



## 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 4th at 8 p.m. At the meeting, we will be announcing this year's Division Life Membership recipients. I hope to see you there. The 2017 dues cards are in. Please see Financial Secretary Shawn O'Neill for your card. Dues are \$100 per year but discounted down to \$60 if paid before St. Patrick's Day (March 17th, 2017).

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Barry Heathwood, which is a well-deserved honor for our friend and proud Division member. I would also like to congratulate Margaret Davis on her selection as Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal. It will be an honor to walk behind Barry and Margaret this year on Sunday, March 5th. We are always in need of volunteers for the Line-up Committee. If interested, please contact Dan Sullivan.

Our Grand Marshal's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 7 PM to Midnight at our Hall. Tickets are \$85 per person. Please see John Davis for tickets.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the Grand Marshal's Ball Journal should contact John Hanley as soon as possible. An advertising contract is included in this newsletter. This is an important part of raising funds for the Ball and we encourage members to patronize our advertisers.

With the New Year comes the NFL playoffs. Please come down to the Pub to watch the games which will be stress free for at least half of us, based on the current record of the New York teams. I'm sure that our corporation officers will make it a special experience culminating with the Super Bowl on February 5, 2017.

On Sunday January 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM the Suffolk County LAOH will be holding the annual Saint Brigid's Mass at the St. Joseph's Academy Chapel located at St. Joseph's Convent, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood with Fr. Stephen Donnelly as the Celebrant. Mass will be followed with a breakfast at Division 2. Please come celebrate this beautiful Mass to honor one of Ireland's Patron Saints.

Always remember to check our website: [www.aohdiv7.org](http://www.aohdiv7.org) to get updates on all of the events in the Division.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

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

**Congratulations to our 2017  
St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Grand Marshal  
Barry Heathwood**



**Congratulations to our  
Ladies Aide for 2017  
Margaret Davis**



## L.A.O.H.

Dear Sisters,

Happy, Healthy New Year. Welcome 2017! We have many important events to look forward to.

Thank you to Mary Ann Baron, Sue O'Neill, and Alice Faughnan for running our 300 Club. This is our biggest fundraiser and with all your efforts and time, it was a huge success.

Thank you to all for all your efforts in continuing to make our St. Stephen's Day Celebration a memorable event. To those who volunteered to help prepare the food, to those who wore your "awful" sweaters, to those who entered our potato soup contest—with your support, service & humor we had a grand time!

I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Barry Heathwood, 2017 Grand Marshal and Margaret Davis, the Ladies Aide to the Grand Marshal! Barry and Margaret, this honor is well deserved. You both exemplify the essence of Hibernian spirit and we will proudly march down Main Street behind you on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets for the Grand Marshal's Ball are going very fast. Please see Chairman John Davis. This gala is held in honor of our Grand Marshal and his Aides, and will be held on February 25, 2017 at our Hall.

Congratulations to our 2017 "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" Honoree, Madonna Nolty. Through your cheerful, tireless and humble example, you model our motto and the qualities of St. Brigid in your daily life. We look forward to celebrating this honor with you on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The mass will begin at 10:30am at St. Joseph's Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood. A breakfast will follow at Division Two in Babylon. Please come out and support this dedicated and deserving Hibernian. Tickets for breakfast are \$18 for adults. Please contact Cindy Haugland.

Our next screening will be held on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. Please forward your applications to Sue O'Neill or Alice Faughnan. I hope to see you at our next meeting: Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 PM.

2017 dues of \$35 can be paid by check or cash prior to 3/17/2017.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to get a bus for the Saint Patrick's Parade in NYC. I am asking for a check in the amount of \$40.00 (non-refundable). However, if we don't have enough for a bus, the check will be returned. Please either bring payment to our next meeting or put it in our mailbox.

**In our motto,  
Vicky Ring**

## Juniors

The Girls would like to express their wishes to everyone for a Happy and Healthy New Year. As we start the New Year, the girls will be hosting the **Make-A-Wish** representative on **Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM**. This is always a rewarding event as the girls get the chance to listen to a recipient from Make-A-Wish, learn how this worthy group operates and understand how all of their hard work throughout the year is appreciated.

On **Saturday, February 4th** the girls will join the Ladies making **Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches at St. Anne's in Brentwood**. At their meeting on **Monday, February 6th**, the girls will be assembling kits that contain the ingredients for Irish Soda Bread. These kits will be for sale as a fundraiser at various events in February and March. Finally, looking ahead please save the date for **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** as the girls will host a **Lenten Soup Dinner**. More information on this event will be coming. As always, the girls appreciate the support of all who contribute in whatever way to their endeavors.

**Junior Coordinator  
Madonna Nolty**





*What's  
Happening  
Jan. & Feb.*



**JANUARY:**

Jan 3 Tue	LAOH new member screening	7:30 PM
Jan 4 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Jan 9 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting with Make-A-Wish Representative	6:30 PM
Jan 11 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Jan 29 Sun	St. Brigid's Day Mass at St. Joseph's Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood	10:30 AM

**FEBRUARY:**

Feb 1 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting	8:00 PM
Feb 4 Sat	LAOH & Jr Girls making PB&J sandwiches at St. Anne's in Brentwood	
Feb 5 Sun	Super Bowl Sunday	
Feb 6 Mon	Jr Girls Meeting	6:30 PM
Feb 8 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting	7:30 PM
Feb 25 Sat	Grand Marshal Ball in our building 7:00PM-Midnight You must have ticket to enter the building this night.	

**MARCH:**

Mar 5 Sun	52 <sup>nd</sup> Annual John P. Reilly East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade	Step off 2:00 PM
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**Corporation Corner**

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

**Corporation President,  
Gene Hearl**



**LIVE MUSIC**



**JANUARY**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	John Catone-Karaoke	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Todd the Guitar Man	8:30 – 11:30
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Kletchka Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Broke Down Blues	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Gregory	8:30 – 11:30

**FEBRUARY**

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Wilson	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Three's Accompany	8:30 – 11:30
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Kletchka Happy Hour	6:00 – 9:00
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Julie	8:30 – 11:30
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Marshal's Ball	



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Contact Shawn O'Neill at:  
[sponeill6@optonline.net](mailto:sponeill6@optonline.net)

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