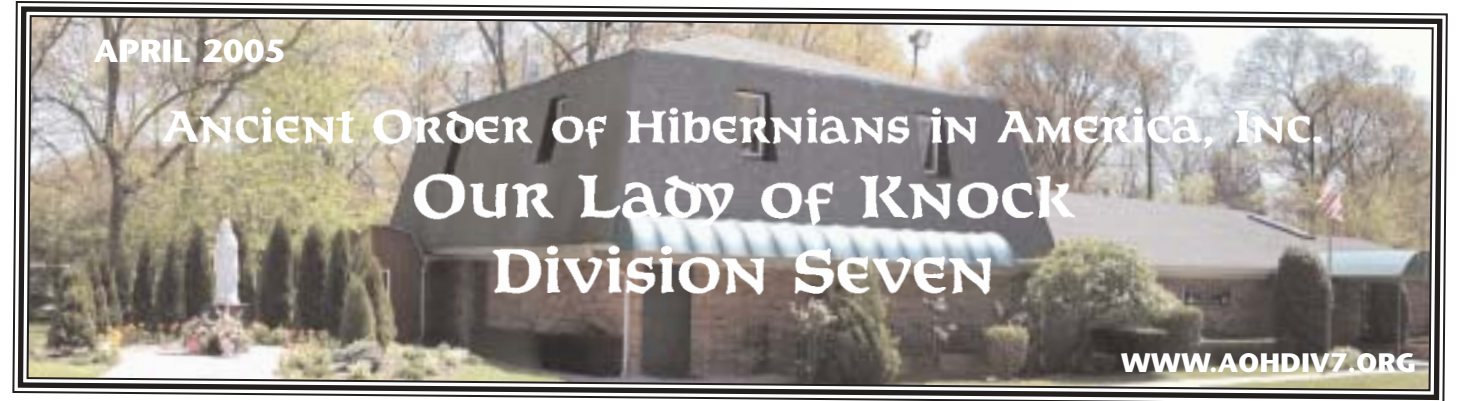


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President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on Wed. Apr 6th 8:00 p.m. at our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Mar. 6th. It was another outstanding parade thanks to the hard work of John Reilly, Frank Lyons, Dan Sullivan and his line-up committee. Another Congratulations goes out to our Grand Marshal Don Dobbin and the Ladies Aide Winnie Morrissey who made us all look proud.

The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Mar. 17th, and everything turned out to be a fine day. Everyone looked great, especially our own Betty Kreamer, who was the Suffolk County Aide to the NYC Grand Marshal.

The First Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hampton Bays on Mar. 19th turned out to be a great success. Thanks to everyone who showed up to show their support and make it an event that will sure to be around for years to come.

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. Raffle tickets will also be available at the bar or see me if interested.

The Suffolk County Convention will be on May 15th at Division 7. Please make plans to attend to show your support. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

I would like to congratulate the Róisín Dubh Pipe Band who did an outstanding job in all the parades and again showed everyone why we're so lucky to be able to call them our own. As well, a huge thank you goes out to Joe McNally, who retired as the bands' Drum Major. We all will miss you, but know you will always be around to help. Thanks again Joe!!

Please make sure to check the inside calendar for all upcoming events. Don't forget that if you are in need of any services to check out our advertisers in the newsletter. Anyone interested in advertising in our newsletter should contact Tom Davis at 631-224-1849 for all details.

There will be a screening for new members on Fri. May 6th at 8:00 at our hall. Everyone interested should get their applications in to Kevin Lyons, or contact him at 631-581-5265. A Shamrock Degree will be held at the June meeting.

One final thank you goes out to all the volunteers of the cooking crew who put in long hours making sure there was plenty of food to be had at all our parade celebrations. Thanks from all the members.....

Please visit the NEW Division 7 online store at <http://aohdiv7store.bjm-promo.com> to view and purchase great new Division 7 jackets, golf shirts, rugby shirts, sashes and other apparel and accessories! Call Ed Sallie at BJM Promotions, Inc at 631-232-0590 x236 or Mac McFadden at 631-968-0614 to place your orders today!

Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity
Pat Philbin

Corporation Corner

The Corporation conducted a Pub cleanup on February 26th. The Pub was cleaned from top to bottom and everything in between. All the usual suspects were there for the occasion. They worked very hard for the entire morning and the results were well worth the effort. The Pub was made ready for the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day festivities.

The Corporation would like to extend a sincere thank you to the entire crew.

A special thanks to Jim Walsh for his expertise and hard work as technical advisor. In alphabetical order: Kevin Boyle, Jack Bonner, Joe Burmmel, Ralph Daignault, Don Dobbin (Grand Marshal 2005), John Flynn, Nick Lindato, Steve MacQuade, Jack Murphy, Gary Murphy, Bill O'Halleran, Tom Nickel.

Thanks to all who helped out!!!!
Dan Sullivan.

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, Liz Colgan 277-2248

A.O.H and L.A.O.H. 14th Annual Suffolk County Ball

Saturday April 23, 2005

Honoring

Margaret Hennessy (Div 2) and Larry Hurley (Div 5)

West Lake Inn

322 West Main Street

Patchogue NY

Cocktail Hour 6:30 P.M to 7:30 P.M

Complete Sit Down Dinner – Open Bar

Optional Blacklie

Music provided by Gabe Hickey

Price: \$70 per person

Contact: Bill Kilkenny 631-277-3745

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Ladies Division

Please be advised that after March 31, dues will increase by \$5, bringing the amount to \$30. Mail your dues, membership card and self addressed envelope to: L.A.O.H., Att: Charlene Gibbs, P.O. Box 774, E. Islip, NY 11730

It is too late for this St. Patrick's Day, however if anyone is in need of a sash, the price is \$31. Contact Mary Baron at 422-7773.

Eileen Fitzpatrick will be cooking for the soup kitchen on April 7 at 7:00PM. It would be great if some of the new members stopped in and gave a helping hand.

Don't forget the Chinese Auction which will take place at the April 13 meeting. Drop off all new or nearly new items before the meeting. As nothing will be accepted on the day of the meeting. Items left in the coat closet must be clearly marked "Chinese Auction".

Remember, "A League of Their Own", softball dinner will be on Friday April 8 from 7 to 11PM. Keep the night open in support of our softball players.

The Gabe Hickey Band will entertain at the County Ball on April 23 at West Lake Inn. All are encouraged to support this County event.

Dates to Remember:

April 8 Softball Dinner 7 to 11PM

April 13 Meeting - Chinese Auction 7:30

April 23 County Ball - West Lake Inn

Pray for Peace,
Winnie Morrissey

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.

Junior Girls

The Junior Girls marched proudly in the East Islip parade. They raised \$562 in the 50/50 raffle which took place at the hall following the parade. This money will be used to offset costs for our Make A Wish Spaghetti Dinner in May.

The girls, along with the Junior Boys, helped the retired sisters at St Joseph's Academy Convent celebrate St. Patrick's Day by serving Irish soda bread, cookies and drinks. They entertained them by doing some Irish dancing. We would like to thank Trish, Jack, Vic and Shawn from the Róisín Dubh Pipe Band for coming out to play for them.

Our next meeting will be April 11 at 6:30PM, see you all then.

In Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity,
Sue O'Neill



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The children are from 9 through 14 years of age. It is a great experience for you and your children. One parent must be home during the day.

The children will arrive on June 29 and the length of stay is four weeks.

If you are interested in hosting a child this year, please contact Herman Boyle (277-2377) or Charlie Tansey (581-6368).

Right To Life

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

Tuesday April 5, 2005, 9:30 AM to 2:00PM, N.Y. State Right To Life Committee "Annual Lobby for Life Day", at Albany. Bus from Long Island. Call 631-589-4571 to reserve a seat.

Tuesday April 14, 2005 at 7 - 8 PM. Rosary for Life, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Patchogue. Adoration from 9AM to Mid-Night.

John Walsh

A League of Their Own

Fundraiser Dance
to Support the
New LAOH Division 7
Women's Softball Team

April 8, 2005
7PM - 11PM
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David Ring Responds to Newsday Article.

In your March 9th article "US Envoy Calls for IRA to Disband" (*Newsday*)

I was pleased to see that Mitchell Reiss has called for the IRA to disband. It was also encouraging to see that the British and Irish Governments are calling for the end of criminal activity. Additionally, Reiss stated, "that the IRA's allied Sinn Fein party should accept the legitimacy of the police force". These are all positive steps. It is essential, in order to achieve a just peace in Northern Ireland, that all people should feel safe and protected. All people should also be truly equal under the law. Only then will real peace come to Ireland. To this end, it is important that the US, British, and Irish Governments take two more equally important steps. The first, is to demand and insure the disarmament and disbanding of the IRA's counterpart, the several loyalist paramilitaries that are still involved in criminal activities throughout Northern Ireland. The second, is to enforce the recommendations of the Patten Commission to make certain that the Northern Ireland Police Service will no longer be the anti-Catholic, anti-Nationalist organization that it has been since its inception.

By seeing, presenting, and dealing with all of the legitimate issues that have plagued Northern Ireland, the conflict can end. By understanding that the fears and concerns of all of the people of Northern Ireland need to be resolved, enduring peace can be achieved.

Dr. David A. Ring, Irish Historian
Suffolk County New York Ancient
Order of Hibernians

Burgundy & Grey

The Róisín Dubh Pipe Band had a very full and rewarding parade season.

Besides looking great marching in front of the County L.A.O.H in the New York City parade, the band marched in the First Annual Hampton Bays parade on Saturday, March 19, 2005.

Additionally, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be a day that Tricia Allen will never forget!

Patricia Allen announced on the return bus from the New York City Parade, that Caleb Torrice from Oswego NY proposed marriage to her at the end of the parade!



Caleb and Patricia



John Flkynn, Band Manager

Patricia is the daughter of Ronnie and Elizabeth Allen and Caleb's parents are Jack and Martha Torrice.

They survived their first hurdle in life by riding too and from New York City on the band bus!

After twenty three years, Joe McNally, the Drum Major is retiring.

John Flynn, the Band Manger, presented Joe with a plaque, and his wife Gloria was presented with flowers, after the Montauk parade on Sunday, March 20, 2005.

Joe and Gloria will be retiring to Florida.

Joe has gained an esteemed reputation among the pipe bands and will be a tough act to follow.

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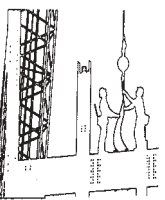
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Wed	Apr 6	Men's Division 7 Meeting	8:00PM
Fri	Apr 8	L.A.O.H Softball Team Fundraiser	7:00PM
Mon	Apr 11	Boys and Girls Division Meeting	6:30PM
Wed	Apr 13	Ladies Meeting – Chinese Auction	7:30PM
Sat	Apr 23	County Ball – West Lake Inn	6:30PM
Fri	May 6	New Member Screening – Hall	8:00PM
Fri	May 13	Spaghetti Dinner – Jr Boys & Jr Girls	6:00PM
Sun	May 15	Suffolk County Convention – Div 7 Hall	

Pub Entertainment



Saturday, April 16
 Karaoke with Carol

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Saturday, April 23
 Martin Flynn

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Saturday, April 30
 Howie Seal

Announcements



Rebecca Grace

Excerpt from the County Clare Library website.
 Date: March 2005

Ralph and Terri Daigneault are overjoyed to welcome their first grandchild, **Rebecca Grace**, born Feb 20, 2005. She weighed 7lbs and 13 ozs and 20inches long. Mother Danielle and child are doing great!



Julie Anna Clancy

Dennis and Mary Clancy announced the birth of their daughter, **Julie Anna**, on Friday, March 18, 2005. The baby weighed 7lbs 3 oz and was 19½ inches long. Her brother Patrick is now the big brother.
 This is now **Vincent and Joann Clancy's** 9th grandchild.

Pete Hamill, the Irish-American writer gave an interview in Irish America magazine a few years back. I saved it because it explained so well why we travel to Ireland researching our roots. Here's the exact quote: (and just because it says American, doesn't mean it doesn't apply to Irish-Canadian, Irish-Australian etc). "The writer John McNulty wrote an account of his first trip to Ireland. The title was 'Back Where I Had Never Been'. That title almost perfectly expresses the emotion felt by many Irish Americans when they first glimpse the land of their parents or grandparents. Early on I realized - as so many of the Irish diaspora do - that my own identity was tied to a place I'd never seen. I could never hope to understand my parents and therefore, myself, without trying to understand Ireland too. Ireland made them what they were; Ireland plus America made me. When Irish-Americans go back to where they'd never been, when they act out the cliché of discovering the places that hurt their parents into exile, they are not engaged in some trivial act. They are looking for continuity with the past. They are trying to find the line of a story that was interrupted by history; there are some

aspects of being Irish American that resemble starting a novel in chapter 17". The native Irish may not understand that need, they've been on their native soil for thousands of years, they have their history. We on the other hand, have to go find it, it was lost to us; everything but the love of that place. So to Clare County Library and their wonderful staff I say thanks for giving us the first 16 chapters; it means more to us than you realize.

Elisabeth Haren, USA
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*How beautiful the little things,
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 the park across the way -
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 the mountains wide, pebbles glisten by the
 shore uncovered by the tide. How beautiful
 the little things, in life they do abound.
 If we would seek the hand of God, they
 surely could be found.*
 Pauline Kourian Vick

