



# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

"Our Lady of Knock"

Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

## October 2023 Newsletter

### President's Message

Hello Sisters:

Time to say 'goodbye' to summer and 'welcome' to pumpkin spice, apple cider, leaves changing color, cooler temperature, and shorter days. Some good things and some that won't make you happy. Just remember only 244 days until Memorial Day 2024.

Here at Division 87, we are back in full swing with plans for charity fundraisers, anniversary celebrations, holiday events and many get-togethers. They will all be listed in the newsletter so be sure to mark your calendar.

For October:

- In honor of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary please join us at 6:30pm to pray the rosary before our general meeting
- Thursday Night Shuffleboard
- Pink Elephant Run/Walk
- A Day of Reflection Retreat at Francis House of Prayer
- North Catholic Falcon Fest – October 14<sup>th</sup> at St. George's
- TGIF Happy Hours for Making Strides for Breast Cancer
- Ray Coleman @ Division 87 from 4:00- 7:00 pm then Dolphins vs EAGLES Sunday Night Football
- State of the Heart

So, as you can see, we have got a lot going on and we have been discussing some other different fundraisers such as a painting party, wreath making and BINGO. Any suggestions are welcomed.

As we have done in the past, we will be collecting items for various organizations in need. This month if you can bring cereal, mac and cheese and can goods to help St Joan of Arc food pantry in Kensington. Food store gift cards will also be accepted. Next month we will collect blankets, towels, and food for the animal shelter.

Next month's newsletter we will discuss the 125th Anniversary the AOH will be celebrating at the Hibernian Ball in November. If you were not at the September meeting, we announced that this year's Women of the Year and Granuaile Award is going to honor "Our Deceased LAOH Members". We will have a plaque made up with the names. Keep the date November 18th available to attend and also consider purchasing an ad (ad form is found later in newsletter), especially if one of your family members is being honored.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help you please contact me at 609-304-7929 or any of the officers listed in our newsletter. Hope to see you soon.

In our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
Maria

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen

Go Raibh Suaimhneas Síoraí Air

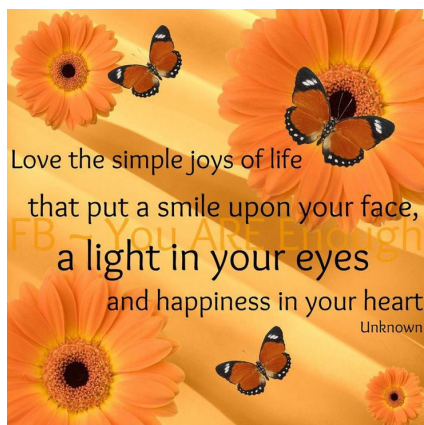
Anne Albert

Sunrise: June 4, 1943

Sunset: September 15, 2023



- Kathy Annan
- Kate Centofante
- Bunny Clark
- MJ Hayes
- Nancy Jones
- Ed Halligan
- Dennis James (Joanne James' husband)
- Drew Kearney
- Chuck Welsh
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts



- Michelle Szarek is a grandmother!!! Congratulations go out to Natalie and Neil Deegan on the birth of their son Lucas on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations as Karen Nealon welcomes her son-in-law Joe McConnell into the family when he married Karen's daughter, Amber on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Peggy Dickinson is excited to welcome a new baby cousin to her family next month!



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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

### **2023 DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!**

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please be sure to contact Donna Kearney as soon as possible. Annual dues remain \$25 for the year. Make checks payable to LAOH Division 87.

If you are unable to attend the meeting mail your dues to:

Donna Kearney  
4540 Almond Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19137

You may also Venmo your dues to @LAOH-DivisionEightySeven. Be sure to include your name and "2023 Dues".

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

### **UPDATE:**

If you have paid your dues and need a new or updated dues card – reach out to Donna as soon as possible.

Phone: (215) 915-3205

Email: kddfam@aol.com

## L.A.O.H. DIVISION #87 NEWS AND INFORMATION

### MEETING REMINDER

Our general meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month (except July and August). The meetings are held at AOH Division 87 located at 3524 E. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, PA. Casbah Caterers has graciously allowed us to use their parking lot at Thompson and Tioga Streets. As a courtesy, do not park in numbered spaces as they are reserved for neighbors.

The monthly general division meetings are to be held the same as a National Convention meeting, in that, for the sake of the general membership, there is to be no smoking or alcohol permitted during the meeting itself.

### GOT ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please submit any newsletter items to Terry Welsh at [TerryLAOH87@gmail.com](mailto:TerryLAOH87@gmail.com) or call 215.280.5992 no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next issue.

Please provide information on your family's joys and concerns so we can share them with all of our sisters!

### IMPORTANT WEBSITES

LAOH DIVISION 87 – [www.laoh87.com](http://www.laoh87.com)

LAOH PA STATE – [www.statepalaoh.com](http://www.statepalaoh.com)

LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group –

<https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87>

LAOH NATIONAL – [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com)

### ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?

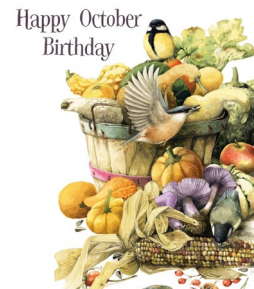
If you aren't receiving division email news, please send your email address to [TerryLAOH87@gmail.com](mailto:TerryLAOH87@gmail.com) in order to be added.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!



For the September birthdays I missed:

Donna Cannon .....	6
Kelly Carr .....	12
Bernadette Coyne .....	20



Frances Harris .....	2
Melissa Sommer .....	4
MaryJane Hayes .....	18
Grace Deissler .....	19
Laura Lester .....	24
Angie Hines .....	27
Barbara Hurd .....	28

It brings us so much joy to celebrate your birthday with you. We pray that God blesses you and wraps His mighty arms of protection around you on this extra special day and forever.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



The Pink Elephant Movement is a nonprofit organization that assists children and families who have been affected by the opiate epidemic.

Saturday, October 07, 2023 @9:00 am  
Cione Playground

If you want to help....  
Contact Maria Gallagher  
(609) 304-7929

## TGIF Happy Hour For



Friday, October 13, 2023

AOH Division #87 Clubhouse  
3524 E. Thompson Street  
Parking Available at Casbah Caterers on Tioga Street  
(just avoid numbered spots)

6:00- 9:00 pm

Bartending by Maria Gallagher  
and other guests

Sandwiches, Salads, Snacks, Drink Specials  
Music and Fabulous Raffle Baskets!!

...all tips will be donated to  
American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer



As a THANK YOU to Division 87 Ray Coleman will be playing at Division 87  
on Sunday October 22, 2023 before the EAGLES game.  
His family is very grateful for the funds raised for TEAM CEILI  
that was donated to the Eagles Autism Challenge!

Come for the entertainment and stay for the game!





### Cummins School of Irish Dance Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser:

The Cummins School is hosting an adults only “his and hers” Halloween bingo event on Friday, 10/27 at the North Penn VFW, 7-11pm. \$30 per person, cash bar, bring your own snacks. Prizes will be awarded for rounds of bingo, including cases of beer and designer bags, as well as for best costume. Please consider supporting our dancers at this event! Contact Noreen McAleer for tickets at [nmcaleer@comcast.net](mailto:nmcaleer@comcast.net)



The Cummins School is offering adult ceili lessons at the MacSwiney Club in Jenkintown. It’s a 6 week session starting 10/4, 8:15-9:15pm. Great practice for dancing at the Hibernian Ball! Contact Noreen McAleer at [nmcaleer@comcast.net](mailto:nmcaleer@comcast.net) to sign up or just stop in next Wednesday.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

### AOH Division 87's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Knights of Columbus,  
9617 James Street  
Philadelphia, PA

More details to follow!



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

While our former president, Linda Nevedomsky was on hospice, I would go to her home and bring her Holy Communion. We had many wonderful conversations. Like anyone close to death, Linda shared significant memories with me. One particular memory she returned to frequently was when, in 2019, she and Kris Bucko went up in a hot air balloon. This experience was etched in her memory and heart. It had such a profound impact on her that she told me that Jesus would come down in a hot air balloon and take her to Heaven. Unbeknownst to me, before she passed on to the waiting arms of God, Linda made Kris promise to take me on a hot air balloon ride. To the end, Linda was thinking of others! So, on the weekend of September 15, 2023, Kris, Maria Gallagher, Bernadette Coyne, and I travelled to Lancaster, PA for the hot air balloon experience. On Saturday morning at 7:21am the balloon rose to the blue sky, and we floated over the rolling hills and farmland of Pennsylvania for about 45 minutes. You may have seen pictures and videos on Facebook.

The experience was so sacred, we were all silent for long periods of time. I think we were all taking to God and to Linda! It was an experience of seeing the earth from a unique perspective as we floated smoothly through the sky. Like birds, the balloon travelled on the wind currents. There is no steering wheel or rope. The pilot reads the wind, feels the wind, and raises or lowers the balloon to get to the general direction of the Fairgrounds where we were headed. It was a moment of trusting nature and the pilot. I'm sure you can see the analogy to our life in relationship to God. Trust "THE" pilot and enjoy the ride! Look and see the beauty about us. Now to the landing. Interestingly, the group of us needed each other to land safely. We were told to crouch with our knees against the basket, hold the handles inside the basket, and press back-to-back to absorb the impact. It worked! Another lesson...lean on each other. There are messages and lessons in all our experiences if we have eyes to see, ears to hear, heart to feel and faith to believe...

In our motto,  
Sister Lisa



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## STATE OF THE HEART



The State of the Heart for September is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## New LAOH Division 87 T-Shirts for Sale!



**Sizes available S – 3XL**

**\$15.00 each**

**Limited supply available at the meeting**

**Sweatshirts coming soon!!!**

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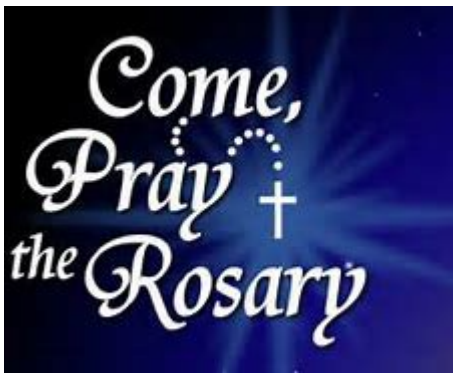
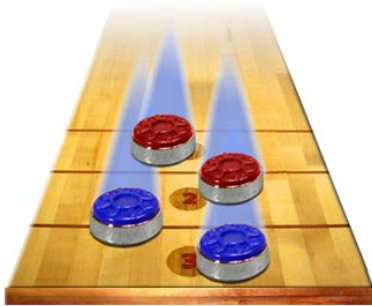
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### SHUFFLEBOARD SEASON IS RETURNING TO AOH 87!!!

Join us Thursday nights, starting September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

There is no weekly commitment, we choose new teams every week.

C'mon out for a great night with friends!!!



### GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**6:30 PM - Pray the Rosary**

7:00 PM – General Meeting

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



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

### LABOR DAY

Labor Day is a little like Christmas: people have forgotten the meaning of it. The significance of Labor Day gets lost in being at the beach on the last day of summer. But while you're throwing another hot dog on the barbecue, spare a thought for Peter McGuire, Matthew Maguire, Mary "Mother" Jones, Mike Quill, and John Sweeney, to name just a few of the many great Irish labor leaders.

Mary "Mother" Jones was born in Cork in the early 1800's. In her 50's, she became one of the founders of the Industrial Workers of the World – her work with the United Mine Workers earned her the title "Angel of the Camp." One of the many contributions that Mother Jones is remembered for is her work on behalf of the wives and children of strikers, and the 1905 Children's March, which she led from Kensington in Philadelphia to President Theodore Roosevelt's summer home on Long Island to protest child labor (children as young as seven worked on the slag heaps in Pennsylvania).

As for Labor Day itself, depending on the source, the holiday is credited to either Peter McGuire or Matthew Maguire. Either way, it is safe to say that the national day commemorating America's workers was first proposed by an Irishman.

Peter McGuire was born to Irish immigrant parents on the Lower East Side in New York in 1852. He left school at age 11 to become the breadwinner for his family when his father went off to fight for the Union Army. At 17, he apprenticed at Hanes piano shop. He successfully protested against poor conditions and a wage reduction but was later harassed out of his job. Unbowed, Peter took his carpentry skills on the road, hopping freight trains and talking to laborers across the country, and in 1881, he organized a convention in Chicago, where the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners was born.

According to most records, McGuire, who was also a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was the first to propose a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

Other sources credit Matthew Maguire, a machinist and member of the International Association of Machinists, as the first to propose setting aside a day to honor American workers. Maguire served as a secretary of the Central Labor Union of New York, which organized the first-ever Labor Day Parade in 1882.

In 1905, Mike Quill was born in Kilgarven, County Kerry. At 14, he fought in Ireland's War of Independence. In 1926, blacklisted for serving with the "anti-Treaty" forces in the Irish Civil War, Quill made his way to America. He was 21.

Times were tough, but he found work constructing the new IND subway line in New York – 12-hour days, seven days a week. Inspired by the great Irish labor leaders and revolutionaries Jim Larkin and James Connolly, Quill set about organizing the transit workers. And in 1934, with the help of some fellow Irishmen and others, he founded the Transit Workers Union.

Quill had many victories, including reducing the work week from seven to six days. In 1966, he presided over the famous ten-day Transit Workers strike. The union was successful in increasing the hourly wage from \$3.18 to \$4.14 an hour and earning an extra paid holiday for workers.

And now, here's to our modern-day heroes – chief among them, John Sweeney, who has risen to the top of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

The son of Irish immigrants, Sweeney was born in 1934, the same year Mike Quill founded the Transit Workers Union and his father, a bus driver, was a dedicated member. Throughout his life, Sweeney has been a tireless advocate for workers' rights: fair wages, good jobs, health care, and retirement security.

To draw attention to the plight of immigrant and undocumented workers, the AFL-CIO sponsored the Immigrant Workers Freedom Rides and many such marches on Washington.

Sweeney was Irish America Magazine's 2004 Irish American of the Year.

"My parents were both Irish immigrants, so we grew up in that culture, where social justice was a big thing," he told Irish America. "It was something that I felt very strongly about, and in my youngest days I could draw the contrast between my father being a member of the union and my mother a domestic worker, with no union and no benefits."

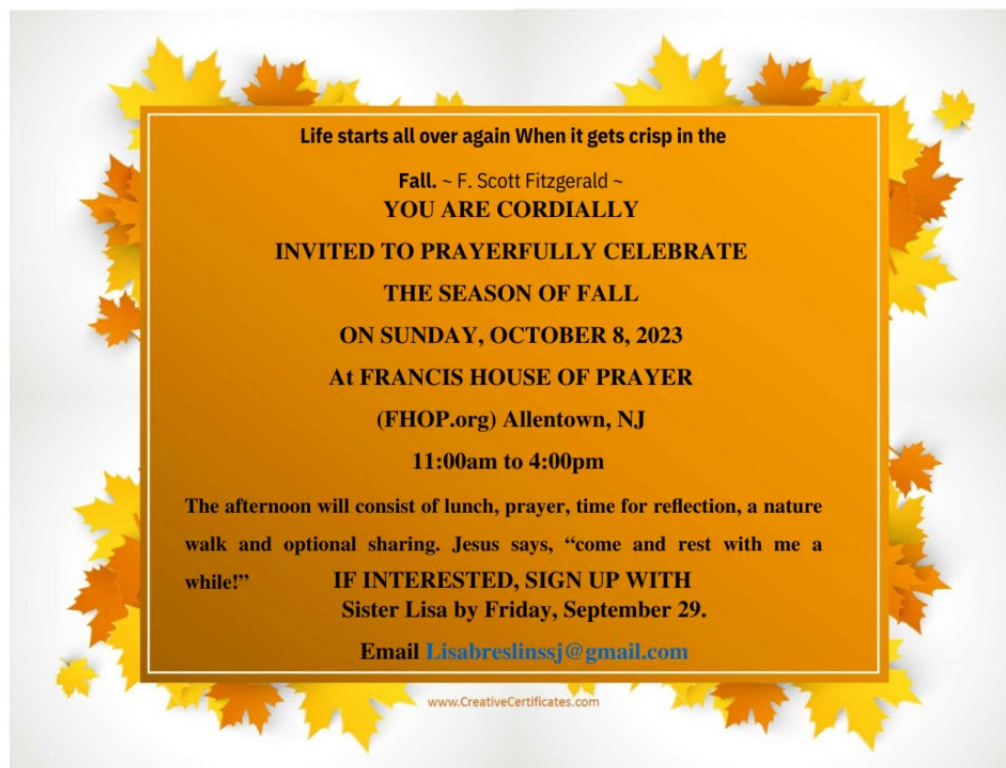
John Sweeney retired in 2009. Thank you, John; together with the other Irish great labor leaders, you have ensured that all of us Irish can take a little extra pride in celebrating Labor Day.

**Submitted by: Anne Foody, Irish Historian, Division #87**  
**September 7, 2023**

See: <https://www.irishcentral.com/roots/labor-day-irish-created-union-movement>

### **Immigration/Education Update:**

There is a new program for young professionals, started by Luke Gibbons of Mayo. The Ireland America Young Professionals Network is connecting young professionals in Ireland and America to create networking opportunities and provide opportunities for work and education in a new country. More information can be found at <https://www.irishstar.com/news/us-news/irishman-sets-up-business-network-30990165>





# COMMEMORATIVE AD BOOK FORM

*Port Richmond AOH/LAOH*  
*125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hiberian Ball*  
*Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023*

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide full color ads  
in electronic format.  
Send electronic ad copy to  
michaeloconnell3@gmail.com**

**Mail ads to:**  
**AOH Division 87**  
**3524 East Thompson Street**  
**Philadelphia PA**

## AD SIZE:

Please note ad size when submitting ad

_____ Inside Front cover (Full Color)	\$500.00	_____ Full Page (Color)	\$300.00
_____ Inside Back Cover (Full Color)	\$500.00	_____ Full Page (B&W)	\$175.00
_____ Outside Back Cover (Full Color)	\$500.00	_____ Half Page (B&W)	\$75.00
		_____ Quarter Page (B&W)	\$35.00

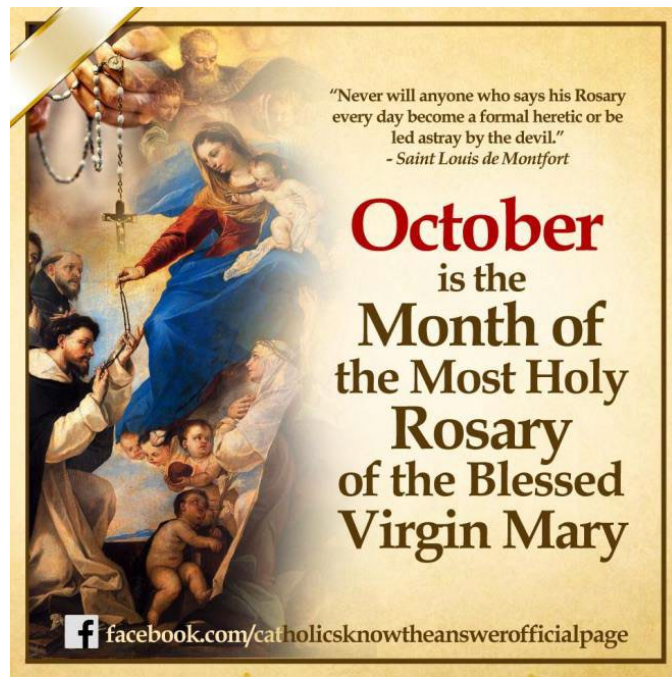
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