## LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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

Meeting at AOH Division 87 —Thursday May 5th 7:00pm (new location and new start time, new day)

Rosary at 6:30 pm

#### **President's Corner**



Hello Sisters!!

I hope you all had a joyous Easter!!!

Our next meeting will be **Thursday**, May  $5^{th}$ , starting at **7:00 pm**. **Please note the change in the day for this month**. The address is 3524 Thompson Street. The meeting will be taking place on the  $2^{nd}$  floor, and there is no stair lift at this time, so please take that into consideration. There is also parking available across the street – Casbah caterers has graciously offered their lot to park during our meeting.

Please bring any suggestions that you have for another fundraiser, so that we can continue to assist our friends, families, and neighbors with charitable contributions.

We will also be discussing plans for our June meeting, the last meeting before the summer break. We usually have a barbeque, so we will discuss details.

If you are unable to come to the meeting, I hope you are staying well and safe.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

In our motto, Eileen May, 2022

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## In the News and Upcoming Events

### May Day Traditions!

Across the Emerald Isle, there were plenty of popular customs connected to the history and traditions of May Day in Ireland.

One of the most well-known superstitions is the Maybush, a decorated bush left in communal areas in town centers or the gardens of rural homes.

A hawthorn bush was often used, and it was decorated with ribbons, cloth, tinsel, and sometimes even candles. The Maybush was associated with the luck of the house or community.

Another popular tradition was the <u>Maypole</u>, which was popular in many large towns across Ireland. Originally, Maypoles were made from tall trees but were later replaced by formal poles erected in town centers.

Poles were then decorated with flowers and ribbons, and dancing and sport often took place and were centered around the pole.

## May Queens & May Poles

The Flowers were also used for crowning the May Queen. The tradition of selecting a Queen of May is found throughout Europe and may have associations with the ancient Roman Goddess, Flora.

Like the May Poles, this tradition was more popular in large towns. It was often accompanied by a procession and sports and festivities. In some parts of Ulster, a King was chosen, along with the Queen. Sometimes, there was a bush carried in the procession, on which there were hurling balls hanging. May Day traditionally marked the start of summer hurling and in Kilkenny, women gifted men with new hurling balls on this day.

In parts of south Ulster, there was an effigy of a female May Queen carried on a pole in a procession. This was decorated with flowers. There are references to a similar floral decorated May Baby in parts of Monaghan.

## **Family News**

**Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters** 

## **Special Intentions**



May

Lorraine Quirk	13
Kristine Long	14
Mary Slavin	16
Donna Nolan	18
Jackie Jones	18
Barbara Stephen	23
Loretto Riley	30

The intentions of our Division 87 members:

Dennis James (Joanne James' husband) Linda Nevedomsky Bunny Clark

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Congratulation to Shannon, granddaughter of Bernadette Coyne, who was selected as May Queen. Congratulation to Aiden Jones, son of Jaclyn and Timothy Jones and grandson of John and Nancy Jones who will receive his First Holy Communion on May 7th.



**Memorials** 



Please keep Terry Welsh and family in your prayers. Terry's brother Scott passed away.

Find the words about the month of May, which are listed at the bottom of the page, in the May Word Search grid. The words might be backwards, forwards, up, down, or written diagonally. Circle the letters individually but many letters in the grid may be used in more than one May word. When the May Word Search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters that aren't circled from left to right, top to bottom, to read an interesting fact about May.

## May Word Search Puzzle

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**BLOOMING GEMINI** MOTHER'S DAY CINCO DE MAYO **GROWTH NIGHTINGALE EMERALD HAWTHORN SPRING** FIFTH MONTH LILY **TAURUS** MAIA **FLOWERS** THIRTY-ONE DAYS MAY DAY VICTORIA DAY **GARDENING MEMORIAL DAY** WARM

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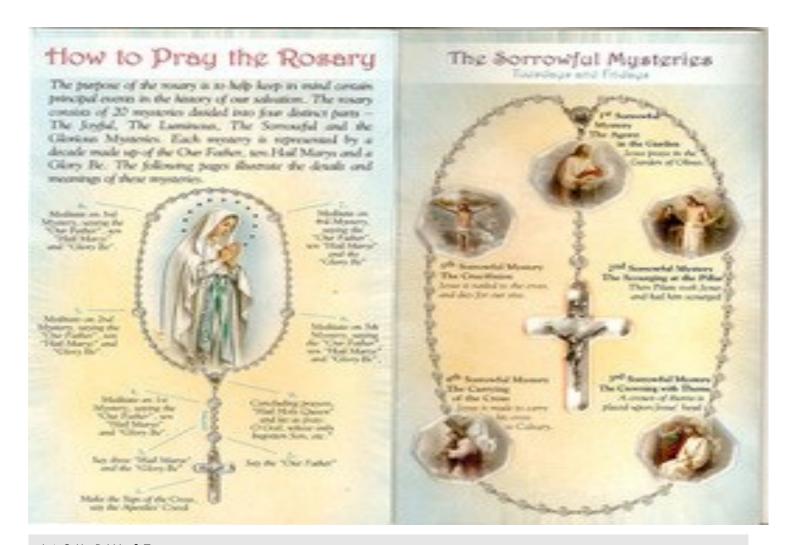
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