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President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on Sept 3, 2008 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Now it's time to get back to our normal routines. Just to kick start us in September, Tom Synder and his picnic team has been slaving during the summer, preparing for this year's picnic which is Saturday Sept 6, at Hecksher Park. Just a reminder to everyone that the picnic is for dues paid members and their immediate family. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

During the summer, the National AOH / LAOH Convention was held. At the convention the delegates elected a new national board. Elected to their offices were: President Seamus Boyle, Vice President Brendan Moore, Secretary Tom McNabb and Treasurer Judge McKay.

While at the convention, the NY State scholarship was announced to the NY state delegates. It gives me great pleasure to announce Tom McHugh was awarded the NY State AOH Scholarship. Tom recently was awarded one of our division scholarships and I believe becomes the first member of our division to win the state's scholarship. Congratulations to Tom and also to his parents, Tom and Carol McHugh.

There will be a screening for new members on Friday October 3 at 7:30 at our hall. New members will be screened and a shamrock degree will be held during our November meet-

ing. Applications are available on the web site or you can contact the division Organizer, John Hanley. On October 26, there will be a major degree given by the Suffolk County Tara Court Degree Team.. Any member, who has not made their major degree, should sign up with Vice President Vic Vogel to take the final degree in being a Hibernian.

Many thanks go out to all the members who either participated or helped in anyway to the Project Children Golf Outing and the Horseshoe Tournament. Both fund raisers were well organized and from what I witnessed, everyone had a great time.

Continue to look at the division's web site www.aohdiv7.org for upcoming events in October and November.

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

Grand Marshal Nominations

Nominations for Grand Marshal for the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade in East Islip are now being accepted.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the person submitting the nomination.

Put nominations to the "Attention of David Ring", Parade Chairman and place the nomination in the Division Mailbox.

The deadline for submitting nominations is September 29, 2008.

Nominations will be announced at the October meeting. Voting, if any, will be at the November meeting.

Thank you.
David Ring
Parade Chairman

Attention Snowbirds

This message is for those who want to receive your 'Division Newsletter' at your winter migration quarters.

The newsletters have always had a "Return Service Requested" for the Post Office. Newsletters that are not delivered are returned to the Division and are not forwarded.

For the past few years the Division has been posting the newsletters on the EVENTS page of the web site.

If I am notified ahead of time, I can change the address for the mailings. The change has to be given to me by the fifteenth of the preceding month you will be away.

I can be reached at 631-277-0228, alnorton@optonline.net or leave a note at the hall.

Corporation Corner

As many members are aware, damage was done to our statue of Our Lady of Knock, (Our Blessed Mother), and the statue is beyond repair. This year's Superbowl Raffle is to defray the cost of replacing the statue. If you wish to purchase a ticket fill, out the form below and pick your ticket number (100-300).

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Ladies Division

The next monthly meeting of the L.A.O.H. will be held on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:45pm (following the Recitation of the Rosary). The AOH Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 6th at Hecksher State Park. The picnic is "free" to all members and their immediate families who have an up to date PAID dues card. Dues are now \$30.00 if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues please contact myself (224-4157) or Carol McHugh (277-8034). As always, the ladies are asked to bring a salad for the food table. We will begin selling tickets for the annual "LAOH 300 Club Raffle" at the picnic...so please bring extra cash to purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$20.00 each - this is our biggest fundraiser of the year! If anyone would like to purchase a ticket or can sell some tickets, please see myself or Maryann Baron at our regular meeting. The drawing will be in December.

The National Convention of the AOH/LAOH was held in New Orleans in July and I am so very pleased to announce that the Jr. Girls of Division 7 were the 1st place winners of the Jr. Scrapbook Award. Congratulations to Charlene Gibbs and all of the Jr. Girl's - what a great honor! It was also at the convention that the new National Vice President was elected from Suffolk County, Margaret Hennessey of Division 2.

There will be a Screening for new members on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30pm at the hall. If anyone needs an application please contact myself (ali4nan@aol.com) or Joanne Clancy.

Hope to see you in September!
Yours in Friendship, Unity
and Christian Charity,
Alice Faughnan

Juniors

Gold! The Junior Girls won the gold! Actually they won \$200.00 at the National LAOH Convention in New Orleans for taking first place in the scrapbook contest. The girls had so much fun working on the book. Their work impressed so many people from all over the USA.

Congratulations Junior Girls!

The June meeting was held at the East Islip bowling lanes. Everyone bowled their best and topped it off with an ice from Rita's. It was a fun filled evening.

Our next meeting will be September 8th at 6:30 pm at the hall. The topic will be Irish art. Please bring a white or pastel tee shirt to the meeting for the art project. You will be decorating your shirt with some typical Irish art. It should be fun. Hope you had a great summer and that you are looking forward to the new school year.

In Christian Charity,
Charlene Gibbs

Right to Life

When Pope Benedict visited the United States, he made special mention of the obligation of protecting the rights of the unborn. Then recently the Supreme Court itself admitted that if Congress declares unborn children "persons" under the law, the constitutional case for abortion on demand collapses. Therefore, we must do all we can to support "A Life at Conception Act" which declares unborn children "persons" and, as defined by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, entitled to legal protection. This is the one law the Supreme Court admitted would cause the case for legal abortion to collapse. Source: Brother Thomas Fahey, AOH Pro-Life National Chairman.

In order to become effectively involved in working against the evil of abortion, you are again invited to join the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network at www.nyscatholic.org.

A.O.H. Division 7 11th Annual CHILDRENS FUND GOLF OUTING

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See John Davis

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For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Liz Colgan at 277-2248.

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At the 2008 National Hibernian Convention in New Orleans, Division 7 was represented by many delegates. Delegates before the business meeting.



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What's Happening...

Wed	Sep 3	Men's Division 7 Meeting	8:00PM
Sat	Sep 6	Division Picnic—Heckscher State Park—Field 3	2:00PM
Sat	Sep 6	Dedication Ceremony for Sgt. Mike Ryan Hauppauge	5:30PM
Mon	Sep 8	Jr Girls and Jr Boys Meeting	6:30PM
Wed	Sep 10	Ladies Division 7 Meeting	7:30PM
Tues	Sep 23	LAOH Screening at hall – new members	7:30PM
Fri	Oct 3	AOH Screening at hall – new members	7:30PM
Sun	Oct 5	5K Charles Mackey Memorial Walk Run	9:00AM
Mon	Oct 6	Children's Fund Golf Outing – Calverton Links	1:00PM
Sun	Oct 19	Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Div 7 Hibernians	
Sun	Oct 26	Major Degree – See Vic Vogel	

CHECK WEB SITE FOR UPDATES
 Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00PM



Announcements

GIANTS - CARDINALS FOOTBALL GAME
Thursday Nov 20, 2008 - Monday Nov 24, 2008
Phoenix, Arizona

Accommodations at Embassy Suites in Scottsdale Arizona
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Total Package: \$900

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their time and effort to make this event just perfect. To each and everyone, a heartfelt thank you.
 May God's blessing be on each and everyone involved.
 Love, **Lorraine and Pat Kelly**

Congratulations to **Mike Masiar** for 2nd place in the March and 3rd place in the PIOBAIREACHD in grade 4 solo piping at the Western Massachusetts Highland Games and Celtic Festival. The event was held Saturday June 28 in Greenfield Massachusetts.

Katelyn and Meagan Faughnan both competed at the North American Irish Dance Championships in July. Both girls did really well. Katelyn placed 31st and Meagan 52nd in their respective age groups. There were competitors there from all over U.S., Canada, Mexico, Ireland, England, Scotland and Australia. Both girls are members of the Jr. Girls. Additionally, Meagan who is Vice-President, received 1st Place at the Long Island AOH Feis in August.



Dedication Ceremony Honoring Michael Ryan

The Hauppauge Youth Organization will be honoring Michael Ryan for all his hard work, community service and years of dedication to Hauppauge Football League on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. at the H.Y.O. field.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact Jim Ryan at 631-667-5230.

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