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President's Message

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on March 4, 2009 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to Al Norton once again on being the 2009 Grand Marshal and Maryann Baron on being the LAOH aide. What a great time was had by everyone at the Grand Marshal Ball held on February 21 at the Irish Coffee Pub. Many thanks go to Ball Chairman, Tom Davis for putting together another premier event. Also, another outstanding job by Journal Chairman Tom McHugh for publishing the phenomenal journal. As was mentioned in the journal, special thanks go to Kevin Boyle for all that he does. The journal would not be possible without Kevin's dedication.

The parade season is here. Please check the division's website to see a list of parades the Róisín Dubh pipe band will be playing at. Go out and support the best pipe band on the east coast!!! There is still a sign up list in the Pub for the NYC parade. If all the buses are full then a waiting list will begin. All information for the parade will be available on the division website.

The Suffolk County ball will be held at the Larkfield Manor on April 17. This year's honorees are Suffolk County AOH President Walter Butler and Suffolk County LAOH President, Division 7's own, Aggie O'Leary. If anyone is interested in attending or taking a page in the journal please contact me.

There will be a Shamrock degree at the March meeting. Sponsors, please have your candidate in the pub area and report to division organizer John Hanley by 7:30. Remember proper dress is required.

Membership dues for 2009 are now due. Our annual dues are \$40 per year if paid prior to March 17th and \$48 if paid after March 17th. If you wish to mail in your dues, please include the last 4 digits of your membership number on your check and mark on the envelope "DUES". If paying your dues while at the pub, please ask the bartender for an envelope and write your name and last 4 digits of your membership number on the envelope and place it in the green mailbox in the hallway.

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

Project Children 2009

This is the thirtieth year that Division Seven has been involved with Project Children.

We have sponsored over 150 children during this span ranging between the ages of nine through fourteen.

We are also now involved in bringing over interns. These are college age students that work here only to earn credits towards their degrees.

The Project Children recipients are here for four weeks, approximately

from the last week of June into July.

The interns are here for six weeks. They are required to find their own transportation to work. However, any help is appreciated.

We have already established a work location for one in the Bay Shore area. We need families to house these individuals.

What they need is a place to stay and provide food.

(As they say in Ireland, ..."another potato in the pot!")

The bonds that are established by housing these individuals are immensely gratifying.

Please call Herman Boyle at 631-277-2377 if you have an interest in providing for a child or an intern.

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.

NOTE: You must have a 2009 dues card in order to gain admittance to the party at the hall after the Division Parade on March 1.

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and
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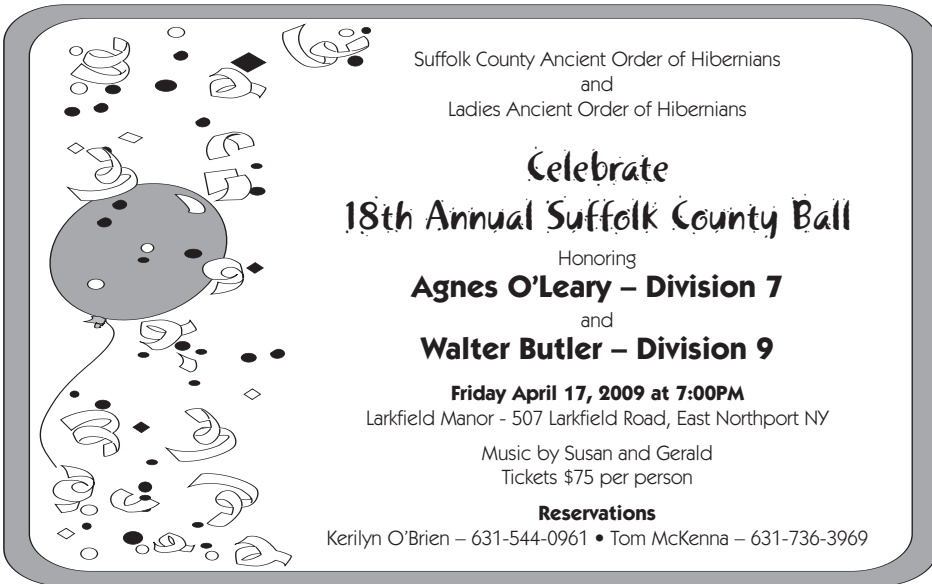
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Ladies Division

The monthly meeting of the LAOH was held on February 11th. There was a screening for new members on Friday, February 6th and the membership will vote at the March meeting and the installation of new members will take place at the April meeting.

The Grand Marshal's Ball took place on Saturday, February 21st the 2009 Grand Marshall, Al Norton and the L.A.O.H. Ladies Aide Mary Ann Baron looked wonderful. Both of these individuals are so deserving of this honor and make us proud to follow you up Main Street on March 1st. Great Job to Tom Davis, Chairman of the Ball and Tom McHugh, Chairman of the Journal. Everything was spectacular!

On Monday, March 9th the Jr. Girls and Boys will visit the Retired Sisters at St. Joseph's Convent for the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. As always – the ladies have been asked to donate Irish Soda Bread. We have also asked to provide the Irish Soda Bread for the Hall for the St. Patrick's Day dinner following the NYC Parade on March 17th. If you need more information please feel free to contact me at 224-4157.

The L.A.O.H. of Suffolk County has kicked off their 300 Club Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each and because of our large membership we have been given 100 tickets to sell, so please see me if you would like to purchase one or you can take some to sell. Your help would be very much appreciated.

The Suffolk County Ball will be held on Friday, April 17th at the Larkfield Manor. The 2009 Honoree is the Suffolk County L.A.O.H. President and our own "Aggie O'Leary". Tickets are \$75.00 per person. If you are interested in attending please see Winnie Morrissey or myself at the next meeting.

A position on the Board of the L.A.O.H. Division 7 has become "Open". We will be accepting nominations for the position of Sentinel at the March meeting and if need be; a vote will take place at the April Meeting.

Dues are still being collected. They are \$25.00 until March 31st and \$30.00 beginning on April 1st, so please see Carol McHugh if you haven't already.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th beginning promptly with the recitation of the rosary at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing you all there and I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed St. Patrick's Day!

Yours in Friendship, Unity,
and Christian Charity,
Alice Faughnan

Juniors

At our February meeting the Juniors were busy decorating folders. The hand-made folders will be available for sale at the St Patrick's Dance after the East Islip parade. The folders will contain Irish note cards designed by Cailin Vogel, Vic Vogel's daughter. We owe Mary Gilmore a big thank you for such a creative project idea for the Juniors.

The Juniors also wrote thank you notes to Rafaello, our guest speaker at the January meeting. He is a Make-A-Wish child who explained how he received his wish.

The East Islip parade will be March 1. Line up for the parade will be at 1:30 pm at the East Islip Library. If you

have a sash please wear it. After the parade we will meet at the hall to sell raffles for a painting by Mary Gilmore, 50/50 chances, and our note cards/folders. If you are available please help that night. The money we raise helps to fund the Spaghetti Dinner which will be held May 8th this year.

Our meeting next month will be March 9 at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood. The convent is just south of the church on the St. Joseph's campus. Please bring Irish Soda Bread or cookies. We will say some of the Rosary so bring your rosary that night. Our Junior Girls will be step dancing and the pipe band will also play. The Sisters love our company so please try to attend.

Things to remember:

East Islip St. Patrick's parade: March 1, 1:30pm E.I. Library

St Patrick's Dance at the hall: March 1 after the parade

March 9th Meeting: 6:30 pm, St. Joseph's Convent. Bring Irish Soda Bread and your rosary

Spaghetti Dinner: May 8th at the hall.



The Junior Girls at St. Brigid's Mass celebrated at the Convent of St. Joseph Academy, Brentwood, NY.

Pub Clean-up



The Corporation would like to thank all those members who helped with the Pub Clean-up on Saturday, February 14th : Ralph Daigneault, Jack Murphy, Steve Mac Quade, Pete McMahon, Aidan Traynor, George Pfeiffer, Tom O'Keefe, Tom Snyder, Bob Knockenhauer, John Fitzpatrick, Don McGlynn, Tony Scott, Herman Boyle, Kevin Boyle, John Clarkin, Al Norton , Brian ? (sorry, didn't get last name) Robert Doyle.

Their efforts ensure that the Pub will look sharp for the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Season.

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, John Fitzpatrick at 581-5705.

For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Margaret Davis, 224-1849.

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Right to Life

We now have the most Pro-Abortion (Pro-Death) President in the History of Our Country. He is such an extreme abortion zealot that he actually opposed a born-alive treatment law. When a U.S. Senator, Barack Obama co-sponsored the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA), a currently active bill that would nullify virtually all federal and state limitations on abortion, including the types now permitted by the Supreme Court, such as parental notification laws and waiting periods. It would also make partial-birth abortion legal again. *

To effectively fight this and other abortion evils, make your position known to the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network. If you have not joined as yet, and in order to make your pro-life stand heard in Albany and Washington, please email network@nyscatholic.org. or telephone 518-434-6195. Remember, AOH is a Pro-Life Catholic organization and we believe in the sanctity of life.

*Source: New York State Right to Life Committee.

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 awards awarded.

All applications must be in by Apr 15, 2009

High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory.

St. Brigid Award



On Feb 1, 2009, the feast day of St. Brigid of Kildare, Ireland, Pat Kinlan, LAOH Division 7 member and Spiritual Adviser, was the recipient of the St. Brigid award, presented after the St. Brigid Mass.

This award is presented annually to the LAOH member within the Divisions in Suffolk County to a member who most exemplifies the works of our patron saint and walks in the footsteps of St. Brigid
Congratulations Pat!

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Sun	Mar 1	'John Reilly Memorial' St. Patrick Day Parade 1:00PM
Wed	Mar 4	Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
Mon	Mar 9	Jr Girls and Jr Boys Meeting 6:30PM
Wed	Mar 11	Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM
Tue	Mar 17	St. Patrick Day Parade - Buses to NYC
Fri	Apr 17	18th Annual Suffolk County Ball 7:00PM
Mon	Jun 1	Project Children Golf Tournament

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

St. Patrick 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 \$35 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

Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band

Roisin Dubh's Derby Night Fundraiser at Division Seven was a success!
 It was a great, fun and entertaining event and everyone enjoyed themselves!
 The funds will help us supply uniforms and instruments for our students as they join the ever expanding marching band.
 We would like to thank Barry Heathwood for organizing the Derby. He is now our choice for the position of 'Derby Chairman for Life'. In addition, we would like to thank the band members and especially the great number of band families who so generously supported the fundraiser. We want to also,



Pub Entertainment

March 7

Dave Kotliar

March 14

Howie Seal

March 21

Mike Crowley

March 28

Karaoke with Jean Marie

April 4

Joe Roche from Macoda

thank all the volunteers who sold tickets, ran the races and worked in the kitchen. We especially can't forget to thank the "Horses" and the "Owners" who made the races so much fun. The costumes were great! And the names of the horses were really interesting. Perhaps next time we will have a prize for the best horse name as well. Derby Night at Division Seven would appear to have a promising future for Roisin Dubh.

Thanks again from the band committee.

Vic Vogel

Announcements

Congratulations to the St. Mary's CYO 6th Grade B Division Girls Basketball LI Champs 13-0 coached by fellow Hibernians **Edward Walsh** and assisted by **Shawn O'Neill**.

Please be aware that the Pub is closed once a month during the men's meeting and will reopen at the end of the meeting.

There will be a **Shamrock Degree** at the March 4 men's meeting.

Appropriate dress for the recipients is requested.



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