

Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

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Division Three
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May 2021 Newsletter

- May 4 LAOH Division 3 meeting 7:30
 - 12 AOH Division 3 meeting 7:30
 - 18 AOH & LAOH Joint meeting
 - 22 AOH County Convention @ Our Lady Mt. Carmel, Patchogue 2pm
 - 23 LAOH County Convention @ Division 7, E. Islip, Noon

A Message from the Presidents

If you are a member in need of assistance, let your fellow Hibernians know. We may be able to help or refer you to someplace that can. Please e-mail 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.

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



The 200 Club Raffle is underway for 2021! A total of 200 tickets are sold and the tickets sell for \$25 each. . There are 42 prizes awarded, and every ticket is in the running for each drawing - so you have a chance of winning multiple times! There are two \$500 prizes, twenty \$75 prizes, and twenty \$25 prizes! To buy your ticket (or tickets), contact one of the chairs: Brian Clancy, Marge McKeon or Margie Connick at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com. The first \$1000 profit from this Raffle supports our scholarships and the balance supports our other charitable causes. The drawing will be held at the May Joint Meeting.

Start your spring clean out now and save your gently used clothes for our spring Savers fundraiser. **The Savers fundraiser** is on Saturday, May 22nd, 9-11:30 in the St. Joseph's parking lot. **CLOTHING ONLY**. Contact Mary Herbert at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com for further details.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31st. As of right now, there are no plans for a parade in Kings Park. The presidents will contact the membership if it will occur.

LAOH State Officers Aggie O'Leary and Cathie Doherty are looking to move up the chairs on the State Board. They will be having a **fundraiser golf outing** on June 11th. Contact Chris Brogan 631-428-3085 or at cmcginnbrogan@gmail.com for information.

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. If you need their addresses please e-mail 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.

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. If you would like to order a t-shirt, e-mail Anna Gallagher at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com Reminder: long sleeve t-shirts are \$20.

<u>In the spirit of Charity</u> We may be in spring, but the less fortunate in our area are still in need. Margie Connick and Mary Heizman are collecting items for the local (and not so local) homeless among us. If you would like to donate any items, please contact these hard-working ladies at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com

"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

NEED SOME HELP? *Celtic Connections*, the networking arm of the Nassau/Suffolk AOH/LAOH offers a multitude of services from your fellow Hibernians. There are accountants, computer geeks, energy conservation specialists, lawyers. home inspectors, real estate agents, electricians and a variety of other specialties. If you need any kind of service, start your search by going to thecelticconnections.com. This is what BUY IRISH is all about. Membership in the organization is a mere \$50 a year and all of that goes back to the member's county and division. Spouses of members are eligible as well and need not be card carrying Hibernians. Any questions about Celtic Connections should be directed to Brian Clancy at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com

Important!! Sometimes an event comes up at short notice and the presidents would like to send out an email. The email you gave has been used for the newsletter only. If you do not want your email used for any other reason, please contact me at aoh3smithtown@outlook.com

<u>To All Members</u>...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.

<u>If you have anything to add to the newsletter</u>....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....?

On May 1st flowers are placed on windowsills and doorways for luck and protection from mystical forces.

May is Mary's month
Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms the fairest
From garden & woodland& hillside and dale
Our full hearts are swelling
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale
Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
~~May Hymn to Our Lady

Please pray for the continuing comfort of the sick

Noel Carey, Valerie Johnson, Kristopher Carney & Ian Mealie



Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased

Barbara Murphy & Martha Collins



Ireland's Easter Rebellion Remembered by Tom O'Reilly

On Easter Monday April, 24, 1916 (in Dublin), the Irish Republican Brotherhood, a secret organization of Irish nationalists led by Patrick Pearse, launched an armed uprising against hundreds of years of British subjugation and tyranny.

Assisted by militant Irish socialists under James Connolly and his fellow Republicans they attacked British provincial government headquarters across Dublin and seized the General Post Office.

Following these successes, they proclaimed the independence of Ireland, which had been under the repressive thumb of the United Kingdom for centuries, and by the next morning were in control of much of the city.

Please remember in your prayers those men and women that gave their ALL for Ireland's freedom.

NEVER FORGET!