



Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

Kevin Barry Division
Division Three
P.O. Box 380 - Smithtown, NY 11787



January 2021 Newsletter

January	1	Happy New Year!! Welcome 2021
	5	Division 3 LAOH meeting 7:30
	13	Division 3 AOH Meeting
	18	LAOH County Board meeting 7:30 location TBD
	19	Joint Meeting information to follow
	20	AOH County Board meeting 8pm location TBD
	30	St. Brigid's Day mass

A Message from the Presidents

If you are a Senior member let your fellow Hibernians know if you are in need of assistance. We may be able to help or refer you to someplace that can. Please email Pat Pells or Rich McCrossen at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com. If you know of any member who is ill or lives alone, please make an effort to contact them and make sure they are OK. *We wish everyone a safe, healthy and blessed New Year!*



The annual **Mass for our Deceased Members** was celebrated by Monsignor Patrick Whitney on December 6th in St Joseph's Church. It was very well attended. Our Annual Christmas Party, which usually follows Mass, was not held this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.



The annual **St. Brigid's Day mass** will be on Saturday, January 30th at 11am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue. Since church occupancy is limited, contact Division 3's Catholic Action Chairperson Anna Gallagher to make your reservation: annacg@optonline.net or 631-979-2651. Because of the pandemic there won't be a luncheon this year. However, we will be acknowledging women who walk in the "Footsteps of St. Brigid." Our division's honoree is Barbara Griffin who will be honored posthumously. Raffles will be sold at the Division meeting.

BARBARA GRIFFIN (06/13/1932 – 08/17/20)

Barbara Griffin grew up in Kings Park, where her parents, Edward and Margaret McWilliams, owned and operated the Park Diner. After graduating in 1950, she worked in a series of secretarial jobs until 1959, when she became a secretary with the Kings Park Central School District and stayed for 28 years.

Barbara had a lifelong love of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and was Co-President of the Tri-State Area Pee Wee Reese/Duke Snider Fan Club. When the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles, she became a dedicated Mets fan.

Barbara and Mike met at a wedding in 1960 where they were partnered as a bridesmaid and usher. The following year they were married on July 29, 1961, and honeymooned in Ireland. In 1962 they moved to 99 Indian Head Road with son Michael. Daughters Rosemary and Joan soon followed.

Barbara joined the LAOH in 1993 and became an active member almost immediately. She was elected to the office of Recording Secretary in 2006, and became President in 2008 and 2009. In 2006 she was also honored as the Division 3 Hibernian of the year. During cleanup at the end of just about every dance, Barbara and sister Cathy Donnelly would pull up chairs and encourage everyone to join them in a sing-along. Sometimes clean-up was just as much fun as the dance itself!

For years she and Mike wrote the Division 3 monthly Newsletter, and chaired the annual Fall Raffle. Barbara also organized many bus trips to New York City and Shea Stadium.

In 2017, “The McWilliams Sisters” (Barbara and her sisters Margie Stajk and Cathy Donnelly) were chosen as the Grand Marshals of the Kings Park St Patrick’s Day Parade.

Although Barbara and Mike moved to Chicago earlier this year, she remained a member of the Smithtown Hibernians LAOH until her passing on August 17th, 2020.

Barbara was well known not only for her dedication to the Hibernians (and the Mets) and her hospitality, but for her sparkling personality and kindness. She will be sorely missed.

Barbara Griffin will be the Division 3 honoree for the “In the Footsteps of St Brigid Award” for 2021. The Award will be given at the Suffolk County LAOH St Brigid’s Day Mass on January 30, 2021 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue.





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



Irish History & Culture on Facebook

Tom O'Reilly - Irish History Historian will present a series of lectures on Facebook under "Ireland's Historian & Story Teller" page. Feel free to post or comment on any aspect of our 8,000 year history.



LAOH Veterans If you are a Veteran or know of a sister Hibernian Veteran, please email Cathie Norton Doherty her name and address at laohveteransnational@gmail.com. The National Board is trying to compile a complete list of our Sister Veterans so we can honor them. This information is needed as quickly as possible.



YOUR 2021 DUES IS NOW 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 **Ruth Bedell** or Men, continue to send your \$30.00 check, **made payable AOH Div. 3**, to Rich Johnston. For Ruth or Rich's mailing address email us at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com **Please don't forget** how very important it is to keep your dues up to date as we have to pay per capita tax on each member and we need your dues to do this....much obliged.



In the spirit of Charity Winter will soon be here and the less fortunate in our area will be in need of warm clothing. Margie Connick and Mary Heizman are collecting items (socks, gloves, hats, etc.) for the local (and not so local) homeless among us. Any knitters or crotcheters amongst us?! If you would like to donate any items, please contact these hard working ladies. To contact Margie or Mary email us at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com



Do you have any pictures of happenings in our Division? Why not immortalize them in one of our Division photo albums? If you have something of interest, please send Ladies pics to **Kateri Lucarelli** or Men's pics to **Kevin Johnston**. To get Kateri or Kevin's address contact us at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com **Ladies, we are 70 years old this year! Does anyone have pictures from then?**



T Shirts While the Coronavirus has had a significant impact on our fundraising abilities, we want to remind you that we still have our t-shirt fundraiser in progress with all sizes available. While some members were enthusiastic about helping to sell shirts, we are hoping others who have not yet taken advantage will try to sell at least one each. Hopefully with all your help, we can bring in some much-needed funds and help to reduce our stock. If you would like to order a t-shirt, e-mail Anna Gallagher at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com. Reminder: long sleeve t-shirts are \$20.



“Wear Your Sashes” So, how many times have we heard this request in a Calling Post? What’s that? Don’t have a sash? No problem! If anyone is interested in purchasing a **sash** to wear for parades and other group events, please contact **Carol Clancy** at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com



Don’t Forget.... To bring your pennies to the meeting so that we can continue to support the St. Francis Breadline. The Breadline has been feeding the poor and hungry of New York City every morning since 1929. It is located in the church and friary of St. Francis of Assisi Church on West 31st Street in NYC. Let’s continue saving during 2021. While there is a coin shortage, we’re sure you have some pennies around. Check under the couch cushions.

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 for any changed information.

If you have anything to add to the newsletter...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.....?

*“Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh (AH-Vlee- In fwee WISH-uh deev) means
“Happy New Year to all of you” in Irish*

At the stroke of midnight on December 31st those seeking good luck in Ireland were recommended to enter their house through the front door and leave through the back.

***Please pray for the continuing
comfort of the sick***



***Please pray for the repose of the
souls of the deceased***



*Suffolk County
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians*

Cordially invites you to join us for a Mass to Celebrate

Feast of St. Brigid

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Mass at 11:00 A.M.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RC Church
495 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772

Limited seating. Reservations only.

*Please contact Anna Gallagher at 631.979.2651
or annacg@optonline.net to make your reservation.*