

THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF

DIVISION SEVEN, L.A.O.H.

Organized December 9, 1964

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In 1964, the president of Division 7, Pat Fitzpatrick, and vice-president Peter Bulfin, encouraged thirteen ladies to meet and form the Ladies of Division 7. On December 9, 1964, they met in Twins Inn on Division Avenue in East Islip and voted in their officers. This was the beginning of a very strong and active division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Under the guidance of Our Lady of Knock, the ladies have never lost sight of their motto: Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Throughout the years, the ladies have been extremely energetic and

resourceful in their fund-raising efforts. Many charities and organizations have been the recipients of their generosity. The ladies donate to the Colombian Missions, St. Mary's and St. Peter the Apostle Outreach programs, and Hope House Ministries. They visit the sick in nursing homes, hospitals, and psychiatric centers. The members are active in Right to Life, and Birthright, and host a shower every year for unwed mothers.

In Ireland they give to Father Desman Wilson's work in Belfast and for the restoration of All Hallows Seminary. At present, the ladies are sending a young man through the seminary in Kerola, India. Locally, they donate to Irish sports teams, dance schools, and give food baskets to needy families three times a year. In 1985 and 86, the Ladies of Division 7 ran the March of Dimes Bike-A-Thon in Hecksher Park.

Untiring in their efforts to spread their Irish heritage, the ladies promotes the Irish Essay Contest run by the L.A.O.H. each year, and display Irish culture in public and school libraries. They take a personal and active interest in "Freedom for All Ireland" and the Immigration committees.

After thirty years this division boasts a proud membership of 206 ladies. Their friendship to each other and dedication to Our Lady has been their firm foundation, enabling them to minister to the needs of others both near and far. May they look to a future as bright as their past, and may God bless them all.

Eileen Carey

Historian