

# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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

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### President's Corner

Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing as good. When we last met in March, who would have thought that we would be living a completely different lifestyle that may go on for many more months to come. This has been a challenge for many of us. We have lost many friends and family members. If you need anything, groceries, someone to talk to, etc. please reach out to me or any of our officers.

Even though there is not much going on, I wanted to touch base with you all. Sister Lisa wrote us a beautiful reflection this month on page 2.

I inserted in the newsletter a letter from Sister Linda about the Mission of St Joan of Arc Notre Dame raffle. Due to all the restrictions the raffle is changed from a trip and football game to \$3,500 prize. If anyone wants a ticket let me know and we will get some to you.

The apparition in County Mayo in Ireland of Our Lady of Knock is reported to have occurred on the evening of August 21, 1879, the vigil of the octave of the feast of the Assumption. Those who witnessed the miracle ranged in age from five years old to seventy-five.

The apparition was described as follows: “Our Lady was wearing a large, brilliant crown and clothed in white garments. On her right was Saint Joseph, his head inclined toward her and on her left Saint John the Evangelist. To the left of Saint John was an altar on which stood a cross and a lamb.” Standing only a few feet off the ground, the Blessed Virgin wore a white cloak and was described by witnesses as being incredibly beautiful. She wore a bright golden crown, and appeared to be praying with her eyes looking toward heaven with her arms bend in front of her with her palms facing inward.

Our Lady of Knock Pray for Us!!!

Please stay safe and I pray we will soon be able to get together again.

In Our Motto,  
Linda

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From Sister Lisa...

Do you have a memory of your mother that stands out and somehow has helped to define who you are now? When I was two years old, my mother and father had a wrought iron fence put around our front patio at our row house in Mayfair to prevent me from running around. My mother often told me the story that the day after it was installed, she put me in and I climbed out. I loved hearing this story over and over because I liked the idea that nothing could hold me back. I still like that idea, but I've matured a little since then, and realize that boundaries are good and necessary. In that context, Covid19 has challenged us to respect boundaries in order to protect ourselves and others. We wear masks and stay six feet apart. Like our patio fence, the intent is to protect us and others. Though my fence climbing days are limited, if not gone (I still think I could climb a fence if needed), I still like that idea that nothing can hold me back. Silly me...

On December 29, 2019, my sister, Maureen, died suddenly and unexpectedly. That was a fence I couldn't climb or break through. With all my education in psychology and spirituality, and almost 45 years of prayer and retreat, I felt like I walked smack dab into a giant wall, the way Donna did, nose first, into the glass door in South Carolina. Ouch! Life does "ouch" us sometimes.

So I went on retreat in June, pretty mad at God. "Why did you take her?" In my head, I knew God didn't take her, but my heart and head were far, far apart. It took time and lots of tears but through God's grace, I began the process of knowing in "my deep heart's core," (Yeats) the following:

People die. Whether by sickness, accident, poor choices, or tragic events, people die. They leave us and our precious world, and go to God who welcomes them with open arms, the same arms that gave them life. I had the extraordinary blessing of a deep sense that God loves me so much that he would never hurt me. God didn't take Maureen, her body gave out and God received her. The proverbial wall or fence of grief and loss didn't tumble down or miraculously disappear, and I didn't climb it. But I sat before it, paralyzed at times, and waited and wept. There was no earthquake or fire. God came in the "low sound" like water lapping on the shore...like the whisper of God referred to by Elijah in 1 Kings 19, a whisper of love. I shouted at the whisper: "It's not fair; this shouldn't have happened; why God?" God whispered again, "trust me." I have always tried to trust God but this was a darkness I couldn't fathom. God whispered again. "Maureen is no farther than I am. Why do you think I whisper? Because I'm so close and so is Maureen." God continued, "Jesus put an end to death; He is the Resurrection. Maureen is with me, whole and happy. I would never hurt you, Lisa." By the way, this took six months for me to hear.

Well, I still cry and wonder, and miss Maureen, but deep in my heart's core, I know she is with God. And I try to return to that heart knowledge so it doesn't slip away or the Old Boy doesn't steal it. I hope this reflection helps you. We all suffer losses; we all question God. At two, I climbed the fence. Grown up fences are much more challenging, but I have tools and faith and my LAOH sisters... and so do you!

God bless you and count on my sincere prayer for you that you hear the "low sounds" of God in your "deep heart's core."

*I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.*

-William Butler Yeats



## Family News

### Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters



### Special Intentions

Rich Hrapzynski

Greg Riley

Peggy Nicholson

<u>June</u>		<u>August</u>	
Anne Albert	4	Rachel Costello	7
Terry Welsh	5	Marilyn O'Boyle	7
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Jennifer Sadoff	11	DiAne McCausland	13
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Marybeth Phillips	21	Patricia Dugan	22
Nora McDonald	24	Kathleen Clarke	25
Diane Driscoll	26	Barbara Driscoll	27
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<u>July</u>		<u>Sept</u>	
Mary Jean Ricci	2	Karen Nealon	5
Kathy Annan	3	Donna Cannon	6
Dee Kolb	13	Margaret Korejko	6
Elizabeth Gaydosh	17	Maria Gallagher	13
Linda Nevedomsky	18	Ann Marie Kuvik	13
Alisha Marie Bielecki	25	Catherine King	15
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Eileen Smith	30	Marlene Roche Fiorino	17
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Congratulation to Aiden Jones, son of Jaclyn and Tim Jones and Grandson of Nancy and John Jones, who graduated Kindergarten and will attend OLC in the fall.



### Memorials



Please keep Eileen Smith and her family in your prayers. Eileen's father passed away this month.

Our sister, Marlene Davis passed away. Please keep her & her family in your prayers.

Also keep our sister and division vice president, Peggy Nicholson and her family in your prayers. Peggy passed away on July 22.

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July, 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope that you and your loved ones remain healthy during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. It surely has been a difficult time in many ways. Like everyone else in the country, all of us here at the Mission of St. Joan of Arc have been affected by the virus and the civic unrest which has developed during this time. Thankfully, we have all remained virus-free here and have tried to respond as best we can to the immediate needs of the people in our neighborhood.

We are grateful for the generosity of so many of you who have continued to support us during this time, especially with our food ministry. We are happy that we have finally come together once again to celebrate Mass in our Church. And we are anticipating moving toward the "green phase" so that our local businesses and community can get back to work and begin to function again.

There are some things, however, that have been almost impossible to recover. Our raffle of a weekend at Notre Dame University for a football game is one of them. The University will be playing football but is not allowing visitors from the outside to attend the games. Only students from the University can attend and only on a limited basis.

Therefore, we are raffling off the price of the weekend, which is \$3500.00. We are still selling tickets at the same price. We will be happy to refund the money to anyone who does not wish to participate with only a cash prize. The drawing date is changed to **October 10, 2020** to give us time to sell more tickets. This is a major fundraiser for us and as you can imagine, since we did not have a Sunday collection for almost three months, we are in very much need of raising some money for our expenses and ministries.

I am including the flyer which has all the information concerning the new raffle. I apologize to all those who had their heart set on going to Notre Dame. There's always next year.

God's blessings on you and your loved ones. Please continue to pray for us as we do for each of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Linda".

S. Linda Lukiewski, SSJ





**The Mission of St. Joan of Arc  
ND Weekend Raffle Experience**

Has been changed to a cash prize in the form of a

**\$3,500 Cashier's Check**

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$10 3 for \$25

Winner will be announced on Saturday, October 10, 2020  
and notified by phone or email.

Support the ministries of The Mission of St. Joan of Arc

To purchase tickets contact:

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## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietrofil, Falconi.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

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