



Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

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Division Three
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December 2023 Newsletter

December	3	Deceased members mass	St. Joseph's Church	3pm
	13	AOH Division meeting	Travis Hall	7:00pm
	20	AOH County meeting	Division 2	7:30pm
	25	Merry Christmas		

A LITTLE BIT O' THIS, A LITTLE BIT O' THAT

A word from President Jim McNulty

As my presidency comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for believing in me and trusting me to lead this great Division. From the nomination for Vice President 4 short years ago to my current term, I could not have been able to achieve everything we did without such a strong and competent executive board working with me. I would like to think that I leave this organization having made my mark and adding to it. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your president. Thank you.

Jim McNulty



Thank you to our Honor Guard members and all who came out for the parade to support our many veterans on November 11th. Presidents Jim McNulty and Pat Moynihan presented the wreath for Division 3. Thank you to all our Division 3 veterans for your service.



Our **Annual Mass for Deceased Members** will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm in St. Joseph's Church. The Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Patrick Whitney. A reception with light refreshments will be held immediately following the Mass in Travis Hall. This is a very special Mass, so even if you are unable to attend the reception, please consider joining us for the Mass.



Due to the hectic business of the season, breakfast with the ladies will resume in January.



The Officers' Installation will be on Friday, January 5th at 7:30pm in Travis Hall. Come and support your new officers.



Save the date for the annual **Missions and Charities Fundraiser**... Saturday, February 3rd. Karen St. John has been working hard to put another fun evening together in Travis Hall! Look for details in the January newsletter.



St. Brigid's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 4th at 11:15am in the chapel at St. Joseph's Academy in Brentwood. Lunch will follow at Division 2 in Babylon. Our division honoree this year is Kateri Lucarelli.



St. Patrick's Dance The St. Patrick's dance committee is planning a great night on Saturday, March 9th from 7-11pm in Travis Hall. *Good Clean Fun* will have us all out on the dance floor! Come and celebrate our "**2024 Hibernian of the Year**" Tina Kistner! Tina has been a member of Division 3 since 2010, serving as Division Irish Historian and Co-Chair for several fall dances. She is a member of the Suffolk County Celtic Degree Team. Tina promotes her faith, her heritage, and the LAOH motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity at every opportunity! Tina is currently the Chair for the distribution of the Commodore John Barry Medals, works on our busy Raffle Basket Committee and took on the responsibility for our kitchen and refreshments a few years ago. Tina always manages it with a wink and a smile! Dance and journal information to follow.

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Your Dues are due! Your 2023 dues are now late and your 2024 dues are due. Feel free to pay at your meetings or you can mail your checks. Ladies, please send your \$30.00 check, **made payable to LAOH Div. 3**, to **Mary Ramos**. Men, continue to send your **\$40.00** check, **made payable to AOH Div. 3**, to Rich Johnston. For their mailing addresses email us at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com By paying your dues on time you continue to be a member in "Good Standing." This is also a good time to update your contact information (phone number, email, etc.) with your financial secretary.

ST. FRANCIS
BREADLINE

Bring your pennies each month to the meeting so we'll have a generous donation at the end of the year for the **St. Francis Breadline**. As you sign in, you can leave them with Margie Connick.

To All Members...if for any reason you change your telephone number, your address or email, please let me know so that you will receive the newsletter and get telephone messages when **Calling Post** needs to be activated. Please contact **Karilyn O'Brien** at: aoh3smithtown@outlook.com with any changed information.

If you have anything to add....send your news, events and just about anything else you'd like to contribute to the newsletter to **Karilyn O'Brien** at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com Be sure to send your information **before the 20th of the month** to get it in the next edition.

Did you know.....?

"Nollaig Shona Duit (NO-lihg HO-nuh ghwich) means "Happy Christmas to you" in Irish

That it was once popular to leave a mince pie and a bottle of Guinness out for Santa

Please pray for the continuing comfort of the sick

Eileen McKnight, Barbara Breier, Mark Herbert, Della Weissenberger & Mary Guilianotti



Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased



A Concise History of Ireland

By Historian Tom O'Reilly

1. Mesolithic hunter-gatherers (7000-4000 BC)
2. Neolithic farmers (4000-2500 BC)
3. Bronze Age metalworkers (2500-800 BC)
4. Celtic Iron Age tribes (800 BC-400 AD)
5. Christianity, Saint Patrick and the Golden age begin
6. Vikings (8th-11th centuries AD)
7. Anglo-Normans (12th century AD)
8. Great Hunger (1845-1852 AD)
9. British rule (1169/71-1922 AD)
10. Independence (1922 AD)
11. The Troubles and Good Friday Peace Agreement in 1960s/1998.



Your Division Officers would like to wish you & yours

A blessed Christmas

And

A healthy, prosperous New Year

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