



President's Message

Greetings Brothers,

I hope that you and your loved ones had a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year's Day.

Our next Division Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 8 p.m. At the meeting we will be announcing this year's Division Life Membership recipients. We will also have a discussion and a vote to adjust the bylaws for that honor. On Friday January 8th we will be holding a drawing for a free trip for two to Ireland that has been donated by CIE tours. The trip can be taken anytime in the Spring or Fall of 2016. The raffle is to help defray medical costs for Irish Police Officer Brian Hanrahan who was severely wounded in a robbery attempt while visiting the U.S. last year. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE EXPENSES OF GARDA HANRAHAN. Those division members who went on our 2013 trip to Ireland will remember that Garda Hanrahan's father was one of our driver/guides. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from me, Kevin Smith, or at the bar.

On Friday January 22nd we will be holding our installation of officers. The event begins at 6:30 pm with the Junior Girls Installation, followed by the Ladies, and then the Men. Music will be provided by D.J. Pete and we will be enjoying the great food from Francesco's. Please come down and show your support for our new officers.

Our January meeting will be my final one as President of Division 7. Words cannot express what an honor and privilege it has been to serve this great division. It has been a source of great pride to serve all of you who, through

your efforts, make this the best AOH Division in the county, state, and nation. No one is successful totally by themselves. I have been extremely fortunate to have had the support of our past presidents along with an exemplary group of division officers who will guarantee the success of Division 7 for years to come. I am especially grateful to have had Larry Wolff as Vice President. He has assisted me in everything that we have done over the past two years and is as good a friend, as good a man, and as good a Hibernian as I have ever known. Division 7 will be in good hands. I must also thank our Ladies, particularly LAOH President Kathleen Ring and Vice President Victoria Ring without whom we would not be able to accomplish half of what we do. As always, the ladies make us better. I am also deeply appreciative of all that our corporation does for all of us. The hard work that goes on behind the scenes is difficult and endless but they do it so well that everything always is perfect for the rest of us. I am truly grateful to Gene Hearl, Dave Dinota, Dan Kissane and John Davis for their commitment and for working with the Division as a team.

Finally, to all who commit themselves to Division 7, our world class Róisín Dubh Pipe Band, Father Hugh Cannon, our great Committee Chairs, and our hundreds of volunteers, you make us the best because you are the best.

Thank you again for allowing me the honor and the privilege of serving as President of Division 7.

Dave

Merry Christmas Brothers and my best wishes to you for a very Happy and Healthy New Year. On behalf of myself and my fellow incoming officers, I wish to thank you for entrusting us with the

leadership of Division Seven. We are committed to always doing what is in the best interests of our Division and our Order.

I would like to thank President Dave Ring for his outstanding stewardship of the Division for the past two years. He is a fine example, as shown by his actions, that we all should emulate. He is the embodiment of our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. I am very grateful that he has agreed to continue to give us his sage counsel in his position as Immediate Past President.

Our installation of officers will take place in our hall on Friday Jan. 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The order of the evening's installations will be: Junior Girls, LAOH and AOH. This will be followed by dinner, music, and dancing. All members are invited to attend.

Saturday Jan. 23, 2016 at 7 PM is the Darby Night Fundraiser for our own Róisín Dubh Pipe Band. I urge all Division members to make every effort to attend. Our band continually represents us, and our culture, in a very positive way in parades and competitions. When we support the band, we truly are supporting ourselves, and our proud Irish Heritage.

Our Irish movie series continues on the fourth Wednesday in January. The Super Bowl is on February 7th this year, so come down to the Pub to watch it. The Corporation does a great job during the football season and throughout the year. Thanks to Gene Hearl, his corporation officers and the bartenders for their fine efforts.

On Sunday January 31 the Suffolk County LAOH will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brigid with a mass at St. Joseph's in Brentwood at 10:30 AM.

This is a wonderful event in a beautiful church honoring one of Ireland's Patron Saints. Please come out and support the Ladies at this special mass in the same way that they always support all of our efforts. Our Division would not be what it is without the Ladies!

Two more events of great importance to our Division and our heritage will be happening in February and early March. The first will be the Grand Marshal's Ball honoring outgoing President Dave Ring on Feb. 27, 2016 at our Hall. Please see John Davis to get your tickets early, as this event is certain to sell out quickly. If you would like to place an ad or a congratulatory message in the Journal, please contact John Hanley.

The second event is the 50th Annual John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip St. Patrick's Parade. I strongly urge every member to take pride in our Irish Heritage and support our Grand Marshal Dave Ring by marching down Main Street on March 6, 2016. Hopefully, good weather will prevail.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Greatest Division in the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I know that with your help and support we will continue to build on our history of success at Division Seven.

God Bless all Those Who Serve and please Pray for Our Unborn Children.

Yours in Friendship,
Unity, and Christian Charity,
Larry Wolff

L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

During this very busy Christmas season, it is difficult to look ahead toward 2016. However, there are many important events in the near future of which I would like to inform all of you. Most importantly, Division Seven will honor Dr. David Ring as this year's Grand Marshal of our annual John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip - St. Patrick's Day Parade. Moreover, it is quite fitting that the LAOH Ladies' Aide to Dave will be our very own Victoria Ring. In

celebration of this fact, Division Seven will host its annual Grand Marshal's Ball on Saturday evening, February 27th at 7:00p.m. This year's Ball will be held at our Hall and will feature a performance by our very own Róisín Dubh Irish Pipe Band, as well as a DJ, dinner and an open bar. The ticket price is \$85.00. Please contact John Davis to reserve tickets for this event.

The John P. Reilly Memorial East Islip-St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday March 6th at 2:00 p.m. All participants are asked to line up at the East Islip Public Library at 1:30p.m. There will be refreshments and entertainment at Division Seven following the parade. Please join the Ladies as we proudly follow Vicky down Main Street.

On Sunday, January 31, 2016 the Suffolk County LAOH will honor our Patron Saint at the annual St. Brigid's Day Mass. The mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood. A breakfast will follow at Division Two in Babylon. Division's Seven's recipient of the Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid Award is Betty Kraemer. Please come out and support this dedicated and deserving Hibernian.

Beginning in January, tickets will be available for the Suffolk County Ball. The Ball will be held on Friday April 15, 2016 at The Bellport Country Club in Bellport beginning at 7:00p.m. The ticket price is \$80 and includes dinner, open bar and music by The Boston Burglars. This year's honorees are Trish Hurley of Division Five in Mastic and Ron Murphy of Division Three in Kings Park. This is a county wide fundraiser that benefits both the AOH and the LAOH. Therefore, it would be in our best interest to have a great turnout. And it's a great evening of friendship and fun as well!

January is always Make-A-Wish month for our Junior Girls. Therefore, on January 11, as a culmination of their fundraising efforts, the Girls will host a "Wish Kid" who will share her survival story. They will then present her with a check representing their commitment to this very worthy cause. All members are invited to witness the presentation of their donation by Junior Girls' President ,

Brigid Fitall, and enjoy pizza and cake with the Juniors.

Last, but certainly not least, Division Seven AOH and LAOH will hold their biannual Installation of Officers on Friday January 22nd at 6:30p.m. Vicky Ring and Larry Wolff, along with their worthy Boards, will take the reigns of Division Seven for the next two years. I would like to see a record turnout for two very dedicated Hibernians. The Installation will be followed by a celebration at our hall.

As this is my last Newsletter article, I would like to thank all of my Sisters for their friendship and support over the past two years. Specifically, I would like to express my gratitude to Liz Colgan, immediate past President and my dear friend for her sage counsel throughout my term of office. Thank you to my Board, a committed group of strong, faithful, intelligent women. There is no one else with whom I would have wanted to share this journey. When I look at each one of you, I am confident about the very bright and productive future of this organization. I would also like to thank AOH President Dave Ring and the men of AOH Division Seven for their support over the past two years. I am quite grateful for the positive working relationship that they helped to nurture. Thank you to all of the appointed Chairwomen for their hard work and dedication to the Order. Finally, to all of the beautiful Irish Catholic women of Our Lady of Knock Division Seven, thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you and this organization. In each of you I see the face of Christ. You have inspired, strengthened, comforted and supported me since the day I first walked through the door and you will always be in my heart. I look forward to continuing all of our good works together. May God bless each one of you and the LAOH.

In Our Motto,

Kathleen

(In Memory of Maura Sullivan , a role model and a treasured friend)



What's Happening January/February



JANUARY:

Jan 6 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 11 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Jan 13 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Jan 22 Fri	Installation of Officers	6:30 PM
Jan 23 Sat	Róisín Dubh Darby Night	7:00 PM
Jan 27 Wed	Movie Night at AOH Div. 7	
Jan 31 Sun	St. Brigid's Day Mass at St. Joseph's Academy in Brentwood	10:30 AM

FEBRUARY:

Feb 3 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Feb 7 Sun	Super Bowl Sunday at Division 7	
Feb 8 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Feb 10 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 27 Sat	Grand Marshal Ball, Our entire building (hall and bar) will be dedicated to the event. You must have a ticket to enter the building this evening.	7:00 PM

MARCH:

Mar 6 Sun	51 st Annual John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Parade,	Step off 2:00 PM
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AOH Div. 7 Ireland Raffle

Brian Hanrahan a Police Officer (Garda) in Ireland, while on vacation in the United States was lured off Bourbon Street in New Orleans, LA and shot twice by a criminal element. He was shot in the leg and in the back. He has lost a kidney and damaged his spleen. Hospital bill are mounting and approaching 1 million dollars.

CIE Tours has donated to Division 7 a free "5 Day - Taste of Ireland Tour for 2" to be raffled off. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the family of Brian Hanrahan to help assist with their mounting expenses.

The tour includes:

- Round trip air fare for 2 people
- Hotel accommodations
- Motor coach transportation
- Tour Guide
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch or dinner daily
- Admissions to sightseeing attractions
- Much more



Irish Police Officer Brian Hanrahan

Raffle tickets are \$25 each and are available behind the bar at Division 7.

Corporation Corner

Happy New Year to all our members and your family. We hope you will continue to take advantage of our beautiful pub and spreading the word about our hall rental.

There will be plenty of exciting College Bowl games, NFL playoff games and of course Super Bowl "50" on our televisions. So please come on down and enjoy all the games with your friends and meet some new friends.

The Saturday night entertainment and several Friday night Happy Hours have been scheduled. Please review the listing below for the upcoming entertainment.

Corporation President,
Gene Hearl



LIVE MUSIC



January

Sat 2 nd	Mike Gregory	8:30-11:30
Sat 9 th	Broke Down Blues	8:30-11:30
Fri 15 th	Pete and Rich (Happy Hour)	6:00 - 9:00
Sat 16 th	Gil McLean	8:30-11:30
Fri 22 nd	Installation Dinner – DJ	
Sat 23 rd	Todd the Guitar Man	8:30-11:30
Sat 30 th	Kevin Wilson	8:30-11:30

February

Sat 6 th	Three's Accompany	8:30-11:30
Sat 13 th	Joe & Julie	8:30-11:30
Sat 20 th	Gil McLean	8:30-11:30
Fri 26 th	Pete Kletcha (Happy Hour)	6:00 - 9:00
Sat 27 th	Grand Marshall's Ball Bob Carney in the Pub	8:30-11:30

Juniors

Thank-you to all the Juniors, parents, LAOH and AOH members who generously donated their time, toys, candy, and winter clothing for needy children. In addition, thank-you for your donations of coats for our Veterans. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 11 at 6:30 pm. The Juniors will be hosting a Make-a-Wish child and will present their annual donation to Make-A-Wish.

The installation of Officers will be held on Friday, January 22nd. All participants are asked to arrive no later than 6pm. Please join us on January 31st at 10:30am for our annual St. Brigid's Mass at St. Joseph's Academy (Chapel) in Brentwood. Juniors should arrive by 10am.

I would like to thank my sister Hibernians for electing me as President of LAOH Division 7. I along with my officers will endeavor to continue the high level of service for which Division 7 is so well known. Thank-you to Division 7 Ladies President, Kathleen Ring for her leadership, hard work, dedication, and support during her tenure as president. **Vicky.**

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In the church:

7:30AM, 11:00AM* & 5:00PM

In the Auditorium:

9:15AM, 10:45AM & 12:15PM

(* No 11:00 AM Mass in July & August)

Membership Dues

Dues are now being accepted. AOH Division 7 yearly due are \$100 but the usually \$40 early payment discount still applies. Pay your dues by St. Patrick's Day (3/17) and the dues are only \$60.

Dues can be paid before or after our monthly meetings or they can be mailed to the hall:

**65 Champlin Ave
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Those who did not pay their 2015 dues now owe \$160 to be current through 2016. Please remember to put your membership number on all payment.

Tri-Color Sashes

John Davis has the tri-color sashes on sale. Members are encouraged to have a Tri-Color which can be worn for all Hibernian events, functions and parades.

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 of the Sick or Bob Knockenhauer at 277-2872. For L.A.O.H., contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Denise Fischer at 631-669-7398

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The Irish

Irish – Tá sé fuargo leor inniu

**Pronunciation – Taw shay foor guh
lore inn-u**

English - It is cold today

Irish – Cuir ort do chóta

Pronunciation – Kwer ort duh koh-tuh

English - Put on your coat

Irish - Athbhliain faoi mhaise dhuit!

**Pronunciation - Ah-vleen fwee vosh-ah
ghwitch**

**English - Happy New Year
(to 1 person)**

Irish - Athbhliain faoi mhaise dhaoibh!

**Pronunciation- Ah-vleen fwee gosh-ah
gheev**

**English - Happy New Year
(to two or more people)**



2016 Grand Marshal Dave Ring presented flower to this year's Ladies Aide Vicky Ring (photo by Aggie O'Leary)