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August 2026 Newsletter

August	19	AOH County Board Meeting	Division 7	8pm
	21	Our Lady of Knock/Deceased Members Mass	Travis Hall	7:00pm
September	1	LAOH Division Meeting	Travis Hall	7:30pm
	9	AOH Division Meeting	Travis Hall	7:00pm
	15	Joint Meeting	Travis Hall	7:30pm
	16	AOH County Meeting		8:00pm
	21	LAOH County Meeting	Travis Hall	7:30pm

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



Once again, the annual golf outing was a great success. The committee thanks all who supported this venture.



Our Lady of Knock/Deceased Members' Mass and Reception will be on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 7:30pm in St. Joseph's Church. We will meet in the back of the church at 7:15, please wear your sashes. There will be a reception immediately following in Travis Hall. We will be serving desserts, coffee and tea. If you are attending, desserts would be greatly appreciated! You can drop your dessert off at Travis Hall starting at 6:30pm.



Division Picnic at Hoyt Farm on Saturday, September 19th, 9am-6pm. The parking is free for Smithtown residents, \$12 for non-residents. Division 3 is supplying the beverages; you supply your own food.



Save the Date: Our **fall dance** is on Saturday, October 17th from 7-11. This year's John Barry Award will be presented to Paula Adrian. Gerry Finlay will be providing the entertainment.

Congratulations to...



Tom Lamb and family on the birth of grandson Finn Michael.



The Buell family of the birth of their granddaughter Mai Rosalie.



Your Dues are due! Your 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 Dennis Adrian. For Mary and Dennis's contact information email mail 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.

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 karilynobrien@yahoo.com. Be sure to send your information before the 20th of the month to get it in the next edition.

John Curry-The Youngest Observer of the Apparition at Knock

At around 7pm on August 21, 1879 in Knock, Ireland, fifteen people stood in the rain to observe an apparition of Saint Joseph, the Blessed Mother Mary and St. John the Evangelist. One of these observers was John Curry aged 5 whose cousin lifted him on his shoulders so he could get a better view.

What happened to young John Curry? Like many Irishmen, he immigrated to New York in 1897, went to London in 1900 and returned to the US in 1911. It was noted that he worked for the railroad in Milwaukee before returning to New York in 1920s. He worked as a hospital attendant on Welfare Island (now Roosevelt Island).

In 1932 he moved into a home for indigents run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. There, he helped serve mass and clean the home. While there it was discovered that he was from Knock and the same John Curry who saw the apparition. In 1937 he was requested to attend a second Commission of Enquiry in New York, and once again he told the clergy “He said he had seen an altar and a lamb, although he could not recall whether the lamb had been on the altar or in St. Joseph’s arms. St. Joseph had whiskers, he said, and St. John held a book.” (Barry, 2017). John died in 1943 at age 68 and was buried in a plot owned by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Pinelawn Cemetery.

While on a pilgrimage to Knock in 2015, Cardinal Dolan learned from the pastor of Knock Shrine, Fr. Richard Gibbons, that John Curry was buried in an unmarked grave. This began the plan to disinter John’s remains from Pinelawn to a site on the grounds of Old St. Patrick’s Cathedral where he rests today.

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