



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
“Our Lady of Knock”
Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

November 2023 Newsletter

President’s Message

Hello Sisters:

Thanks to all who were able to come last month and pray the rosary before your division meeting. We have so many members who need prayers so please keep them in your prayers. If you would like anyone added to the prayer list, be sure to send their name to Terry Welsh.

I know it has been difficult for some of our ladies to attend the meeting. The officers will be discussing getting a "zoom account" and this way if you have a smartphone or computer, you can attend and participate in our monthly meeting. We are going to give it a try for our November meeting so keep an eye out for emails giving instructions on how you can join in.

Well, as of today there are only 34 days until Thanksgiving. The days are shorter and the weather much cooler.

There are a few events coming up during the month.

- 11-07-23 - LAOH Division 87 monthly meeting 7:00 pm
- 11-12-23 - Degree team ceremony at Roman Catholic High School
- 11-12-23 - Irish Hall of Fame dinner honoring Pat and Nancy Boyle (Division 88) at Irish Center 5:00 pm

On 11-18-23 our Division 87 Brothers will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary!! What an amazing achievement!! The ladies will be honoring our thirty-two deceased members as LAOH Women of the Year and Granuaile Award winners. This will prove to be a beautiful "Starry Night" to remember! More details inside this newsletter.

As we have done for many years in November, we will be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving goods for Providence House Shelter for families of domestic violence. This month we will be collecting for our charity, Providence House Shelter for Families of Domestic Violence. Non-perishable canned goods or monetary donations will be collected. See more information later in this newsletter. Also, if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to donate money you can Venmo to our account at @LAOH-DivisionEightySeven.

I would like to wish you and your family a Very Happy Healthy Thanksgiving Celebration. If you should need anything for the holiday, please contact me at 609-304-7929. We always get turkey donations and canned goods if you need them.

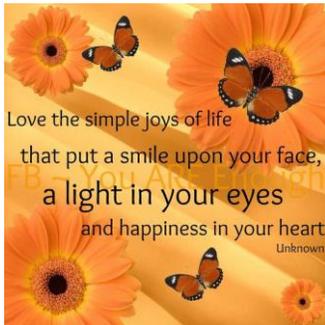
Stay Well.

In our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Maria



- Kathy Annan
- Kate Centofante
- Bunny Clark
- MJ Hayes
- Nancy Jones
- Colleen Bowers
- Kathy Fanning
- Helene Riley
- Ed Halligan
- Dennis James (Joanne James' husband)
- Drew Kearney
- Tim Morrison (Kathy Morrison's husband)
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts



- Eileen Smith's nephew is going to be a daddy!!! This will be Natalie Smith's 4th Great Grandchild!!!
- Anne Foody's Godson, James and his twin sister, Ashley were confirmed on October 28th. Ashley asked Anne to be her sponsor and took the name "Anne" as her confirmation name. Anne was the name of her grandmother who was also her Godmother who passed away. James took the name "Vincent" after his grandfather who passed away.

Providence House Food Baskets

Please consider donating anything for a Thanksgiving meal such as corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, apple sauce, mashed potatoes or yams, pie crust, pie filling or anything other than the turkey.

If you are unable to make the meeting and would like to send a monetary donation it can be sent to our division venmo account @LAOH-DIVISIONEIGHTYSEVEN. Be sure to identify *Providence House* so your donation is properly routed.

Bring your items to the November meeting!!

St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry

The food pantry is looking for donations of non-perishable foods. There is currently a special need for **Peanut Butter**!!



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2023 DUES ARE NOW **PAST DUE!**

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please be sure to contact Donna Kearney as soon as possible. Annual dues remain \$25 for the year. Make checks payable to LAOH Division 87.

If you are unable to attend the meeting mail your dues to:

Donna Kearney
4540 Almond Street
Philadelphia, PA 19137

You may also Venmo your dues to @LAOH-DivisionEightySeven. Be sure to include your name and "2023 Dues".

Please remember you must be a member in good standing in order to remain on the membership list.

UPDATE:

If you have paid your dues and need a new or updated dues card – reach out to Donna as soon as possible.

Phone: (215) 915-3205 Email: kddfam@aol.com

L.A.O.H. DIVISION #87 NEWS AND INFORMATION

MEETING REMINDER

Our general meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month (except July and August). The meetings are held at AOH Division 87 located at 3524 E. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, PA. Casbah Caterers has graciously allowed us to use their parking lot at Thompson and Tioga Streets. As a courtesy, do not park in numbered spaces as they are reserved for neighbors.

The monthly general division meetings are to be held the same as a National Convention meeting, in that, for the sake of the general membership, there is to be no smoking or alcohol permitted during the meeting itself.

GOT ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please submit any newsletter items to Terry Welsh at TerryLAOH87@gmail.com or call 215.280.5992 no later than the 20th of the month for the next issue.

Please provide information on your family's joys and concerns so we can share them with all of our sisters!

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

LAOH DIVISION 87 – www.laoh87.com

LAOH PA STATE – www.statepalaoh.com

LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group –

<https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87>

LAOH NATIONAL – www.ladiesaoh.com

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?

If you aren't receiving division email news, please send your email address to TerryLAOH87@gmail.com in order to be added.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!



Patricia Fagan.....	1
Joanne Walker	8
Bunny Clark	12
JoAnne McStravick	17
Donna Donnelly-Kearney	21
Kate Centofante.....	21
Monica McCue.....	21
Susan Powell-Smith.....	24
Marie Griffitt	26
Joanne James	27

It brings us so much joy to celebrate your birthday with you. We pray that God blesses you and wraps His mighty arms of protection around you on this extra special day and forever.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AOH Division 87's 125th Anniversary Ball



On November 18th, 2023, we will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of AOH Division 87. The Ladies will be honoring our thirty-two deceased members as our LAOH Women of the Year and Granuaile Award winners.

The evening will start off with Mass at Mother of Divine Grace Church, 2918 E Thompson Street at 4:00 pm. After Mass there will be buses leaving from AOH Division 87 clubhouse 3524 E Thompson Street which will take you to the Knights of Columbus

Hall, 9617 James Street. Parking is available at the division.

The cost per ticket is \$65.00 per person which includes a delicious buffet dinner, open bar, DJ, entertainment from The Natterjacks, dancers, mummers and much more. Buses will return at 11:00 pm to the club. This will prove to be a beautiful "Starry Night" to remember!



Please join us in celebrating the

Delaware Valley Irish Hall of Fame

22nd Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony

To benefit the

Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center (Irish Center)

Sunday, the 12th of November 2023

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Commodore John Barry Arts & Cultural Center

6815 Emlen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119

2023 Honorees

Patrick & Nancy Boyle

Pete Hand

The Conaghan Family

The Commodore John Barry Award

Pari Livermore

Tickets: \$65.00 per person

Tickets available at theirishcenter.org or call:

Sean McMenamin 215-663-2328; Kathy McGee Burns 215-872-1305

Bill Donahue 215-886-3669;

Tom Higgins, President 215-275-0591

Freedom For All Ireland Annual Fundraiser

Philadelphia County Freedom For All Ireland Annual Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm at AOH Division 39 (7229 Tulip Street).

The cost is \$40 per person and includes beer, food and music. There will also be a variety of raffle baskets available.

Music by members of The Shanty's and Natterjacks, plus more!!!

All proceeds benefit FFAI Appeal charities.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

Thou has given so much to me...Give me one more thing-a grateful heart.

-George Herbert (1593-1633)

As I reflect on the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I am filled with a grateful heart...for my God, for my family, for my dear Sisters of Saint Joseph, and good friends, for my ministry, our fragile earth, our imperfect Church, but most especially for you, my Hibernian sisters. I thank God for the blessing you are to so many, near and far. I thank God for bringing you into my life and ministry. Thank you for our shared pain and joy. Thank you for allowing me to be your sister.

We know that ALL comes from God. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, try to take a moment in the midst of preparing for the holiday to remember all the gifts in your life. Even in the midst of loss and struggles, and all the complications a holiday can surface, pray for a grateful heart. Gratitude is a grace from God. It doesn't always come naturally to us. We feel emptiness more acutely than fullness. Seek gratitude and you will find it.

John O'Donohue, Irish poet and scholar, once said, "Keep something beautiful in your heart to survive difficult times and enjoy good times." That "something beautiful" is gratitude. We teach children to say thank you, to see all as gift. Let's remember to do the same.

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer to each prayer.

Happy Thanksgiving!

STATE OF THE HEART



The State of the Heart for November is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 pm. It will be held at AOH 87 Hall (2nd floor).

State of the Heart is a monthly meeting facilitated by Sister Lisa Breslin. This is a space for meditation, prayer and sharing where you are at the present moment.

New LAOH Division 87 T-Shirts for Sale!



Sizes available S – 3XL

\$15.00 each

Limited supply available at the meeting

Sweatshirts coming soon!!!



GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

7:00 PM

3524 E. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, PA.
Parking at Thompson and Tioga Streets.
Please do not park in numbered spaces

WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY LAOH DIVISION 87

If you have a phone, iPad, computer or any electronic device you can now join us the first Tuesday of the month for our division meeting.

Starting with our meeting on November 7th we will attempt to go live with on Zoom. The link will be emailed to our Google address either the day before or day of the meeting.

We still would like as many as can attend in person to come to the club but since there are issues for some getting up the stairs we hope this will be a solution.

Our trial will take place with our November meeting and hopefully we can work out any kinks. Then starting January 2024 we plan to continue on a monthly basis in an effort to include anyone who cannot physically make it to the meeting. Please be patient with us.



In Case You Missed October's Irish History Report:

Death of Irish America is Greatly Exaggerated

The prevailing sense that Irish America was dying off has been proven wrong while a powerful undercurrent is pulling people back into their Irish roots.

The revelation from the US Census Bureau that in 2020 there were nearly 39 million self-described Irish Americans in the United States has come as a major surprise to many Irish American leaders who had believed the numbers were dropping off.

Though the 2020 data was collected differently than in previous Censuses, the most recent figures show an increase where 34.7 million people identified as having Irish ancestry, and a further increase from the 2000 figures where 30.5 million people identified as having Irish ancestry.

The general narrative that the number of Irish Americans was dropping off was because emigration from Ireland had slowed to a trickle and later-generation Irish Americans were less connected to their ancestral land.

It seems, however, with more accurate genealogical research and updated US Census data, that the prevailing sense of the community was wrong. The truth is the death of Irish America has been greatly exaggerated, a frequent occurrence in the past.

What are the dynamics behind this surprising figure? In conversation with a top Ancestry.com expert, he stated that from their research, Irish ancestry was the most hidden background of all. Time and again they found that the Irish were a far greater core ancestry in the making of America than was previously believed. He also stated that there were far greater numbers of Irish in America even pre-Famine than was generally accepted.

The other factor, obviously, at the other end of the scale is that a 2017 poll, conducted by this website and NYU University by Amárach, one of Ireland's largest polling companies, of 1,200 responders under 45, showed that 98 percent of respondents stated they got their prime information from Facebook and social media.

This is an incredible factor, one that is so blindingly obvious, yet one that has failed to register fully. In other words, the explosion of knowledge about Ireland and the huge number of organizations who first encounter their heritage online rather than from a visit to the old country is very real.

"It becomes more meaningful in a turbulent world," he said at the time. "The Irish identity is no longer seen as being assertive or against other identities. It's more convenient. It's a very fluid, organic, dynamic thing."

In other words, it's a good identity to be Irish in America.

Looking forward, we must consider the impact of our Irish American President deeply interested in his own roots, the spectacle of Notre Dame bringing 39,000 Irish Americans to Ireland for a football game, and the advent of far more frequent flights, up to 25 a night, by major airlines, all of which show a powerful undercurrent pulling people back into their roots.

It is invaluable information about Ireland's key links with the USA and, indeed, the Diaspora worldwide. So let us celebrate that far from dying out, the number who name their ethnicity as Irish is actually growing very fast indeed. That is surely very welcome information for future planning.

Submitted by: Anne Foody, Division #87 Irish Historian
October 3, 2023

See: <https://www.irishcentral.com/opinion/niallodowd/death-irish-america-exaggerated>

Veterans Day

November 11

Word Search

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2011

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| 3. Service | 7. Soldiers | 11. Wars | 15. Hero |
| 4. Military | 8. Americans | 12. Sacrifice | 16. Thanks |



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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