We had a very successful No Talent Night on April 1st and if you missed it, then hopefully you will attend next year. We had such an array of talent I would be hard pressed to name everyone who contributed but I can say that most of the 45 members who were present truly enjoyed the evening. Many thanks must go to Frank Ryan who so graciously hosted the event for us!

As you know the Major Degree that our Division was asked to host on April 2nd was cancelled due to a very low candidate sign-up rate [only 9] in the entire County. For those of you who may be thinking of taking the degree as you had pledged to do so when you first joined, it may be offered in November but we will not be the host division. Please strongly consider of taking advantage of the offer when it is finalized and word is spread via the County Board later in the year.

It was with great sadness that we had to bid farewell to another one of our brothers at his wake service on April 3rd. Ed McKee was our Right to Life chairman for many years and will be missed. Please keep his family in your prayers.

We had a great turnout for a Pub Night on Saturday April 8th to listen to Steve Keeley. This event was only $5 and when you think you have live music from 8 until 11 PM how could you go wrong? Nearly 40 who attended had a great time! Thanks to Ed McGlade and Ken Ferguson for putting this together for us.

At our men’s meeting on April 12th we had a record number of applications read for membership, at least in my opinion. There were 16 men whose names were read out during that meeting.

On April 25th we had a Happy Hour at Bethpage’s BK Sweeney’s from 4-6PM and to my delight almost 40 members attended. Their owner, John Coumatos, who has been very generous to our division over the course of the year, even went so far as to allow us to take advantage of the bogo offer that is available on Tuesdays. This year I believe all stayed for dinner to take advantage of this offer. I want to thank all those who did attend as I am certain you had a great time.

To all moms – have a most happy mother’s day and hopefully we will have a great turnout for our annual Memorial Day Parade on May 29th and joint bbq with the Marines afterwards.

Yours in our motto,

Bill Scharen
Mike's Tidbits

As of today I have not heard any news to report. Any News please send to: emcglade@verizon.net

Green Beret Club News

The hall is open Fridays at 8pm come on down to meet with old and new friends.  
We are still carrying Labatts and Labatts Blue Light in bottles along with Bud, Bud Light, and Coors Light. There is also Guinness cans. Please come down and enjoy or beer selection. If there is anything you would like us to get in - let us know - we can always have ‘beer specials’.  
As always dates in May are booking up - if you need the hall call me as soon as possible.  
Call Ed McGlade at 516 815-7269 for rental information.  
Thank you Kim McGuinness for the donation of a CD player - music is once again playing at the Hibernian Hall.

Tara Pipes and Drums

The band played two events on Saturday April 22nd.  
We played for the Boy Scouts of America - Theodore Roosevelt Council’s 100th anniversary. We lead over 1500 scouts of all ages from Teddy’s resting place to his home at Sagamore Hill. Let me tell you it was a steep hill. That evening we got back together and played for the Ancient Order of Hibernian’s Nassau County Board’s County Ball.

The next day, Sunday the 23rd, we all got on a bus a 8am and headed up to West Point for the 35th annual Military Tattoo. The venue at the academy changed from it traditional spot on Trophy Point to the Buffalo Soldier Field. The large open field located right near the Thayer Hotel and the Thayer gate was a great location as all of the bands set up little villages all along two of the fence lines.

Upcoming the band will be marching in Memorial Day parades in Seaford and Massapequa. We will also be running a bus trip to the 5th annual Rockaway Beach/Breezy Point Irish Festival. The bus will be $25 per person. Estimate time of departure from the Hibernian Hall will be 1:30 pm.

In addition, the band has been hired to participate in a couple of fire department parades in June, July and August.

Also in August the band will be travelling to Ireland to participate in the Rose of Tralee Festival. We are scheduled to do two parades and a street event. In conjunction with the trip, the band will be holding a couple of fundraisers over the next couple of months to help offset some of the cost each member is undertaking to make this trip.

Lastly, the Piper’s Ball is currently being planned for later in the Fall. The date will be October 28th. As that is the only night the DJ (who does a great job) will be available. Please keep an eye out for details.

Men's Dues

Please send 2017 annual dues: $45  
Joe Campbell  
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Massapequa, NY 11758

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To be notified of wakes please email Ken Ferguson at shamrocken47@verizon.net
The gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Easter contained the following:

Verse 25 – The other disciples said to John, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmark and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

The phrase “Unless I see …” is a saying that I placed on a rock that I found in the surf near Gurney’s Inn at Montauk. Maureen and I were given a two–day vacation by the family to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. That saying --- that rock --- has special meaning to me as I try to follow and live out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. There have been many times that I have used John’s gospel and my “rock” at Vigil Services (wakes) for deceased members of St. Rose of Lima parish. It speaks volumes about my faith, my faults, and mostly my beliefs in the next life. I can therefore relate to St. Thomas and his “unbelief”!

Try for a moment to recall how many times during the past month that you have spoken the following words --- “I believe in …”!

Within the context of the Easter Masses we were sprinkled (some say soaked) with Holy Water as the Priest / Deacon walked the aisles reminding all of their baptismal promises.

Each Sunday, we say these words contained in the Nicene Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, ...
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, ...
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, ...
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church...

During the celebration of baptism, parents and god-parents are asked to renew the vows of their own baptism with these words:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, ....
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, ....

To each of the questions, the parents respond: “I DO”

Can you relate to the “unbelief of Thomas”? As I stated in the beginning: “It’s on my rock” as a constant reminder to me that my favorite saint is: ST. THOMAS !!!

Peace to all,
Deacon Frank

Pleasant to announce our AOH Division 15 favorite music man is performing at pro-life function.

Pro-lifers are asked to attend Pub Night with Andy Cooney
Fri., April 28 - 7 PM St Bernard's School Building, Hempstead Tpke., Levittown 11756

Parenthood donors with our signs showing the truth about the abortion business they’ve come to support. The Planned Parenthood fundraiser is on Friday, May 5, 2017, at Carlyle on the Green in Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale (99 Quaker Meeting House Road). The pro-life vigil will be from 7:00PM:15PM. Signs provided.

Love them both.

THERE IS HELP:
If you or someone you know is in need of help with a pregnancy call:
Life Center:
1-516-798-9100 (Massapequa) L.I. Birthright (Hot Line) -1-800-550-4900
1-516-408-6300 (Hempstead) Regina Residence -1-516-223-7888
1-631-243-2373 (Deer Park)
If you or someone you know is in need of healing from the effects of an abortion, recent or many years past call Rachel’s Vineyard 1-516-523-0586
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FOR OTHER INFORMATION OR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN PRO-LIFE WORK CALL 516-454-0993
A Year of Reflection:

The trouble of 1916 gave way to a much calmer 1917 as the country reflected on the Easter Rising and its consequences. However, as most republican prisoners returned home for the Christmas of 1916 and the early months of 1917, it was clear that the fight for Irish Independence would continue.

Men like Michael Collins, Eamon de Valera and Cathal Brugha, among others, emerged to take over the leadership of groups like the IRB, Sinn Fein and the Volunteers.

In October the various strands of republicanism came together in Dublin’s Mansion House, under the banner of Sinn Fein, where they elected Eamon de Valera as their leader. A couple of days later deValera assumed the presidency of the Volunteers and the political and military wings of Republicanism were united with a common goal of attaining independence and breaking the link with Britain.

Across the country, commemoration ceremonies were held on the anniversary of the Rising and in Dublin many of the city’s citizens turned out to remember the heros of the Rising, despite a banning order issued by the military authorities.

The Dependants of those who had died and the men & women who fought in and survived the conflict were not forgotten. The National Aid Association was set up to look after their needs.

1917 was also the year that Thomas Ashe succumbed to a hunger strike in Mount Joy, as he and other incarcerated republican prisoners demanded political status. The demand was eventually agreed to, but not in time to save Thomas Ashe’s life.

1917 was also the year Our Lady appeared to the children in Fatima, in Portugal.

Mise Eire
Presidents Message

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter with your families and friends. Welcome to new members Eileen Woods and Kathleen Moore.

The weather is finally changing and with the nicer weather come some of our favorite events. For our newer members, there is a Memorial Day Parade (more information below) that is followed in the afternoon with a barbeque and stick ball game with our friends at the Marine Hall. It is a fun filled day that I highly recommend attending.

A personal information sheet will be mailed out to all members to ensure we have updated contact information. Please make sure to fill it out and submit as soon as possible. You can send it to me via mail - 2242 Willow Street, Wantagh, NY 11793 or by email at jbrennan-lao15@aol.com.

In reviewing organizational procedures in reference to the motion that took place in March, it has been deemed necessary to revisit said motion when we meet at our June Meeting. As before, it will be posted in the stars & shamrocks for two issues (this one and one following the May meeting) and a calling post will go out in June. More information to follow at our May Meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Joanne

Annual Dues 2016

Dues for membership are now $30.00. Please make your checks payable to LAOH, Inc. Division 15. You can give them to Margo Moore at our April Meeting or mail them to her at 309 Park Boulevard, Massapequa Park, NY 11762. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for Margo to return your dues card. In an effort to save money for our Division, please make every effort to pay your dues early. Calling posts and postage for follow up mailings can be expensive and we would appreciate everyone’s cooperation to pay on time. Thank you.

LAOH Scholarship

The drawing will be held at our September meeting. If you are a member in good standing, you can submit the name of a child or grandchild attending a Catholic School or College to Eileen O’Connell at 5 McKinley Street, Copaige, New York 11726 by August 1, 2017. Please include the name and location of the school.

Roast Beef Dinner

This event will be held on May 12, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00pm and is $20.00 per ticket. Please call Joanne Brennan at (516) 785-8479 if you would like to attend. Please bring in any items you can donate any Friday night down at the hall. As of right now there are only a few members that have signed up to attend. Please call Joanne or Patricia Brennan at (516) 785-8479 by April 30, 2017. If we do not have enough people signed up by that date, the event will have to be cancelled this year.

MEETINGS

The next LAOH meeting will be on Monday, May 15, 2017. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:00pm. We will be installing new members and will also have our annual Baby Shower. Please remember diapers and gift cards are greatly needed along with wipes, blankets, crib sheets, bibs, socks and infant outfits. Gifts do not need to be wrapped.

Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue

May 29, 2017. Lineup for the parade at 9:30am on Front Street, east side of Village Hall in Massapequa Park. Immediately following will be a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony. At approximately 2:00pm will be the AOH/USMC Memorial Day BBQ. I have not yet received pricing information. All hands on deck to either play stick-ball or to cheer the Irish Team on!! :)

CONGRATULATIONS, CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS

Please keep the following in your prayers: Emily Kolensky, Harold Lye, Sean Doherty, James Thompson, Richard Gautier, Joseph Bishop, Dotty Duke, Shawn Godfrey, Paige Accardi, June Brady, Andy Eanniello, Brendan Dowling, Philomena Owens, Sister Dee Dee Madden and Brianna.

It is with great sadness to tell you of the passing of one of our sisters, Helen Dick. Please keep Helen’s family in your prayers.

Please send any information for this section to our Sunshine Lady - Helen McHale, 516-477-1431.
Tentative List of Events

May 12 – Roast Beef Dinner
May 29 – Memorial Day Parade then bbq/stickball game @Marine’s Hall
June 4 – 1916 Musical presentation on DVD
June 24 – Irish Night @Brady Park
July 4 – Parade through Massapequa Park
July 22 or 29 – Pub night
Aug 5 – Picnic @ Brady Park
Sept 17 – Feis @Nickerson Beach
Sept 23 – Casino night – potential event
Oct 22 – Communion Breakfast
Nov 18 – FFAI night
Dec 9 – Installation Christmas Dinner @ Am. Legion
Dec 10 – children’s Christmas Party
Anyone looking to host an event at the hall please see Ed McGlade to get onto the calendar.
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Saturday’s 2-5 pm

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EVENTS
May 10 - Men’s Meeting
May 12 - LAOH Roast Beef Dinner
May 15 - Ladies’ Meeting

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