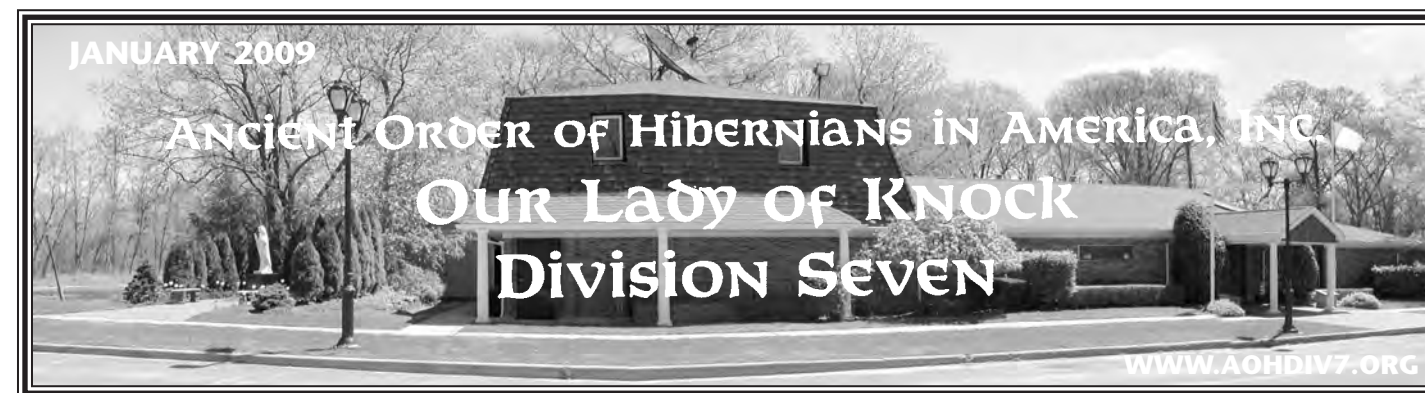


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President's Message

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on January 7, 2009 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At our next meeting, there will be a vote taken for the national lifetime membership of Tom Conway. The National Board only issues 10 lifetime memberships annually. With Tom's history of endless work for not only our division but that of the state and national board, we feel Tom is well deserving of this award. Tom is a past president of our division as well as past Grand Marshal, deputy national historian, deputy NY state historian, NY state scholarship chairman and past Suffolk County Hibernian of the Year.

We will also be taking nominations from the floor for the upcoming vacant position on the finance committee.

I would like to thank John Davis and his committee, especially the wrapping ladies and the cooking crew who provided the needy children and their families with a wonderful afternoon of Christmas cheer at the hall on December 14. Also, Barry Heathwood did his usual yeoman's job at the division's children Christmas party. Thank you guys !!!!

I hope everyone had a good time at the division's Christmas party on December 13. Martin Flynn got everyone onto the dance floor after we filled ourselves with the great food from The Irish Times Pub.

On January 17 at 9 pm we are having a Moonlight Bowling Night at East Islip Lanes promoting Prostate Awareness. Please come and help us in making everyone aware how just an easy and simple blood test could help save a life. There is a sign up sheet behind the bar or contact Mac McFadden at 968-0614.

There will be the annual St. Brigid's Day Celebration mass at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Chapel in St. Joseph's in Brentwood. Our own Roisin Dubh Pipe Band will lead the procession and the Hibernian Festival Singers will be providing music. I encourage you to attend. This is a beautiful mass and a great way to start Super Bowl Sunday.

Don't forget the Grand Marshal's Ball will be held on February 21, 2009 at the Irish Coffee Pub. This year's Grand Marshal is Al Norton and the LAOH aide is Mary Ann Baron. Contact Tom Davis at 224-1849.

God Bless the Troops and the unborn

Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity
Jerry Delaney

Apology

I am apologizing to Division President Jerry Delaney, and the men of Division Seven, for not fulfilling the December Christmas meeting food order.

Jerry had ordered the food but I inadvertently lost the order.

In the future, this will not happen again.

Again, I apologize
Eddie Ryan, Stuff-a-bagel

Hibernian of the Year

The Grand Marshal's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009, at The Irish Coffee Pub.

We will be honoring Al Norton as the Grand Marshal.

Reservations are now being taken. Tickets are \$95 per person.

Cocktails are from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. Dinner will be from 8:00 until midnight. Entertainment by Tommy Mulvihill and his band.

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Christmas Spirit at the Hibernian Hall



Happy
New
Year!

Ladies Division

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Our December Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 10th I would like to extend my gratefulness to everyone who bought the wonderful treats to make the Holiday Festivities lovely.

The 300 Club drawing was held on Friday, December 12th in the Pub and once again this fundraiser was a financial success. A big thank you goes out to MaryAnn Baron for organizing this fundraiser and to Kevin Boyle who always comes thru as the biggest seller of these tickets – we really do appreciate your help! Thank you to everyone else who either sold tickets or purchased them. The money that is raised allows us to be more charitable when giving our Christmas donations.

The men's division will be holding a Midnight Bowl on Saturday, January 17th at East Islip Lanes. The proceeds from this event will go to Prostate Cancer Awareness. The cost is \$40 per person. If you would like to purchase tickets please call me at 224-4157. Leslie Lanigan will be putting together some raffle baskets for the event, if you would like to make a contribution please see Leslie at the next meeting on January 13th.

Looking ahead, the St. Brigid's Day Mass will be held on Sunday, February 1st at St. Joseph's Church, Brentwood at 10:20am. There will be a breakfast to follow at Division 2 Babylon. The guest speaker is our own Pat Kinlan. Tickets will be available at our next meeting and the cost is \$12 per adult and \$8 for juniors.

There is a Fundraiser for Parish Outreach (benefiting St. John of God, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal and other local parishes in need) at Division 2, Babylon on Friday, February 6th from 8:00pm – Midnight. Music by: Tommy Politto and Sweetwater. Tickets are \$25 per person includes "Open Bar" and snacks. Please bring a bag of non-perishable foods the night of the event and be entered into a special raffle. For reservations call:

Maureen Frohnhoeffer 631-412-3099 or Collette Kavanaugh 631-277-0759.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14th beginning with the recitation of the rosary at 7:30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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



Membership Dues

The men's division announced that annual dues are \$40 if paid prior to March 17 and \$48 if paid after that date.

If paying by check, please put your member number on your check.

Payments can be left in the green locked mailbox found just outside the pub room. If paying by cash, please put your name and membership number on the outside of the envelope.

The L.A.O.H announced that the dues are \$25 and after March 31 they are \$30. Tables will be set up at the next Ladies meeting to ease the paying of dues.



Prostate Health Awareness

The bowling night/fundraiser to benefit Prostate Health awareness is January 17, 2009 from 9pm to 1am. The cost is \$40 per person which includes 2 games (with shoes), cold buffet, and open bar (beer, wine, and soda). There is a signup book at the bar, or, contact me at 968-0614. There will be raffles and 50-50's as well.

Mac McFadden
Chairman

Juniors

At our December meeting we prayed the rosary, decorated Christmas mugs and drank hot chocolate loaded with whipped cream. The spray whipped cream was self serve and it was as creative as the decorations on the mugs! We also had a grab bag for our gift exchange and sang a few Christmas carols.

Our next meeting will be January 12, 2009 at 6:30 pm. We will have a guest speaker named Rafaello who is a Make-a-Wish child. It will be interesting to meet him and talk with someone who has been on the receiving end of the donations that we contribute to Make-A-Wish. We will also make our yearly donations to Make-a-Wish.

Mark your calendars now for the St. Brigid's mass. It will be February 1, 2009 at 10:00 am at St Joseph's church in Brentwood. Please plan to attend. If you have a sash please wear it to the church.

Happy New Year!
In Friendship, Unity,
and Christian Charity,
Charlene Gibbs

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John Davis, Santa, and some of the Children Fund Helpers.

Right To Life

Pro-abortion, (Pro-Death), President-elect Obama takes office on January 20, 2009 when Pro-Life President George Bush leaves office. In anticipation of that day and while President Bush remains in office, 'Planned Parenthood', a very active pro-abortion, (Pro-Death), organization, sold CHRISTmas season gift certificates which, when purchased, would fund abortions by pregnant recipients of the certificates. *

We are a Pro-Life Catholic organization and believe in the sanctity of life.

If you have not already done so, please, as soon as possible, become effectively involved in the fight against the evil of abortion by joining the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network and make your voice heard in Albany and Washington. 518-434-6195 or email network@nyscatholic.org.

*Source: ABC-TV World News, December 3, 2008

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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.

Announcements

Liz Colgan is planning a trip to see the musical show, *West Side Story*. The date is Saturday, March 7, 2009, 2 PM matinee.

Liz has 10 tickets for front two rows mezzanine at \$110 each and 40 tickets for first 3 rows of the rear mezzanine for \$82.50 each. Roundtrip train tickets price to be determined in January. (Historically it's been \$7). Money for tickets will be due by January 19, 2009.

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Wed	Jan 7	Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
Mon	Jan 12	Jr Girls and Jr Boys Meeting 6:30PM
Wed	Jan 14	Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM
Sat	Jan 17	Prostate Awareness Bowling Fund Raiser 9:00PM East Islip Lanes
Sun	Feb 1	St. Brigid's Mass & Breakfast St. Joseph Convent 10:00AM
Fri	Feb 6	St. John of God Fundraiser – Div 2 Hall 8:00PM
Sat	Feb 21	Grand Marshal Ball – Irish Coffee Pub 7:00PM
Sun	Mar 1	'John Reilly Memorial' St. Patrick Day Parade 1:00PM

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

Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band

Great News! The Roisin Dubh Grade Four Competition Band has been upgraded to Grade Three by the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association. After an unbelievable 2008 season that included five First Place finishes and two Second Place finishes, the band earned the privilege to compete at Grade Three next year. This makes Roisin Dubh only the second Grade Three band on Long Island at the present time. Congratulations Pipe Majors Bill LePage and Sean Buchta, the instructors and all the members of the band.

Roisin Dubh will appear at St. Brigid's Mass at St. Joseph's Academy for the Ladies Ancient

Order of Hibernians on February 1. In addition, the band will perform a special set at the Grand Marshal's Ball honoring its own Al Norton on February 21. Our next appearance will be the East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 1. Al, it will be a pleasure for the band to follow you and your Aides, Mary Ann Baron and a cast of Norton's, down the avenue to celebrate your Ascendancy. You're the best!

The Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band will perform in nine parades in New York and Suffolk County during the month of March. Come join us for the craic! The band practices on Thursday nights. If you or a family member is interested in learning to play the pipes or drums, stop by and talk to us.

Vic Vogel
 Band Manager



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