

# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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

Meeting location for April 2nd is  
*Grace Baptist Church, 4544 Almond Street*

April, 2019

### President's Corner

Dear Sisters,

“HAPPY SPRING”!!! I say that every year because I'm always glad to see the first robin red-breast and the Easter plants start popping up in stores and gardens.

We survived March and what a whirlwind. We mixed, rolled and sold 2,000 containers of our famous Irish Potatoes. A big “THANK YOU” to those who came out. Sadly, it seems the turnout for this fundraiser is decreasing each year. If anyone has any ideas to increase participation please let me know.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was wonderful. The weather started out wet, but cleared in time for Division 87 to march with pride. We honored Tommy Wenger and celebrated the LAOH's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The band, Shennigans, led us and everyone had a great time. We didn't make TV this year, BUT we did win the James P. Kilgallen Award for our charity work.

Sister Lisa has arranged for an afternoon Lenten retreat at Francis House of Prayer on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We are going to gather at Francis House of Prayer at 11:30 a.m. This year we are going to stay on the main level for the activities and not use the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. Please let me know by our meeting if you are going to attend so that we can set up and have enough seats for everyone. Those that have been to Francis House know what a Holy and special place it is. If you haven't been I recommend you give it a try as we prepare for Easter.

Don't forget our Hibernian Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 9:30 a.m. at Fran Lee Catering. Our celebrant will be Father Steve from St. Francis Inn. Details and other news can be found in the newsletter or on our website [www.LAOH87.com](http://www.LAOH87.com)

**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:** Due to a conflict in scheduling our April 2, 2019 meeting will be in the hall of the Grace Baptist Church, 4544 Almond Street at 7:30 p.m.

I want to wish each one of you and your families a Blessed and Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on April 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

In Our Motto,  
Linda

#### Upcoming Events:

April 7th—Retreat Day  
April 28th—Communion Breakfast

#### MEETING DATES:

TUES. APR 2ND  
TUES. MAY 7TH  
TUES. JUN 4TH

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## News from your Officers

### Missions and Charity

Thank you for your generosity! March's basket was Ceramics by Gigi donated by Nancy Jones and the winner is Margaret Korejko. The April donation will be Wreath donated by Mary Moretz.

### Christian Charity Project Collections

We will be collecting the following items during April & May to donate to Angels in Motion for Blessing Bags. Some items are listed below.

**Food Items:**

Snack size or single serving applesauce, crackers, cookies, granola bars, gum, mints, pop tarts, pretzels, water, etc.

**Hygiene Products:**

Antibiotic ointment, baby wipes, band aids, chap sticks, combs, deodorant, tissues, tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, etc.

**Clothing:**

Hats, gloves, hoodies, etc.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

Journals, backpacks, blankets, notes of encouragement, etc.

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We will also be collecting gently used pocketbooks for the next few months. Sister Lisa knows several agencies where they can be put to good use. Please put a penny for luck inside each one donated.

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We will be donating Easter Baskets to the ladies and children at Providence House Shelter. If you would like, you can bring donations (candy or small toys) to the April meeting.

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We will be collecting gently used or new sneakers or walking shoes and new socks for Never Give Up. Never Give Up is a non profit that helps those with addiction or mental illness. They provide showers and new clothing to those living on the streets. Website is [www.nevergiveuppa.com](http://www.nevergiveuppa.com). Contact Nancy Jones if you need things picked up. Her number is 267-241-4677.

## **LAOH Div. 87 Information**

### **Donations & documentation requirements**

Remember that you must be present with the documentation for donation requests or if you have someone request on your behalf that person needs to have the documentation.

If there are any problems with any donations, please address them with me or one of your elected officers who will bring the issue to my attention.

### ***In Memory/In Honor of Card***

In Memory of/Honor of cards will now be available at our meetings. All proceeds will benefit our LAOH National Charity Project St. Patrick. PSP was created to support Priests, Seminarians and religious spiritually, emotionally and financially. The use of these cards enables the vision of St Patrick to continue to bring the Gospel and the Eucharist to all people. Donations to PSP are a contribution to Our Faith, Our Heritage and/or legacy for a loved one.

## **REUSE – RECYCLE – RE-PURPOSE**

### **ALUMINUM CAN TABS**

We continue to collect aluminum tabs to support the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your aluminum pop tops and bring them to our general meeting each month for Terry Welsh.

### **ST. JOHN HOSPICE**

Collecting men's toiletries for St. John's Hospice. Soap – Shampoo - Toothbrushes – Toothpaste - Dental Floss - Disposable Razors - Shaving Cream - Hand Lotion - Combs—Trial size items are the best.

### **TOWELS AND BLANKETS**

Used by the SPCA for grooming and to put some comfort in the pet's cages. Visit [www.pspca.org](http://www.pspca.org) to view their wish list of items. Please take items directly to SPCA.

### **ST. FRANCIS INN**

Seasonal clothes, under garments for men and woman, socks, and large men's clothing.

### **Schools and Daycares**

Collecting Box Tops and empty printer/ink cartridges. You can recycle by just bringing them to a meeting.

## Family News

### Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters



April

Louise Dougherty	9
Meghan Kauriga	11
Michele Szarek	11
Sharon McGrath	13
Kathleen Morrison	17
Margaret Witalec	18
Regina Kavanagh	23
Mary Ricci	30

### Special Intentions

Jackie McGady-Saier  
Rich Hrapzynski  
Debbie Scott  
Maureen Daly  
Grace Diesler

#### **Card and letters can be sent to**

Jackie Saier  
Deer Meadows Health Care System,  
8301 Roosevelt Blvd., Room #G56,  
Philadelphia PA 19152



Congratulations to Kathy and Tim Morrison who celebrated 25 years of marriage in February.

Additional congratulations to Kathy and Tim Morrison who welcomed their First Great Grandchild Aubrey Harper Fernandes born February 23rd.



### Memorials



Please keep our sister Marlene Fiorino and her family in your prayers. Her brother, Daniel Casteel, passed away March 8th.

# Division News & Events

## **PENNIES**

Don't forget to bring your pennies, dimes, quarters and nickels, bills too!

## **Mystery Prize Bingo**

Thank you to all who made this event successful. Save the date for February 7, 2020!

## **LAOH 87 Retreat Day**

April 7, 2019 beginning 11:30 a.m. at Francis House of Prayer, 39 Springside Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060

## **Hope Lodge Dinner**

Our next Hope Lodge Dinner will be June 20, 2019. June is our Picnic Menu. Menu will be: hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers, and cheese. Salad suggestions: potato, macaroni, pasta. Drinks: soda, water, iced tea. Desserts: waffles and ice cream and sundae bar. Looking for donations of paper products, cups, and food.



*AOH/LAOH Division #87  
Annual Communion Breakfast  
Sunday, April 28, 2019  
At Fran Lee Caterers  
4556 Almond Street  
Mass at 9:30 a.m.  
Followed by a buffet breakfast  
\$25.00 per person*

## *Contact:*

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## **Puzzle**

No new Puzzle this month. Be sure to bring your completed March Puzzle to be entered into the drawing

# Reflections

A Few Thoughts from Sister Lisa:

*What's on your radar?*

In the last two reflections, my intention was to console and strengthen each of you in some way, and to ultimately point the way to God in the midst of our busy lives. This time, I hope to challenge you. I composed this introductory statement while I was on retreat this weekend. I was going to talk about forgiveness, that challenging and freeing gift God gives us. I had it all planned. Then last night one of “my ladies” passed away, and my message has changed.

Gloria was a 97 year old South Philly Italian lady and a spitfire to the end. She once said to me, “you have a good heart and God sent you to take care of miserable old women like me.” When I first entered the convent, I dreamed of working with young people, then I dreamed of teaching in the ghetto. Those dreams came true and then my dreaming shifted. Helping “miserable old women” and prior to that, being an administrator at our college were not on my radar, but following God’s will for me, God’s dream for me was on my radar.

What has God sent you to do? We all take care of someone, miserable or not...and God gives us all we need to do so. During Lent, we often focus on bettering ourselves. We give up excesses or try to go to church more or be more charitable. I’m trying to drive to work with more patience! Most of us forget it’s Lent, especially on Friday when that McDonald’s breakfast sandwich is in hand. God doesn’t forget and He gives us this season to come closer to Him. Like a father or mother, or grandmother, God just wants us to be near. God wants to be on our radar!

So, my Hibernian sisters, I leave you with this: YOU have a good heart, and God has sent you to (fill in the blank). God’s dream for you is alive. Spend the rest of this sacred time of Lent drawing near to our Lord, and during Holy Week spend extra time with Him. Easter is the highlight of our faith life. Jesus really did rise from the dead, and by doing so, conquered sin and death. So rejoice and keep God on your radar!

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Purpose (please check box below): <input type="checkbox"/> New mailing address <input type="checkbox"/> Dues Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> New e-mail address <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> New telephone number
Please complete the information above and return to: Donna Kearney, Financial Secretary, LAOH Division 87 4540 Almond St. Philadelphia, PA 19137



## Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave,  
Green is for the grass he made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we made,  
White is for the grace he gave.  
Purple is for his hour of sorrow,  
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans is yummy to eat,  
It's a picture, a promise, a special treat,  
To help us remember Jesus' work complete,  
Gives us hope beyond any earthly sweet.



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