

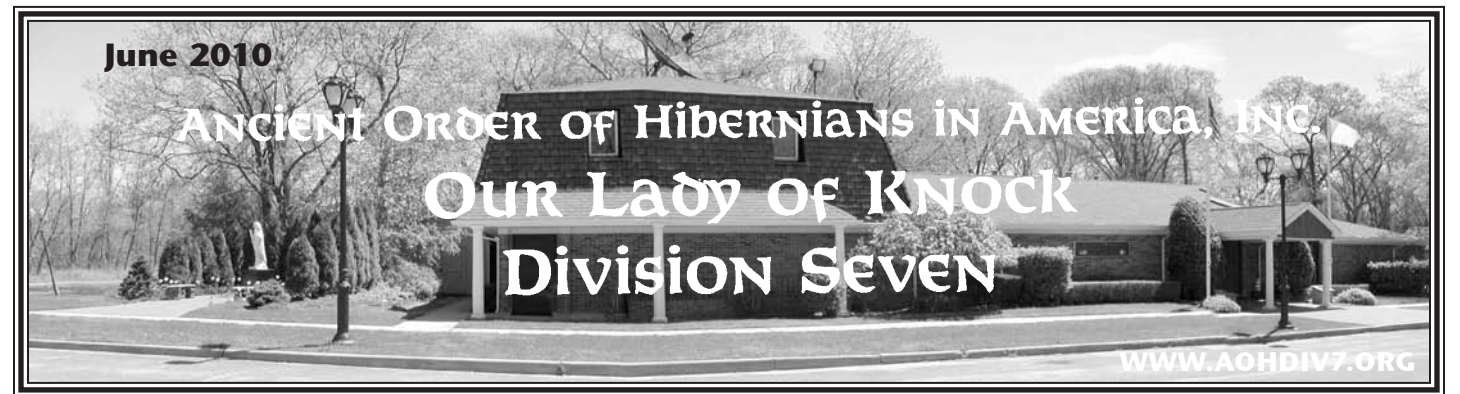
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President's Message

Dia duit! I would like to thank Father Janusz of St. Mary's Parish for leading a group of Hibernian men and women in praying the Rosary. The Irish, because of the history of "An Gorta Mor", have been asked to pray to Mary during her month of May for an end to world hunger. Father Janusz was truly inspiring and talked about those people in the world who suffer from hunger today.

I would like to congratulate all of our new brothers: Francis Smith, Douglas Geraghty, David Francis, Raymond McCoy, Tom O'Neill, Chris Donohue, Ed Brown, Michael Cummings, Patrick Gross, John Lynch, William Hughes, Dan Wolff, John Egan, Gerard O'Brien. We welcome you all and hope to see you often.

Division Seven continues to take a leading role in "Growing the Order". I would like to thank Matt McGrath for accepting the Chairmanship of Publicity. Matt will coordinate the dates of all division events and fundraisers to avoid conflicts. He will also be our liaison with the Ladies' division to administer the calendar.

I would also like to thank Mike Steves for accepting the new position as Library Chairman. The East Islip Public Library has agreed to give Division Seven our own shelf space so that we may begin an Irish Book Section in the Local History Room. Director Guy Edwards indicates that all donated books must be in new or good condition. All books become the

property of the East Islip Public Library. They will be catalogued and may be borrowed by any Suffolk County resident with a valid library card. Mike will begin collecting your donated books at our June meeting and assure that they are properly shelved. Please take part in this program and donate what you can. It's a great way to have the next generation of students learn the history of the Irish people.

Irish football and hurley matches will be televised live at Division Seven hall every weekend through September. Telecasts will include playoffs and finals. Information regarding specific dates, times and teams may be found at our hall, on the EVENTS page, or by contacting Jimmy Walsh. Division Seven is the only place in Suffolk County televising these games. A donation of \$20 enables us to keep our cultural games alive.

The Belmont Calcutta Fundraiser will be held in our tap room on Saturday, June 5th. Bidding for horses will begin at approximately 4:45 PM. If your horse comes in first, second, third or last, you are a winner! Come join the fun.

The Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band will host their annual Skip McCormick Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, June 19th. Please contact Tom McHugh to register your team and/or sponsor a pit.

The Project Children Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, June 29th at the Wind Watch. Proceeds from the event enable us to continue our support of families in Northern Ireland. Please contact Dan Kissane to register and/or sponsor a hole.

The Mets will play the Phillies on "Irish Night at Citifield" on Saturday, August 14th. Tickets are \$50 per person and include admission to the game, roundtrip bus transportation and refreshments. Contact Barry Heathwood for reservations.

The "Sunset Cruise" will be held on Saturday, August 28th, from 6 PM to 10 PM out on the Great South Bay. Tickets are \$50 per person and include refreshments, music and the Eddie B III. Contact Ed Smith for reservations.

The Annual Division Seven Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 11th, at Heckscher State Park Field 3 beginning at Noon. The Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band will perform a Memorial Service to honor those we lost and those who sacrificed. Food, refreshment, games and music will be the order of the day. All members and their immediate families are welcome. Contact Tom Snyder to be a volunteer.

A trip to see the Jets play the Dolphins in Miami on Sunday night, September 26th, has been planned. Details are posted in the tap room. Contact Vinny Clancy for reservations.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Division Seven will be on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 8:00 PM. Please keep our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity alive. May God bless our troops.

June 20th is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all of our Hibernian fathers. You've earned the right to throw a few horseshoes!

Slan go foill,
Vic Vogel



The Annual May Crowning of Our Lady of Knock and 'Spaghetti Dinner' hosted by the Div 7 Junior Boys and Junior Girls, benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation was held on Fri May 7, 2010.

The May Crowning procession was led by Herman Boyle, Roisin Dubh Band Piper, and Junior Girls Vice-President Niamh Ashe. In attendance are (L to R) are Liz Colgan and Charlene Gibbs, Vice President and President of L.A.O.H. Division 7; County Vice President Pam Larkin Schiavarelli, and L.A.O.H National Vice President Mrs. Margaret Hennessy.

L.A.O.H.

Prior to our May meeting the AOH and LAOH joined together to honor the Blessed Mother. Father Janusz of St. Mary's lead the rosary. It was nice to see the hall filled for this occasion. AOH President Vic Vogel was instrumental in arranging this prayer session. Thank you Vic. I hope that this will become an annual event. Each month the ladies say the rosary at 7:30 pm before their meeting. We welcome the AOH, friends, and family to join us each month in saying the rosary.

Dues are now \$30 for the year. Please pay your dues to Margaret Davis, PO Box 774, East Islip, NY 11730. We currently have 214 paid members. Also, please inform Margaret of your email address. This is part of our "green campaign" for the newsletter. Eventually, the newsletter will be emailed to you. This saves on postage and paper! If it is possible for you to join this campaign it will be appreciated. Thank you.

The May Crowning and Spaghetti Dinner was held on May 7. The Juniors did a great job again. Liz Colgan, coordinator of the Junior Girls, and Mac McFadden, coordinator of the Junior Boys, worked hard to make this event a success. Thank you! Check the AOH website aohdiv7.org for pictures of the event.

One of our upcoming fund raisers will be the publication of a cookbook. Email your favorite recipe(s) to Liz Colgan at ecolgan@optonline.net or mail it to Liz at PO Box 774, East Islip, NY 11730. Don't miss this opportunity to be published!

Some of the ladies will be marching in the 2010 Islip Memorial Day Parade on May 31. If you are going to the parade please cheer for our ladies. This parade is sponsored by the American Legion and AmVets. I would like to thank these sponsors and our ladies for remembering and honoring those that gave so dearly to our country.

Our next screening for new members will be September 7, 2010 at 7:45 pm at the hall. This seems early to mention but we have only one more

meeting before the summer break. So invite your Irish Catholic friends to join the LAOH in September. Please see Joanne Clancy for applications.

June 1, 2010 is the deadline to apply for the LAOH Scholarship. Applications are on the website listed above.

Saturday, June 5 will be the Belmont Calcutta Fundraiser at the PUB. Come down around 4 pm and pick your winner! Win or lose I am sure that you will have a fun time!

Our next meeting will be held June 9th at the hall. The rosary will begin at 7:30 pm.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day and remember those who served.

Dates to remember:

June 1: LAOH scholarship applications due

June 5: Belmont Calcutta Fundraiser at the PUB

June 9: LAOH meeting. Rosary at 7:30 pm, meeting at 8 pm

June 10: Cooking for the Soup Kitchen at 6:45 pm at the hall

Jun 19: "Skip McCormack" Horse-shoe Tournament

In Our Motto,
Charlene Gibbs, President

Juniors

The Juniors celebrated the month of May by honoring Mary at their annual May Crowning. Led by piper Mr. Herman Boyle, the Jrs. processed from the Hall to the statue of Our Lady of Knock and were joined by many Hibernians in prayer and song. Kerri Davis, who received her First Holy Communion this month, crowned Mary with the help of her mother, Margaret. The Juniors were pleased to welcome National Vice President Mrs. Margaret Hennessy and County Vice President Pam Larkin Schiavarelli that evening.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Juniors got down to business and worked hard as they served spaghetti, meatballs, salad and bread and aided in the cleanup at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner – once

again, you did a wonderful job! The proceeds from the dinner sales are donated to Make-A-Wish every January. This large undertaking would not have occurred without the shopping, cooking and kitchen clean up by Mr. Steve McQuade and Mr. Pat Maune – Thank you, gentlemen, for your time and talent! This evening would also not have gone off smoothly without the assistance of all those who helped set up the Hall, created the beautiful "Spaghetti Man" sign, provided music, sold tickets, assisted the Jrs. with serving and clean up, took pictures, sliced bread, cut up raffle tickets, donated raffle items, bread and desserts - your aid was invaluable and very much appreciated. Thank you to the Corporation for your contribution – your generosity and support mean a lot. Thank you to Mr. Mac McFadden and the Jr. Boys – a pleasure to work with! Finally, thank you to our parents – your children are terrific: polite, eager to help, energetic and happy!

Our last meeting of the Spring will be our traditional Bowling and Rita's night on Thursday, June 10th. We will meet at East Islip Bowling at 6:15 for one hour of bowling, then on the Rita's for an Italian ice. Don't forget to bring your socks for bowling!

Please e-mail your e-mail address to division7jrs@optonline.net – I am compiling a distribution list so Mac and I can keep you updated.

In our motto,
Liz Colgan

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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 or Bob Knockenhauer at 277-2872.

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

KATTY

By Mike McCormick, AOH Historian
continued from last month

Kathleen's strong nationalist sentiment made her invaluable to Tom's reorganizing activities. Together, they started a nationalist newspaper, and, as Tom organized the men of Ireland into the Irish Volunteers, Katty joined the Daughters of Ireland, and Cumann na mBan - the ladies auxiliary to the Volunteers - and did likewise with the women. Together, they prepared an army of men and women to strike at Easter, 1916, for Ireland's freedom. Her patriotism, as well as that of her family was well known to the IRB Supreme Council. As evidence of their confidence in her, Kathleen was chosen to safeguard the details of the entire Volunteer network with the names of secondary and tertiary leaders throughout the country. She was also entrusted with the plans, property and funds of the organization with the instructions that if they were arrested after the rising, she was to pass them on to an individual of her choosing who could organize a new generation of leaders and fulfill their dream of a free Ireland. *It was to my mind great foresight on the part of the IRB to have done this, she said, as I was in a position after the Rising, when all the key men whose names I had were arrested, of knowing where to take hold and keep things going.*

Thus it was, that when Tom Clarke and the other leaders were executed after the 1916 Easter Rising, their dream did not die with them. After

the Rising, England rounded up and interned many of Ireland's men of military age, whether they were members of the Volunteers or not. Katty Clarke used the funds left her to set up an Irish Republican Prisoners Dependant's Fund with offices around the country, based on the Volunteers Network the IRB had given her. She staffed them primarily with women of Cumann na mBan, which grew from 63 to 800 branches nationwide by 1921. These offices cared for the families of the men who were interned until they were released in December for lack of evidence. Later, those offices helped settle returning prisoners, many of whom had not been active Volunteers when they were incarcerated, but who certainly were upon release. She interviewed many of the returning men and decided who would be the new leader; it was a wise decision when she turned over the organization's files and assets to Michael Collins. Collins used the network of offices set up by Katty Clarke to reorganize a national liberation force and began the War of Independence that fought England to the Treaty table in 1921 and the ultimate creation of the Republic of Ireland.

Through the War of Independence, into the years of the Irish Free State and to the creation of the Republic of Ireland, Mrs. Tom Clarke, as she preferred to be called, served her country as no other woman had. In addition to being a loyal wife and mother, she had been prisoner, Judge, Deputy Minister, Senator, and became the first woman Lord Mayor in Irish history as Lord Mayor of Dublin. After her death at 94 in 1972, she received the rare honor of a state funeral.

Remembered for her many deeds, she is perhaps best remembered for her statement to Cumann na mBan after the execution of her husband Thomas J. Clarke. She said, *Without the efforts of the women of Cumann na mBan, the Rising would have been for nothing. She told them, Our men are nearly all in prison, some are dead, and it is up to us to carry on their work . . . Let us show our enemy what Irish women can do!*

Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band

Congratulations to the Grade 3 Competition Band for a Second Place finish at the Colonial Highland Gathering in Fair Hill, Maryland. This is an outstanding achievement and proves our youth movement is a great success. The competition season continues through the summer for Grade 3 and Grade 5 with a schedule that includes the Rockland County Feis on July 18th, the Hunter Mountain Celtic Festival on August 22 and the Nassau County Feis on September 19th. Join us at one of these events for a great day of Irish music, dance and more.

Roisin Dubh practices every Thursday night at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to visit and enjoy our practice sessions. Piping and drumming classes are being formed now for the Fall. Come talk to us about being a member of the band.

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Mon	May 31	Memorial Day – Parade in Islip – L.A.O.H.
Tue	Jun 1	L.A.O.H. Scholarship Applications due.
Wed	Jun 2	Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
Sat	Jun 5	Belmont Calcutta Fundraiser at the PUB 4:45PM
Wed	Jun 9	L.A.O.H. Meeting -7:30 Rosary 8:00PM
Thur	Jun 10	Juniors Bowling Night at East Islip Lanes 6:15PM
Sat	Jun 19	Annual Skip McCormick Horseshoe Tournament 1:00PM
Sun	Jun 20	Father's Day
Tues	Jun 29	Project Children Golf Outing at The Wind Watch
Sat	Aug 14	Irish Night at CitiField
Sat	Aug 28	Sunset Cruise 6:00PM
Tue	Sep 7	L.A.O.H. Screening at Hall 7:45PM
Sat	Sep 11	Annual Division 7 Picnic at Heckscher Park 12:00PM
Thurs	Sep 23	Football Trip – Jets-Dolphins

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