

# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

# "Our Lady of Knock" Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

# March 2025 Newsletter

# President's Message

Hello Ladies,

Can you believe it's March already? Spring will be here before you know it unless you believe the groundhog prediction of six more weeks of winter.

February was an exciting month if you are a football fan, well if you were an EAGLES fan that is!!! Seems everywhere you went all you heard was "GO BIRDS". My granddaughter was learning how to spell her day in daycare, so I asked her how to spell it and she said EAGLES. Ok, we need to work on that.

We ran two successful Superbowl Pools which was needed to help build up our treasury since we will need to pay for supplies and ingredients for Irish Potatoes.

For now, we will be getting ready for all things Irish!!!

So, a quick story about our biggest fundraiser, Irish Potatoes. There were some issues when the mixer needed to be moved once again from Grace Baptist Church to St. George's cafeteria. The mixer is old and very heavy so when it was moved it toppled over, it leaked oil which made us nervous that it might leak into the dough. The officers discussed what to do and it was decided it would be best to skip making them this year. Long story short, a generous donor purchased a 30-quart mixer for us. By the time you read this mixing and rolling will be completed, so we owe a great debt of gratitude to Linda Nevedomsky's son, Tommy.

Lent begins on March 05, 2025 with Ash Wednesday.

Now for a few updates that I have for the Philadelphia St Patrick's Day Parade.

The 2025 Parade will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2025. The theme this year is ST. PATRICK, BLESS THOSE DEDICATED TO SERVING OTHERS.

Our uniform will be black jackets we wore a while back with a green shamrock and gold claddagh. We are working on getting some to order but if not, a black jacket would be fine along with black slacks. We will be attending St. George's Church for 8:30 am Mass then walking over to the club around the corner and wait there to board the buses. Once the lineup is posted we will have a better idea of what time. The after party will be at the Casbah Caters when we return – more details to follow.

Be sure to keep reading inside for updates on upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to contact me or any other officer.

In Our Motto, Maria Gallagher

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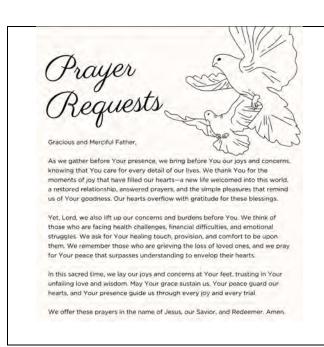
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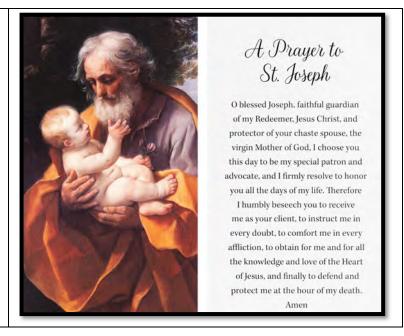
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#### PROVIDENCE HOUSE EASTER BASKETS



As has been our tradition for many years, we will be providing Easter baskets for Providence House. For those who may not know, Providence House Domestic Violence Services seeks to end the cycle of domestic violence through education, empowerment and advocacy while providing a safe haven for families who are victims of abuse.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food items, dollar store toys (such as bubbles, puzzles, games, etc.) and bags of candy. We are looking to make enough

baskets for 10 residents. Suggestions of non-perishable foods are listed here from their wish list.

Interested in donating, but you don't know what to bring, feel free to make a cash donation and we will purchase what we need.

As always, thank you for your generosity!!

#### NONPERISHABLE FOODS

- canned tuna and chicken
- peanut butter and jelly
- microwave cups mac n'cheese, mashed potatoes, rice
- taco kits, taco sauce, taco shells
- pasta and sauce
- noodle and rice sides
- soup, ramen noodles, cup of noodles
- cereal
- instant oatmeal packets
- cereal bars/granola bars
- snack bags of chips, crackers, cookies
- microwave popcorn
- fruit cups
- juice boxes
- · mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard

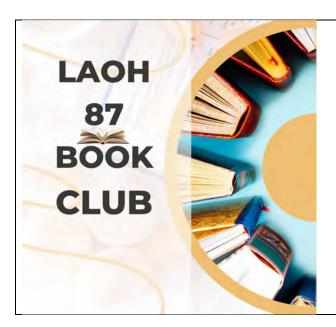
### A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

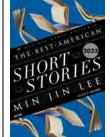
#### 2025 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Annual dues remain \$25 for the year. Make checks payable to LAOH Division 87. You may also Venmo your dues to @LAOH-DivisionEightySeven. Be sure to include your name and "2025 Dues".

If you are unable to attend the meeting mail your dues to: Donna Kearney; 4540 Almond Street; Philadelphia, PA 19137

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





# **Current Book Club Choice:**

The Best American Short Stories 2023 Edited by Min Jin Lee

Next Meeting date on Zoom: March 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm

We will be discussing the following stories (we are not reading the short stories in order):

- Annunciation
- Peking Duck

Interested in joining or have any questions please contact: Terry Welsh (215) 280-5992 or via email at TerryLAOH87@gmail.com

### **MISSIONS & CHARITIES COIN DROP!**

There's no better time to clean out that purse, empty those pockets and lift those couch cushions!! Gather up all that spare change that is weighing you down and bring it to the meeting and drop off to Kris Bucko. Kris will accept the folding stuff too!

All proceeds benefit Columban Missions.

The LAOH has maintained a strong relationship with the Columban Fathers and Columban Sisters. The Columban Fathers have been the primary charity of the LAOH since 1935, and the LAOH added the Columban Sisters in 2006. The donations collected help those that answered the call to mission and help facilitate their work across the world.



# **GENERAL MEETING:**

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

7:00 PM

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

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT THE DAY OF THE MEETING!!

# **IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

LAOH DIVISION 87 – www.laoh87.com

LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group – https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87

LAOH PA STATE – <u>www.statepalaoh.com</u>

LAOH NATIONAL - www.ladiesaoh.com

# **ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?**

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# **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!**

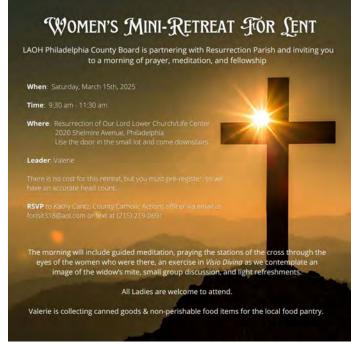


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Kathleen Lindline-Evans	10
Patricia L. Leach	19
Lori Ann Stopyra	30
Linda Sweeney	30

As you celebrate another year of life, may God's love and favor be upon you. May His joy be your strength and peace be your constant companion.

Happy Birthday!









### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ



# THE JOURNEY OF LENT

Lent is not for the faint-hearted.

It demands that we, like Thomas,

Put our hand into the side of the crucified Christ.

Lent is a journey toward the cross,

A journey of enlightenment:

From wilderness to feast,

From desert to oasis,

It's an attempt to identify with the powerless

And the suffering in the world.

Lent is not tidy.

The days grow longer,

The ground thaws, there's mud and
dirt everywhere. And the windows need cleaning.

Lent is a journey.
So, at the end of Lent,
We should expect to find ourselves
Somewhere different from where we started.

Lent can be an opportunity
To explore what is the nature
Of the promised kingdom of
God on earth that we long for;
A time to discern how we are called to work for it.
No, Lent is not for the faint-hearted.

-Author Unknown

# STATE OF THE HEART



The next State of the Heart will be held March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 pm. It will be held at AOH 87 Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# In Case You Missed February's Irish History Report:

# ST. BRIGID'S WELL

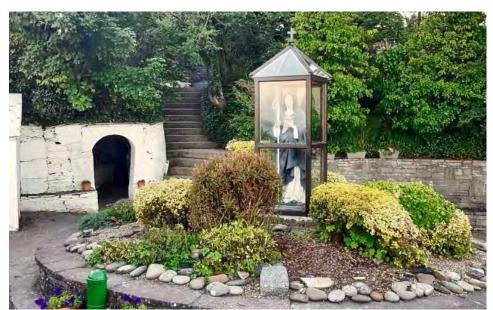
St. Brigid's Well, located in Liscannor, County Clare only a short distance from the Cliffs of Moher, is housed in an open stone house or grotto that serves as a gateway to the ancient cemetery on the hill above it.

The well is regarded as a place of healing and inside the grotto is lined with mementos, rosaries, prayers, and pieces of offerings left by pilgrims. The peaceful sound of the running water from the well is also audible and traditionally a sip of this water should be done at the end of a visit to the shrine. The graveyard above and behind the well is the final resting place of several mythical kings and clan leaders of Ireland. Still to this day, pilgrims celebrate Brigid's roots by spending the pagan harvest festival of Lughnasadh in the circular sanctuary of this well.

St. Brigid's Day falls on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It is also the day of the old Celtic festival of Imbolc. This ancient Celtic pagan feast marks the start of longer days and is one of the "quarter days" of the Celtic calendar which marked the mid-points between solstice dates, as the earth's journeys around the sun and the beginning of Spring.

In Irish folklore, Brigid and her sisters also named Brigid are a triple Goddess and she is the goddess of higher ground, higher learning, and higher consciousness. She is the patron goddess of the Druids and visible signs of Druid language and pagan worship are still seen in the well.

Unable to eradicate Brigid's popularity with the Celts, Christendom renamed her Mary of the Gaels or Brigit who became known as the foster mother of Jesus. They placed statues in her dedicated spaces and canonized her in the 5th century, making her a saint. Her symbolic cross made from rush can be seen throughout the countryside.



Submitted by: Anne Foody, Irish Historian, Division #87 February 5, 2025

See: https://www.irishcentral.com/roots/st-brigids-well-liscannor-clare

# **Word Search Puzzle**

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