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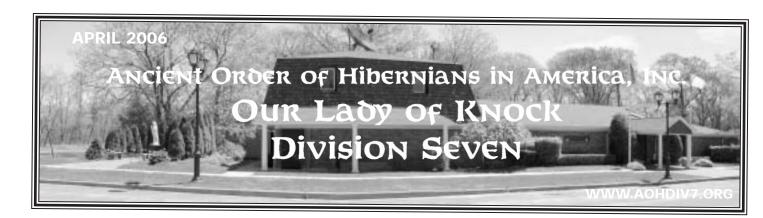
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The Roisin Dubh Pipe Band will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary later this year. The banner displaying this achievement was carried in each of the St. Patrick's Day Parades that they marched in. This is the New York City Parade. Congratulations to the current band members and its past alumni!



President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on Wed, April 5 in our hall. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I hope everyone and their families had a happy and festive St. Patrick's Day. I know my family and I did.

We had another outstanding St. Patrick's Day here in East Islip and it was enjoyed by young and old alike. The sidelines appear to be increasing each year. I would like to thank the members for the very large contingent we had this year to march behind our Grand Marshal Pat Philbin and our Ladies Aide, Mary Gilmore. I was very proud to lead the Division down Main Street. I and the Division want to thank, John Reilly, Dan Sullivan, Frank Lyons and their lineup committee for another successful year.

I would also like to extend a thank you on behalf of the membership to everyone who has helped out with all these St. Patrick celebrations. Many different tasks are performed for these parties and we really do appreciate everything that you do for us. Extra special thanks to the kitchen crew who volunteer their time and put out a great meal for us to all enjoy.

The New York City Parade turned out to be a grand day for all who went to it. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out. The Roisin Dubh Pipe Band had another very busy and successful month of March. All the members of the band put a lot of time and effort into their work and

it really showed. We should be proud to call them our own!

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for the Suffolk County Ball. Please help support them. The Jr. Boys and Jr. Girls are having a spaghetti dinner on Fri., May 5 in the hall and also a Mother's Day breakfast on you guessed it – Mother's Day. Bring your families down and have a great time! Check the inside calendar for all upcoming events and get involved.

It is also a lot putting this newsletter together every month and I am getting older. So if I forget to mention someone for helping out or a function that slipped my mind, I am truly sorry. I will try to get everyone and everything in.

Thank you. Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Danny Kissane

Calling Post

Division 7 has announced a new process for sending out announcements that are of importance and cannot wait until a regularly scheduled meeting.

Since not everyone visits the hall on a daily basis, it was decided by the Division Officers that we would use the services of an organization called 'Calling Post'.

This is a strictly voluntary call alerting notification system and is fundamentally non intrusive.

You will have to provide the Division with your phone number. Phone numbers are kept confidential and they will not be distributed.

If there is a message, it will be preceded by a five second announcement such as; "This is Danny Kissane....".

tickets for the Suffolk County Ball. If the phone is busy, the system will Please help support them. The Jr. Boys attempt to reach the caller with further and Jr. Girls are having a spaghetti attempts.

If your phone is set up to receive a message, such as an answering machine, it will leave a message on that machine.

Calling Post messages cannot be delivered to a phone system that requires the entering of an extension number or forwarding by a person.

Messages are delivered only between the hours of 9AM to 9PM.

Messages are approximately sixty seconds in total.

Again, this is voluntary and you can withdraw from the service at any time.

This service is available to paid up members and will be terminated if the dues are not current.

If you want to be added to the list, contact Al Norton at 631-277-0228 or leave your information at the hall.

Corporation Corner

The Corporation would like to extend their gratitude to the clean-up committee that worked so hard to get the pub ready for the St. Patrick's Day Season. Following is a list of the volunteers: Tom Nickel, John Flynn, Bill O'Halleran, Steve MacQuade, Joe LePage, Joe Bermel, Kevin Boyle, Pat Maune, Tom O'Keefe, Vic Vogel, Charlie Fagan, J.C. Corrigan, and John Fitzpatrick.

Thanks to all who helped out! Dan Sullivan

Ladies Division

Both St Patrick's Day Parades went well. The weather cooperated and everyone looked great.

New members will be installed at the April 12th meeting. Immediately following the meeting Liz Colgan will be preparing Easter Baskets for families in need. Please remember to leave nonperishable foods in the coat closet clearly marked for the food drive. Bring all perishable foods to the April 1 2th meeting. If you are aware of a family who needs the assistance, please inform Liz.

Just a quick reminder, yearly dues are expected by April 30th.

Our May 10th meeting will start at 7PM to allow extra time for the Chinese Auction which will follow. Pat Cassara is gathering new or gently used items for the auction. We are also requesting donations of wine or liquor for the basket of cheer which will be raffled off the same night.

I want to say thank you to the St Mary's Church prayer group. They knitted a special shawl during one of their prayer sessions which was presented to Aggie O'Leary to use during her hospital stay. Aggie's surgery went well and we are grateful.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 8

Suffolk County Ball, West Sayville Country Club - 6PM

April 12

Meeting - 7:30PM followed by Easter Basket preparation. Peace on Earth Winnie

Junior Girls

Our next meeting will be April 10th at 6:30PM at the hall. We will begin preparations for our annual spaghetti dinner which will be May 5th, Hope everyone can make it. Have a fun and safe spring recess.

Happy Easter! Sue O'Neill

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 at 277-2248.

Right To Life

Friday April 7, 1:00PM, Rosary for Life. St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia. Call 631-589-0540

Thursday, April 13, 7–8PM. Rosary for Life. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Patchogue NY. (9 AM to Midnight Adoration)

John Walsh

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Irish Wit

Three locals from the local parish were in a pub and were asked "When you're in your casket, and friends and parish members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Shawn said: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Liam commented: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Murphy said: "I'd like them to say, "Look, he's moving!"

In His time

I knelt there on the grassy knoll and bared to God my heart and soul; To Him, I poured out all my grief, then pleaded for His sweet relief.

I know, by faith, God always hears; He bears our pain - releases fears.

In His time, I know He'll answer me.

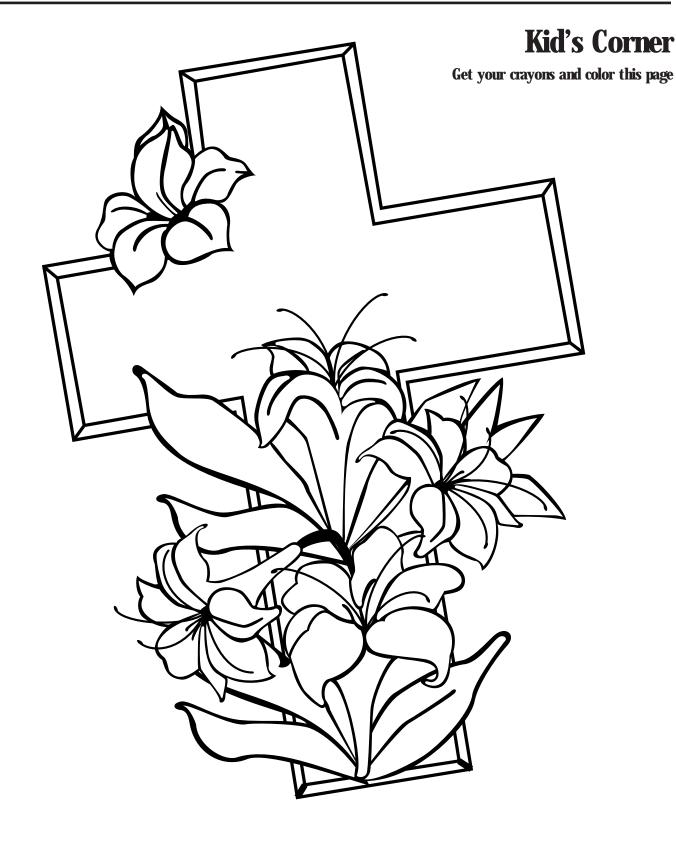
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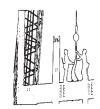
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Announcements



Entertainment

Saturday, April 1

Martin Flynn

Saturday, April 8

Howie Seal

Saturday, April 15

Bill Brennan

Saturday, April 22

Ed Ryan from Cara Band

Saturday, April 29

Cancelled

Saturday, May 6

Brian McCormack

The Junior Boys will be hosting a Mothers Day Breakfast on May 14 beginning at 9 a.m.

Prices and menu to be announced. Mark your calendars!

Please visit the A.O.H. 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!

Scholarships

If you have a high school student who may be eligible for an award see Tom McEnroe for applications. (581-7543) There will be two, \$3000 awards.

All applications must be in by May 1,

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