new leadership positions and as my new board will meet the challenges alongside me. I am excited about working with a fantastic team. I know we will work closely with the Men's division to make the coming two years a great success.

Starting with the February 9 meeting dues cards will be checked at the door. Please make sure your \$25 dues are paid before the East Islip St. Patrick's Parade on March 6.

Remember St. Brigid's Mass at 10am on February 6 at St. Joseph's Church in Brentwood. A breakfast will follow at Division 2 AOH Hall in Babylon.

Yours in Friendship
Unity and Christian Charity,
Winnie Morrisey

Freedom For All Ireland Christmas Appeal

I want to thank all who participated in making the "Freedom For All Ireland Christmas Appeal" a great success during the season of love and charity.

The "Ten Club" member's generosity is appreciated by so many in need. You will undoubtedly be recipients of the benefactors many prayers of thank you.

From the North, I am sure there is a big, "Go Raibh Maith Agat". (Thank You)

Vic Vogel
Chairman FFAI

Junior Girls

At the last Junior Girls meeting, Mr. Jim Byrnes from the Make-A-Wish Foundation visited and showed a video of several wish recipients. Many thanks to Tom Conway, who saved the evening by quickly supplying a TV/VCR when Mr. Byrnes forgot to bring his own video equipment. After the video there was a question and answer period.

I was especially proud of the maturity displayed by all present; they were well behaved and asked thoughtful questions, and then listened attentively to Mr. Byrnes.

Meagan Heathwood, Junior Girls President gave Mr. Byrnes the \$1900 the girls had raised at the Spaghetti Dinner. Sean O'Neill, Junior Boys President presented \$1100 generously donated by the AOH Mens' Division. A pizza party followed the ceremony and we ended the night with a cake made and decorated for the occasion by my daughter, Jean Anne.

This will be my last column as Vice President and Junior Girls Coordinator, so I will take this opportunity to express my enjoyment at having worked with the girls for the last two years. You have kept me young and it has been my pleasure. I wish you all much love and great success in the future.

Dates to Remember

February 6 - St. Brigid's Mass at St. Joseph 10AM

February 7 - Junior Girls Meeting 6:30PM

Peace on Earth
Winnie

An Irish Blessing

May the Power of God uphold you, His wisdom guide you, His hand guard you, His path lie before you, and His shield protect you as you journey today and throughout your life.

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 printer.

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

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Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid is Ireland's female patron Saint - (St. Patrick being the better known male patron Saint). Her feast day, La Feile Brighde, is celebrated at the beginning of February, and marks the onset of Spring. St Brigid represents the Earth Mother and the Celts viewed her day as marking the time seeds stirred in the earth, when milk was produced by ewes for Spring lambs, and longer hours of daylight began to brighten the dark Winter days. They called this season Imbolc and it was celebrated across Europe. St Brigid's day marks the beginning of this season, celebrated by Christians as Candlemas, and marked by the lighting of Candles at midnight, to beckon in the brighter Spring days. St. Brigid founded her monastery in Kildare, near Dublin, about 460 AD, and there, an eternal flame was tended by 19 nuns. Her simple Rush Cross is probably Ireland's best known symbol, after the Shamrock and the Harp. The Brigid's Cross, aside from its religious significance, was also a totem for success in farming, and health in one's house, and a portent of plenty for the rest of the year!

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to harken to my need, the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me; Christ to comfort and restore me; Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that

love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father Spirit, Word; praise to the God of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord!


Did You Know...

Botanically speaking, the onion is a lily.

Barbie Doll's last name is Roberts. Cows can be identified by noseprints.

Your hearing is not as sharp on a full stomach.

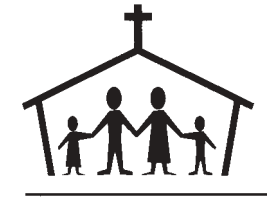

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\$500.00 per person Senior Rate per person. Must be 65 and over.
With proper ID.
Price includes round trip air fare, four nights at the Excalibur Hotel, baggage handling, tax and ground transportation to and from Las Vegas Airport.
Trip Information
Depart: Islip McArthur airport Monday April 25, 2005, SouthWest Airlines Flight 1793 at 8:05AM
Arrive: Nonstop to Las Vegas Airport 10:410AM (Las Vegas Time)
Return:
Depart: Las Vegas Airport Friday April 29, 2005 SouthWest Flight 1659 at 2:25PM.
Arrive: Nonstop to Islip McArthur airport 10:15PM
NOTE: For airport check in, a valid driver's license or passport, or other valid photo ID is required.

Deposit of \$100.00 per person must be received and is on a first come, first serve basis, with preference to previous travelers.
Balance of trip must be received by February 20, 2005.
Full payment is accepted at any time. Checks payable to AOH DIVISION 7.

Please complete lower portion for each person and return to Vince Clancy:
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



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What's Happening February 1005

Happy Valentine's Day

Wed	Feb 2	Men's Division 7 Meeting	8:00PM
Sun	Feb 6	St. Brigid's Day - St. Joseph's Brentwood	10:00AM
		Super Bowl Sunday At the Pub	
		Day At The Races	3:00PM
Mon	Feb 7	Boys and Girls Division Meeting	
Wed	Feb 9	Ladies Division 7 meeting	
Sat	Feb 19	Grand Marshall Bal - Irish Coffee Pub	8:00PM
Sun	Mar 6	East Islip St. Patrick Day Parade	

Burgundy and Grey

Our schedule for February and March is as follows:

February 6	St. Brigid's Mass at St Joseph's convent	10:00AM
February 19	Grand Marshal Ball - Irish Coffee Pub	8:00PM
March 6	East Islip	2:00PM
March 12	Bay Shore	2:00PM
March 13	Bayport	11:30AM
March 13	Center Moriches	2:00PM
March 17	New York City	Bus Time TBA
March 19	Hampton Bays	Time TBA
March 20	Montauk	Bus Time TBA

I should be receiving letters from the Patchogue parade committee shortly.

There will be a band meeting February 10 at 8:00PM.

By then I should have a final list of parades.

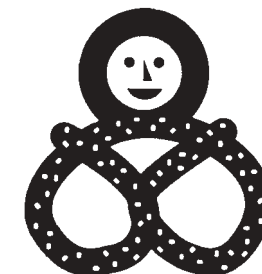
John Flynn
Band Manager

Lenten Trivia

The common pretzel was originally designed for use during Lent. Sometime during the Middle Ages, when Lent was accompanied by strict bans on dairy products and meat, people subsisted largely on breads, pastries, soups and vegetables.

Bakers in Germany decided to create a food that would even look religious—the pretzel. The crossed arms of a pretzel represent a Christian in prayer.

Place the palm of each hand on the opposite shoulder, so that your fore-arms cross. That's the shape of a pretzel.



Pub Entertainment



Saturday, February 5

Karaoke with Carol



Saturday, February 19

Martin Flynn



Saturday, March 5

Howie Seal



Saturday, March 12

Karaoke with Carol

Announcements

Please set aside a few minutes to say a prayer for the brave men and women of our American armed forces serving in places such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and other trouble spots around the globe.

Tom McEnroe, of the Project Children Committee reported at the last meeting, that to date, \$1,215 has been donated to the Project Children Fund in memory of a recently deceased brother, Dennis Quinn.

Dan and Maura Sullivan and Michelle and Artie Miele announced the birth of their granddaughter, Kaylie Anne Sullivan. The baby was born on December 22, 2004 at 8 lbs 4 oz. Proud parents are Beth and Patrick Sullivan.



Kaylie Anne Sullivan