

LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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

Pennies for the Mission!

Meeting location for March 5th is Grace Baptist Church, 4544 Almond St.

March, 2019

President's Corner

Dear Sisters,

March brings us to one of our busiest times of the year. We'll kick off the month with the rolling of our famous Irish Potatoes. Please note there is a change to our Sunday schedule, check out the times in the newsletter and plan to spend an hour or two helping out with this project. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and many hands make light work.

March 6th is Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the Lenten Season and for 40 days we prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ by fasting, repentance and reflection on His life, death and the resurrection. May we all be drawn closer to Jesus during this Holy Season.

Our Mystery Bingo was very well attended. Thanks again to Nancy Jones and her committee for a great event. All in attendance had a great time.

The Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 10th. It's also daylight savings time, don't forget to set your clock forward. Check inside or our website www.LAOH87.com for all the parade details.

On Tuesday March 5th we will be wrapping up the rolling of our Irish Potatoes. It is our meeting night and we will be having a brief meeting while we work, since we have some division business to conduct. I'd like to invite you to come early, we'll be opening at 3:00 p.m., bring along a friend or two to finish up the potatoes (we'll ask them to step into another room while we meet). We will be sharing events going on, final parade details, and collecting money for the parade and jackets.

Before I go, I want to welcome all the ladies who are transferring in to our division and our new members. We are so glad to have you join us. I also want to thank Ann Marie Kuvik for accepting the office for Hibernian Hunger Project.

I wish you and your families lots of love, good health, happiness and luck as we celebrate St. Patrick and our heritage this month. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

In Our Motto,
Linda

Upcoming Events:

MAR 1ST POTATO MIXING
MAR 2ND ROLLING BEGINS
MAR 10TH PARADE
APRIL 7TH LADIES RETREAT

MEETING DATES:

TUES. MAR 5TH
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! January's prize was a Nice and Bella basket- donated by Anne Foody and the winner is Carolyn Costello. February's Basket was Steeped Tea donated by Nancy Jones and the winner is Liz Gaydosh.

March's prize is a ceramic shamrock light and a pot of gold—donated by Nancy Jones. If you haven't purchased your \$10 ticket for the year there's still time.

Irish Potato Schedule

3/1/19 Mixing

Rolling

3/2/19 Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

3/3/19 Sunday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm (new start time)

3/4/19 Monday 11:00 pm to 8:00 pm

3/5/19 Tuesday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Meeting will be parade related only.)

Wednesday 1:00 pm to 8:00 (clean up, if needed)

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 10th – St. Patrick, Unite Us

Parade package price will remain \$15. Parade uniform is black slacks, black shoes & last year's parade jacket

Mass will be at St. George Church, Edgemont & Venango Streets at 8:30 a.m.

Note: St. George is not handicap accessible and there are steps to climb

Bus & trolley pick up at St George; time will be announced at the March Meeting

After-party is at Casbah Caterer. Cost is \$30

Any other parade information will be shared at our March meeting.

Christian Charity Project Collections

We will be collecting the following items during March & April 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.

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.

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.

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 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



March

Elizabeth Sands	3
Helene M Riley	3
Karen Snow	3
Margaret Nicholson	4
Marie C. Donahue	19
Anne Mary Costello	26

Special Intentions

Jackie McGady-Saier
Rich Hrapzynski
Debbie Scott
Maureen Daly

Card and letters can be sent to

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



Congratulations to Loretto Riley and her husband who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January!



Memorials



Please keep our sister DiAne McCausland and her family in your prayers. Her sister, Debbie Schimmelmman passed away February 16th.

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 7th details to follow.

Hope Lodge Dinner

Thanks to all who supported and helped with January's dinner. Our next Hope Lodge Dinner will be June 20, 2019. June is our Picnic Menu. Menu will be: Hot dogs, Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Cheese, Salads—Potato, Macaroni, Pasta, suggestion Soda, Water, Ice tea, Waffle and Ice Cream and Sundae Bar. Looking for donations of paper products, cups, and food.

Puzzle

February winners were: Helene Riley and Marge Witalec

Solve the Puzzle. Bring the completed puzzle to March meeting to be entered into the drawing!

St Patrick's Day Word Search

S S T P A T T R I C K S D A Y
E I S C E N L S E B R A P T E
K D L O G I R E L A N D R D E
A A A C H A Y V E A R O A N M
N Y A R R S C E M A E W Y N H
S A N S A E V N E N T E E E N
T D H E C P A T R I C K R O M
M I E M E O R E A T I N S G T
H L E T A R B E L E C H E D E
A O T R H O G N F I A R E L A
N H S I R I D T S M P A T M R
O N S N A I C H R I S T I A N
N T H I I C L O V E R S G R I
V E N T N K C U L A M E I C S
M A E Y W K B I S H O P Y H N

BISHOP
CELEBRATE
CHRISTIAN
CLOVER
GREEN
GOLD
HOLIDAY
IRELAND
IRISH
LUCK
MAEWYN
MARCH
PARADE
PATRICK
PRAYERS
SAINT
SEVENTEENTH
SHAMROCK
SNAKES
TRINITY

Name: _____

Reflections

A Few Thoughts from Sister Lisa:

In this month of Saint Patrick, we celebrate in a myriad of ways...parties, parades, pints! Let's also take a moment to celebrate the richness of Celtic Spirituality. I'd like to highlight one aspect to which I turn in my own prayer quite regularly. Bear with me. A paragraph, even a book could not capture this mystery, but we can glimpse it. Are you ready to go deeper?

The ancient Celts referred to geographic places like the Cliffs of Mohr, or the Giant's Causeway, or the Island of Iona off the coast of Scotland as *thin places*. These places are so beauty filled and breathtaking that people experience a sort of collapse in the divide between Heaven and Earth. We call the experience mystical or surreal. This is a place where the veil between Heaven and Earth is lifted, and the Divine is tangibly present and often felt. Perhaps you experience this during a vivid sunset, or gazing in wonder at a new born. We feel like we are in the presence of a miracle. We are! But there is another way to experience the *thin place* that we often miss because it is painful.

Since the Fall of this year, it seems to me that too many people I know are dying. Does it ever seem that way to you? Because God created us to live and thrive, we struggle with death and dying. As natural as most deaths are, it feels unnatural and it hurts. We fight for life from womb to tomb, and we grieve deeply when someone we love goes home to God. We pray for and to those who have left us, and we struggle to live with the void the loss leaves in our lives. Celtic spirituality gives us words for something we all experience at times of loss as well as beauty. Often when we miss someone who has died, we are at the threshold of the *Thin place*.

The sister with whom I live lost her father, age 96, a month ago. He was on hospice for a short while and then went home to God. While on hospice, he told her he wanted to see his mother again, and his 27 buddies who died around him at Omaha Beach on D-Day. He felt their presence. When my mother was dying, she wanted to see her brother Joe, and as she sat in her own living room, she spoke of going home. Joe was already with her, and she was on the threshold of her home with God. These moments are poignant and painful but point to another reality we often experience and miss. Mr. L. and my mother, Eileen, were showing us the *thin place*. That place where God is so close, it's as if Heaven and Earth are not separate but are one. There is no divide, no veil between us. Think of Jesus on the cross crying out to his Father, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus felt the absence, but His Father was actually present.

The dying often enter this *thin place*, and we do too in the midst of beauty, but also when we miss our loved ones. In our pain, we enter the *thin place* and we feel the presence of our departed loved one AND God. In the felt absence, we feel the pain of the thin place. Like Jesus, we may feel forsaken, but like Him, we are also consoled. So what do we do? We cry, we talk to our loved ones, we share with others, we pray and eventually we learn to welcome those moments because the *thin place* is a new way of being with our loved one and God. Your spouse, child, parent, friend is not gone...just with you in a NEW way you can experience in the thin place. This mystical experience is pure gift. We cannot summon it, but we can welcome it. So the next time, dear sister Hibernian, you feel the absence of your loved one, remember she or he is actually present. You are together in the *thin place* because Love never dies.

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