

APRIL 2009

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President's Message

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on April 1, 2009 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

We were blessed with good Irish weather for our parade. The good Lord was gracious enough to give us a little window in between snow storms to proudly march behind our Grand Marshal, Al Norton. I would like to thank all of those who came out to march with us that day. Dr. Dave Ring has continued the tradition set forth by John Reilly of organizing Long Island's premier St. Patrick's Day parade. Along with Line Up Chairman Dan Sullivan, the day went on as planned and the community showed their support and love of the Irish.

Meanwhile, back at the hall, John Clarkin and his band of world famous chefs, with the help of the ladies, fed the masses of parade goers and division members. Macoda kept everyone up on the dance floor and a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who made this day a success.

For those of you who were unable to attend our March division meeting, or attend the Grand Marshal Ball, unfortunately you missed the division's acknowledgement of Charter Member, Jimmy Walsh, on his 50th anniversary as a Hibernian. Congratulations and thank you Jimmy for all you have done.

In the upcoming month the Suffolk County Board will be honoring division 7's own Aggie O'Leary who is currently the LAOH Suffolk County President and the AOH President Walter Butler on April 17th at the Larkfield Manor. If

anyone would like to attend the Ball, and party the night away with Aggie, please contact me for tickets.

Congratulations to the six new members who took their Shamrock Degree at our March meeting. Welcome to the division, now please get involved!!!

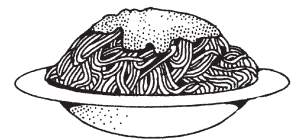
The final step in the Hibernian journey will take place in October when the Tara Court Degree Team performs a major degree. Anyone who has yet to make their Major Degree, this is the only time the degree is given in Suffolk County this year. You need your Major Degree to become a true Hibernian. It allows you to run for office, become eligible for divisional, state and national scholarships and also rent our hall at a reduced rate. See Vice President Vic Vogel to sign up. Site and time will be announced.

Recently the division voted to put forth the names of Tom Conway and Herman Boyle for National Lifetime Membership. The Suffolk County Board will only consider one applicant per year from a division. Therefore, at the April meeting we will be voting on which candidate will be presented to the Suffolk Board this year.

Dues are now \$48. If you have not paid your 2009 dues please do so as soon as possible. You can pay them in person at a monthly meeting, leave it

in the secure mailbox in the pub or mail it to AOH Div. 7, 65 Champlin Ave. East Islip, NY 11730 Attn. Dave Ring.

God Bless the Troops and the unborn
Yours in Friendship, Unity and
Christian Charity
Jerry Delaney



Spaghetti Dinner

May 15th at 6:30 pm
At The Hall.

Proceeds to Benefit Make-A-Wish

Tickets

\$10 Adults

\$5 Children

(Not members of the Juniors).

Traditional Irish Dancing Instructions
will be offered

Food Donations Accepted

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Ladies Division

The regular meeting of the L.A.O.H. was held on Wednesday, March 11th and I would like to thank all of the members who attended. The membership voted in all of the new applicants and they will be installed at the April 8th Meeting.

The St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was spectacular! Despite the late start stepping off the parade was great and the weather was grand! Thank you to all of the members who marched and to our Suffolk County President, Aggie O'Leary who led us up the Avenue! I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful women who volunteer their time to work in the kitchen the day of the East Islip Parade and NYC Parade, you know who you are and I am grateful to you!

At the March meeting Margaret Davis put out a donation list of perishable/non-perishable foods for the Easter Baskets that we give to needy families. If anyone would still like to donate food or if you know of a family in need please call Margaret Davis at 224-1849. We will be assembling the baskets at the hall at six o'clock on April 8th (Before our regular monthly meeting).

The Suffolk County Ball will be held on Friday, April 17th at the Larkfield Manor. The 2009 Honoree is the Suffolk County L.A.O.H. President and our own "Aggie O'Leary". Tickets are \$75 per person. If you are interested in attending please see Winnie Morrissey or myself at the next meeting.

As mentioned in last month's article due to the vacancy of the position of Treasurer, all of the existing officers on the Board of the L.A.O.H. have moved up to the next available position and the position of Sentinel was voted on and filled by Annie Schaefer. Congratulations Annie!

The 300 Club Tickets for the Suffolk County L.A.O.H. are still available. They are \$20 each please see me if you would like to purchase one at the

next meeting or if you think that you might be able to see a few...please call me at 224-4157.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th beginning promptly with the recitation of the rosary at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing you all there and I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 8th - Monthly meeting of the L.A.O.H.

April 17th - Suffolk County Ball at the Larkfield Manor

May 29th - L.A.O.H. Fashion Show...details to follow

May 31st - Convention of the Suffolk County L.A.O.H. Division 7, East Islip

Yours in Friendship, Unity,
and Christian Charity,
Alice Faughnan

Juniors

We would like to thank everyone for your fund raising support at the hall after the St Patrick's Day parade in East Islip. The money raised is used to fund the Spaghetti Dinner and our donation to Make-A-Wish. The folders that we sold were created by Mary Gilmore. The note cards in the folders were drawn and donated by Cailin Vogel, past president of the Junior Girls. Thank you Cailin for helping the Juniors raise funds. Mary Gilmore donated one of her paintings as a raffle item. Thank you Mary! Also, thank you to the members who prepared and served the sandwiches.

At our March meeting we entertained the retired Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent. Vic Vogel arranged for some of the Róisín Dubh Pipe Band to play. The Sisters loved it. Alice Faughnan organized the step dancing portion of the program. Our Juniors looked great dancing. Thank you to Vic and Alice. Bridget Hanley, President of the Junior Girls led the Juniors in praying the rosary with the Sisters. So the Sisters enjoyed our band, our dancers, pray-

ing and eating Irish soda bread. Patti McNeil's two month old grandson was also a big hit with the Sisters. We had a great evening there and it is always nice to see the smiles on everyone's faces.

Our next meeting will be April 13 at 6:30 pm at the hall. This is a change in date from our usual schedule so please mark your calendars. Thank you.

The Juniors are busy planning the Spaghetti Dinner. It will be held on May 15 at the hall. The proceeds from this dinner will be donated to Make-A-Wish. Before the dinner at 6:00 pm we invite you to join us at the statue of Mary for the May crowning. It will be a brief ceremony followed by the Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity,
Charlene Gibbs

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 awarded.

All applications must be in by April 15, 2009

High School graduation and SAT June scores are essential.

Applications are self-explanatory.

Please Pray For...



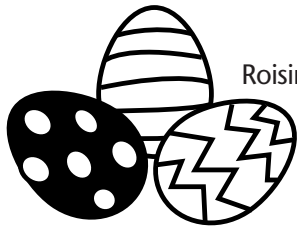
In the event of sickness or a death in the family, please call the Hall at 581-9317 and leave a message for the Chairman of the Committee on the Sick, John Fitzpatrick at 581-5705.

For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Margaret Davis, 224-1849.

Happy Easter

What's Happening...

Wed	Apr 1	Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
Wed	Apr 8	Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM
Mon	Apr 13	Jr Girls and Jr Boys Meeting CHANGE IN DATE 6:30PM
Fri	Apr 17	18th Annual Suffolk County Ball 7:00PM
Fri	May 15	Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Make A Wish 6:30PM May Crowning - Preceded Dinner 6:00PM
Fri	May 29	LAOH Fashion Show
Sun	May 31	Convention of the Suffolk County L.A.O.H, El
Mon	Jun 1	Project Children Golf Tournament



CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM

Project Children 2009

This is the thirtieth year that Division Seven has been involved with Project Children.

We have sponsored over 150 children during this span. The children range from between the ages of nine through fourteen. We are also now involved in bringing over interns. These are college age students who work here only to earn credits towards their degrees.

The Project Children recipients are here for four weeks, approximately from the last week of June into July. The interns are here for six weeks. They are required to find their own transportation to work. However, any help is appreciated.

We have already established a work location for one in the Bay Shore area. We need families to house these individuals. What they need is a place to stay and provide food.

(As they say in Ireland,..."Another potato in the pot!")

The bonds that are established by housing these individuals are immensely gratifying.

Please call Herman Boyle at 631-277-2377 if you have an interest in providing for a child or an intern.

Easter Food Baskets

In addition to the perishable items, we need non-perishables as well. Please bring all non-perishable items down to the hall for the food baskets before the LAOH April 8th meeting. As a reminder, all perishable items need to be brought down by 6:00 pm before the April 8th meeting. We will be putting the baskets together at that time. In addition, if anyone has access to boxes, please bring them. Any questions please call Margaret Davis at 224-1849. Thank you to all who are so generous in donating.



Pub Entertainment

April 4

Joe Roche from Macoda



April 11

Howie Seal



April 18

Dave Kotliar



April 25

Martin Flynn



May 2

Cogs



May 9

Karaoke



May 16

Mike Crowley

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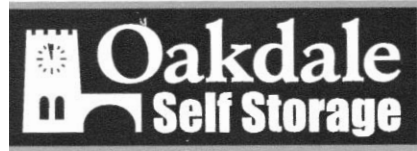
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Please work to defend the unborn child and the women victimized by abortion. The State should protect rather than partner in the destruction of human life.

To effectively fight this and other abortion evils, make your position known to the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network. If you have not joined as yet, and in order to make your pro-life stand heard in Albany and Washington, please email the Network @ nyscatholic.org. or telephone 518-434-6195. Remember, AOH is a Pro-Life Catholic organization and we believe in the Sanctity of Life.

Wonder who prepared all that corned beef?

The cooking, slicing and serving of the corned beef for our parade and for St. Patrick's Day was done under the direction of John Clarkin.

The crew included; Gloria Clarkin, Bob Knockenauer, Mike McCall Jr., Jack Murphy, John Fitzpatrick, Dennis Haughney, Willie Kraemer, Matt Donnelly, Peggy Fitzpatrick, Carmel Ryan, Eddie Ryan, Pat Maune.

Our thanks to these kitchen comandos!

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Pictured left: Al Norton, Grand Marshal of the John Reilly Memorial, East Islip, St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 1, 2009 and Aides William Norton, Mary Ann Baron (LAOH) and Michael Norton.



Hibernian of the Year

At the Grand Marshal's Ball held at the Irish coffee Pub on February 21, 2009, the Hibernian of the Year Award was presented to Eddie Ryan by last year's recipient, Vincent Clancy.

