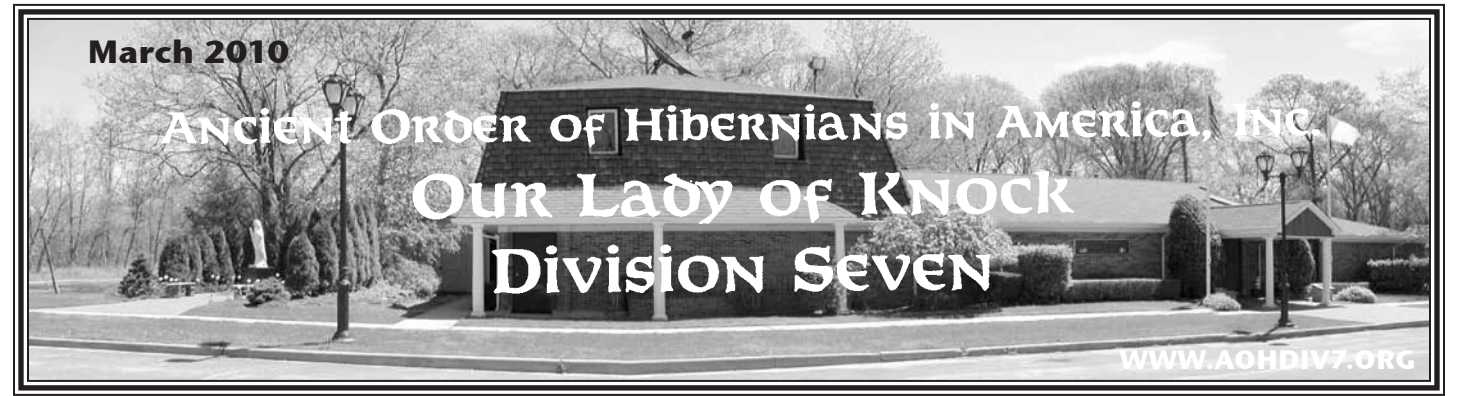


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## President's Message

Dia duit! The month of March has finally arrived bringing St. Patrick's Day and the Irish parading season with it. The John P. Reilly Memorial - East Islip St. Patrick's Parade will step-off on Sunday, March 7th, at 2:00pm from the East Islip Public Library. We are honored to be led by Grand Marshal Jack Murphy and his aides, Jack Murphy Jr. and Charlene Gibbs. All members are invited to march in the parade with the division. All are requested to dress appropriately as we will be representing the Ancient Order of Hibernians and our Irish culture before the community.

Following the parade, all members are invited to return to the hall for refreshments and entertainment. Please remember that a 2010 dues card will be required for admission. Please contact Dave Ring or Dan Sullivan to volunteer for the Parade Committee.

St. Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated at Division 7 Hall on Wednesday, March 17th, at 8:00am, thanks to Fr. Hugh and the hard work of Leslie Lanigan. Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist in the Mass. After Mass, coffee and cake will be provided while the buses are prepared to depart for New York City. Once again the Róisín Dubh Irish Pipe Band will proudly represent Division 7 and the Suffolk County LAOH as they march up the avenue. Please see Mac McFadden if you are interested in purchasing a ticket for the bus. As always, refreshments and entertainment are

available upon return to the hall.

We wish to thank Joan Tansey for three weeks of Irish dance lessons. As expected, Joan packed the dance floor each week. The Irish dances are an important part of our Irish culture and we thank Joan for keeping it alive and thriving!

Brothers, it is extremely important that we improve communication. If you are not currently receiving calling post messages, I urge you to register with me at (631) 513-9721. I will then have Al Norton include you in the calling post system. The calling post will inform you of important events taking place within the division.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Division 7 will be on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 8:00pm in the James J. Walsh Room of our hall. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated. Please make every effort to be there. May God bless our troops. Please keep our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity alive.

Slan abhaile,  
Vic Voget

## St. Patrick Day NYC Buses

There will be a Mass at the hall at 8:00AM. The buses will board after the Mass.

The sign up list for buses for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC is behind the bar. The cost is \$35 per person which includes transportation, refreshments on the bus, and a delicious corned beef dinner back at the hall upon our return. There are two buses for the membership and will be on a first come first serve basis. Ask the bartender for the list and a small brown envelope to place your check in. Mark on the outside of the envelope "PARADE" with your name.

If the list is full, I will have a stand-by list and I will contact them as an opening occurs.

Payment must be received no later than March 1. Anyone who reserves a seat and does not pay by March 1 will lose their seat to the waiting list. Checks should be made out to: AOH Div 7.

Mac McFadden

## St. Brigid's Day 2010



On Sunday, February 7, 2010, the Junior Girls, which included the Junior Girls from Division 7 and Division 2, participated in the St. Brigid's Day Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel on St. Joseph's campus. Each Jr. brought up one of the traditional St. Brigid's gifts, flowers to honor her or food they brought for those in need.

Coordinators of the Juniors include, (l to r), National Vice President Margaret Hennessey, Suffolk County Division 7 Vice President Elizabeth Colgan, Suffolk County Division 2 Jr. Coordinator Michelle O'Donnell and Suffolk County Board Vice President Pamela Schiavarelli.



Leslie Lanigan, of Division 7 was honored at the annual St. Brigid's Day Breakfast on February 7, 2010. Presenting Leslie, with the 'Spirit of St. Brigid Award' is, (l to r), L.A.O.H. National Vice President Margaret Hennessey, Suffolk County L.A.O.H. President Winnie Morrissey, and Past Suffolk County President Sharon Hudock.



Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers—  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
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For luck and laughter too,  
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Each day your whole life through!

'Beannachtam na Feile Padraig!  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## L.A.O.H.

Unfortunately, inclement weather caused us to cancel the February meeting and there was much to cover!

Congratulations to Leslie Lanigan, Division 7's Spirit of St. Brigid Awardee who was honored at the annual St. Brigid's Day Breakfast on February 7. Leslie is a wonderful example of what the LAOH strives to be!

Thank you to Kathleen Callegari for a job well done. The St. Brigid's Day Mass and Breakfast was beautiful and the turnout was excellent. The participation of both the Roisin Dubh Band and the Hibernian Festival Singers aided us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Thank you to our Jr. Girls for the great turnout at the St. Brigid's Day Mass. The Jr. Boys and Girls will be visiting the Sisters of St. Joseph on March 8 and are in need of Irish Soda bread and butter. All donations are greatly appreciated as the Sisters truly enjoy the refreshments as well as the entertainment.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to congratulating and celebrating with 2010 Grand Marshal Jack Murphy at the Ball on February 27th at the Irish Coffee Pub. Thanks to Joan Tansey's talent and patience, many more will be happy to "put their little foot right down" as they show off their newly acquired skills dancing the traditional dances.

The John Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 7. Please line up at the E.I. Library at 1:30 PM and remember to wear your sashes. Dinner following the parade is open to all members with an up to date dues card. Please keep in mind that no children are permitted in the Hall after the parade except Band members and Jrs. that have marched. Donations of Irish soda bread and volunteers to help in the kitchen are needed that day. Many hands make light work!

Sign up sheets are located behind the bar for the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade buses. The day will begin with

Mass at 8 AM in the Hall. The buses will leave immediately following Mass. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please keep in mind the dress code for the parade: black skirt or pants, white gloves and sashes are required. No sneakers, funny hats or face painting permitted.

Financial Secretary Margaret Davis continues to accept dues (\$25) until April 1 when dues will be \$30. You may mail your check and card in to our PO Box if you are unable to attend the March meeting.

Several Calling Post messages were sent out over the past couple of weeks. If you did not receive them, please contact Margaret Davis to ensure we have the correct phone number.

Easter will be upon us soon – please contact Kerry Gimbel if you know a family (number of adults and children – no names, please) in need of an Easter basket. Please bring non-perishables to the March meeting.

### Dates to remember:

- 3/7 E.I. St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 3/8 Jrs. Meeting 6:30 at St. Joseph's Convent
- 3/10 LAOH March Meeting 7:30
- 3/17 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade

Yours in our motto,  
Charlene Gibbs



## Junior Girls

The Jr. Girls started off the New Year participating in the annual St. Brigid's Day Mass joining the Jrs. from Division 2 at the Sacred Heart Chapel on St. Joseph's campus. Each Jr. brought up one of the traditional St. Brigid's gifts, flowers to honor her or food they brought for those in need. Thank you to all who were able to attend. Once again, you made us proud as you conducted yourselves reverently and respectfully.

February's meeting found the Jrs. learning the Sign of the Cross in the Irish Language as well as enthusiastically writing St. Valentine's Day cards and creating St. Patrick's Day Celtic art work for the troops. I'm sure the servicemen and women will enjoy receiving all the holiday greetings!

The John Reilly Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 7. The Jrs. will be lining up at the East Islip Library at 1:30 PM and will sponsor a fundraiser following the parade.

Our next meeting will take place March 8th at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Convent in Brentwood as we gather together with some of the Roisin Dubh band members and Irish step dancers to entertain the retired Sisters. We will also be serving Irish soda bread. The Sisters are looking forward to visiting with us! We are gladly accepting donations of Irish Soda bread and butter – please contact me at [division7jrs@optonline.net](mailto:division7jrs@optonline.net) or 277-2248 if you are able to help us provide the refreshments.

Just a quick reminder: dues (\$10) will be collected at the April meeting or leave the dues in an envelope in the Ladies mailbox at the Hall. Please include child(ren)'s name, current address, phone number and parents' names so our records are up to date.

The May Crowning and annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Hall on Friday, May 7th. The proceeds from this event fund the Make-A-Wish donation made by the Jrs. every year.

Please start to save hotel and sample size toiletries – we will be making wash up kits to bring to St. Anne's Soup Kitchen in the Fall.

### Dates to remember:

- 3/7 1:00 PM E.I. Parade line up at El Library
  - 3/8 6:30 Meeting at St. Joseph's Convent
  - 5/7 6:00 PM Annual May Crowning and Make A Wish Spaghetti Dinner
- In our motto,  
Liz Colgan

## Right to Life Prayer to end Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more lives than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent. Never to be passive. Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 .

## 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.

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## 2010 Grand Marshal John Joseph "Jack" Murphy

Born in Harlem, raised in Queens, and settled in Suffolk. Jack now resides in Brentwood with his wife of forty-six years. Jack and Gail were high school sweethearts. They met at a confraternity dance at Resurrection Ascension Church, where the boys were on one side of the auditorium and the girls on the other. The good nuns of the Sisters of Charity were in the middle, acting as a buffer zone.

Jack and Gail have four children, Kerry Ann, Theresa, Kathleen, Jack Jr., and as of this writing they have five grandchildren, Christopher, Rielly, Hailey, C.J., and Jack IV.

Jack is the first generation of his family in the United States, his family from Limerick, and Gail's family hailing from Tipperary (Now there's room for a Donnybrook). After High School Jack worked for a brief period of time for Beneficial Finance Company in Bedford Stuyvesant as a Finance Investigator, a fancy name for bill collector. In 1963 Jack joined the Long Island Railroad and spent the next 33 years wondering if this was the right job for him. Jack worked his



way up the ranks and in 1996 retired as a car inspector. While with the railroad Jack attended Cornell University at night, obtaining advanced certificates in Labor Relations and Labor Law. Jack and his wife Gail have been Hibernians for more than 20 years, and if you name a committee, Jack has probably been on it. From Vice President of the Corporation to Santa Claus, band member to band manager, Hibernian of the year to bartender, and cook for all occasions. Jack is also a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

To borrow a line from the great Yankee ballplayer Lew Gehrig:

"I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth." Great wife, great kids, great family, great friends. And with great pride being a member of A.O.H Division 7 East Islip.

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- Wed Mar 3 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM
- Sun Mar 7 'John Reilly Memorial' St. Patrick Day Parade 1:00PM
- Mon Mar 8 Junior's Meeting - St. Joseph Convent Brentwood 6:30PM
- Wed Mar 10 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM
- Wed Mar 17 NYC St. Patrick Day Parade Mass at Hall 8:00AM

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

**Announcements**

Winners of Super Bowl Raffle  
 1st Place Bill Fisher  
 2nd Place Frank McKeown  
 3rd Place Susan Mercorella

**Sheila McQuade** became a great-grandmother on 2/3/10. The girl's name is Hailey Marie. She was 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 20 in. length.

**Membership Dues**

The men's division announced that the 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.

**Division 7 Shows Its Appreciation**



On Friday Feb 12, 2010, Vic Vogel, and Mac McFadden, President and Vice-President of Division 7, presented a bouquet of flowers to Joan Tansey in appreciation of providing Irish Dance lessons for three consecutive Fridays. It is Joan's desire to "...put more Irish dancers on the floor." Division 7 will be showing their skills at the Grand Marshal Ball on Saturday, Feb 27, 2010!

**Calling Post**

Division 7 has a process for sending out announcements that are of importance and cannot wait until a regularly scheduled meeting.

Since not everyone visits the hall on a daily basis, it was decided by the Division Officers that we would use the services of an organization called 'Calling Post'.

This is a strictly voluntary call alerting notification system and is fundamentally non intrusive.

You will have to provide the Division with your phone number. Phone numbers are kept confidential and they will not be distributed.

If there is a message, it will be preceded by a five second announcement such as; "This is your Division President, Vic Vogel....".

If the phone is busy, the system will attempt to reach the caller with further attempts.

If your phone is set up to receive a message, such as an answering machine, it will leave a message on that machine.

CallingPost messages cannot be delivered to a phone system that requires the entering of an extension number or forwarding by a person.

Messages are delivered only between the hours of 9AM to 9PM.

Messages are approximately sixty seconds in total.

Again, this is voluntary and you can withdraw from the service at any time.

This service is available to paid up members and will be terminated if the dues are not current.

If you want to be added to the list, contact Al Norton at 631-277-0228 or leave your information at the hall.

For the Calling Post administered by the LAOH, call Liz Colgan.

**Scholarships**

If you have a high school student that may be eligible for an award see Tom McEnroe for applications. (581-7543)

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