



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

“Our Lady of Knock”

Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

February 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello Sisters,

With the calendar approaching the month of February there is much going on but let's look back on a few of the past events from January 2023. A quick fundraiser was put together by AOH/LAOH Division 87, St George's and PROPAC at AOH clubhouse to raise funds for the families of those dealing with the loss after the gas explosion on NYE in Port Richmond. The outpouring of love and generosity from our community is overwhelming.

On January 27th a Happy Hour was held at the AOH clubhouse with all donations going to Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Our very own Terry Welsh is a Special Olympics coach and along with the help of many others was able to raise over \$1,200.00.

And last but definitely not least, all officers were installed on January 28th following Mass at St. Cecelia Church. It was a wonderful ceremony. We also have a new addition to our LAOH Division 87 board. Welcome to Megan Glanz who will be filling the opening for Immigration and Education.

Starting off February, February 01 is a special day for the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. We honor the Patroness of Our Order, St Brigid of Ireland and ask her to bless the work of our order.

February will begin with a celebration that is technically a year late. We will be holding our “Cheers to 30 Years” anniversary brunch on February 5, 2023 starting with Mass at St George's Church at 10:00 am and then over to the Casbah Caterers for brunch at 11:00 am. You should have received an invitation in the mail plus all of the details are in the newsletter. **ALL** are welcome, not just ladies!! I'm hoping to see many of you there.

There will be another TGIF Happy Hour on Friday, February 10th for a member of AOH 87 who rides at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy (Horse Riding School) 8297 Bustleton Avenue which enhances the lives of individuals with disabilities. Please come out and support this event, also State of the Heart, and AOH Division 87 Annual fundraiser.

Ash Wednesday, which comes 6 weeks before Easter, is February 22, 2023. As followers of Christ we receive ashes (sometimes in the shape of a cross) on the forehead as a reminder of our mortality, sinfulness and need to ask for forgiveness. Whether you give something up, do something extra or nothing at all it will be in preparation of the Easter Triduum.

Now I know you have been waiting for updates on our Annual Irish Potatoes. As you know this is our largest fundraiser of the year and with assistance from all of you ladies, we can accomplish this with ease. We will be mixing enough for about 1,200 containers so be sure to get your orders in to Anne Foody as soon as possible. See all information inside and I am asking you to please consider stopping at Grace Baptist Church on Friday or Saturday to roll so we can finish up in two days. If you have children or grandchildren that need community service hours we can sign the form or give a letter if needed. Thank you ladies in advance.

If you have not ordered a parade jacket and would like to do so you will need to contact me ASAP. More on the parade to follow.

In closing thanks to all of you for your support of all the Hibernian fundraisers! In our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, I wish you good health and happiness.

Maria Gallagher



GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

7:00 PM

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

STATE OF THE HEART



State of the Heart will be held Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30pm in the St. Joan of Arc Rectory. The rectory is located at 2025 East Atlantic Street. Pull into the parking lot off of East Atlantic Street. If anyone has any questions or needs a ride from Port Richmond, please contact Ann Marie Kuvik (215) 901-8052.

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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2023 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Please be sure to see Donna Kearney at the February meeting to pay your 2023 dues. 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 march in the parade.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!

Christi Riley-Hensler	11
Nancy Jones.....	12
Debbie Bednarz.....	15
Grace McDowell	17
Eleanor Zimmerman	22



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.



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

Simple
JOYS



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 or call 215.280.5992 no later than the 20th 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

LAOH PA STATE – www.statepalaoh.com

LAOH NATIONAL – www.ladiesaoh.com

LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group – <https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87>

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?

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



FEAST OF ST. BRIGID FEBRUARY 1ST

Dear St. Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those Who are troubled and anxious, And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness In mind, body and spirit. Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DIVISION 87 GROUP MASS

On Sunday, February 19th, 2023 please join your AOH/LAOH Division 87 brothers and sisters as we attend mass together as a group. Details have not been finalized as to place and time. Watch your email for more information. If you do not have email, feel free to call Terry Welsh (215) 280-5992 for more information.

Show your 87 Pride by wearing your favorite Division 87 gear.

IT'S IRISH POTATO TIME!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



Mixing and rolling Irish Potatoes will take place beginning Friday, February 24, 2023 at Grace Baptist Church at 4544 Almond St, Philadelphia, PA 19137.

We will be rolling on Friday, February 24 from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Saturday, February 25 beginning at 9:00 am until we are done. If for some reason we are not able to finish Saturday we will be back Sunday, February 26 at 1:30 pm. Please watch your email for updates or contact any officer.

As you all know this is our largest fundraiser of the year – we need everyone's help to make this a success. Please stop by and lend a pair of hands. You don't have to spend all day – no time is too little. Remember, many hands make light work.

The cost is still \$7.00 per container. Please contact Anne Foody to place your order, preferably by email at afoody813@aol.com or text at (215) 421-7359.

BLOODY SUNDAY MASS - RESCHEDULED

The Derry Society of Philadelphia will be hosting the annual Bloody Sunday Remembrance Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

Mass will be held at the Irish Center; 6815 Emlen Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19119.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Parade will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

As stated in the President's Message, jackets have been selected. The Sisters and Brothers of 87 will be wearing the same jacket this year. If you have not ordered your jacket reach out to Maria Gallagher, right away. She will be happy to help you.

The theme of the 2023 parade is: ST. PATRICK, LET THERE BE PEACE. The Grand Marshal of the 2023 Parade is: Dan Harrell.

More details to come!

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Division 87 – Port Richmond
Our Lady of Knock
February 2, 1992 to February 2, 2023

Celebrating 30+ years of Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Please join us in the celebration!

Sunday, February 5, 2023



Start our celebration with
Mass at Nativity BVM
10:00 AM
2535 E Allegheny Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Followed by Brunch at
Casbah Caterers
3461 E. Thompson Street
Philadelphia, PA
(Downstairs Banquet Room)

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

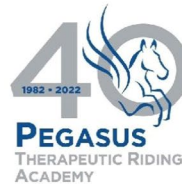
Brunch Tickets: \$30.00
Includes brunch buffet, beer, wine & soda
Cash Bar Available

For Tickets please contact:

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Meglaoh@gmail.com

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Cash, Check or Venmo @LAOH-DivisionEightySeven
(Be sure to indicate Anniversary Brunch)



TGIF HAPPY HOUR FOR
PEGASUS THERAPEUTIC
RIDING ACADEMY!!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023
AOH DIVISION #87 CLUBHOUSE
3524 E THOMPSON STREET
PARKING AVAILABLE
CASBAH CATERERS AT TIOGA STREET
(JUST AVOID NUMBERED SPOTS)
6:00- 9:00 PM

GUEST BARTENDER- ONE AND ONLY JERRY SPOERL
JOIN US TO SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE IN HONOR OF HIS
GRANDSON, SEAN!!!

FOOD, FUN, CASH BAR AND RAFFLE BASKETS

BUCKET DROP WITH
ALL TIP DONATIONS TO BENEFIT:

 PEGASUS THERAPEUTIC RIDING ACADEMY

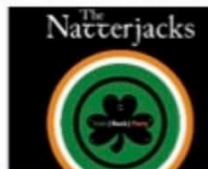
8297 BUSTLETON AVENUE

Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy, Inc. focusses on partnering with our equine staff to promote independence while targeting physical and emotional well-being for individuals with disabilities, diagnoses, and those in at risk populations. At Pegasus TRA we provide therapeutic activities, mounted and unmounted, emphasizing ability and maintaining a respectful and trusting environment for our participants, volunteers, staff, and equines.

ENHANCING LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

AOH DIVISION 87 PORT RICHMOND
26TH ANNUAL
PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND CLUB FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH 2023
FROM 2:00 TO 7:00 PM
AT THE HALL AT SAINT GEORGE
(VENANGO AND EDMONT)
\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES

CHECK OUT THIS GREAT IRISH MUSIC LINEUP



ROAST BEEF, SALADS, DOMESTIC CAN BEER
SOFT DRINKS, MIXERS FOR BYOB BOOZ
GREAT PEOPLE GREAT MUSIC GREAT FUN

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

One of my fondest childhood memories is singing “Sing of Mary, pure and holy, Virgin Mother undefiled...” sitting next to my own mother in church. I think the fondness comes from being with my mother more than the words of the song or even the melody. When I was a “young” sister, I used to regret my choice to forego having a husband and children in lieu of serving Jesus. Over the years, however, I’ve learned a great deal about the beauty and suffering being a mother entails, and I am convinced that mothers get a special grace from God. I’ve seen it work.

Getting back to the Blessed Mother, I never really had great devotion to her but on my annual retreat this year that changed. My spiritual director suggested I go to Mary with my grief. My reaction was, “I’m surrounded by women, that’s the last person I want to go to,” but I went. I decided to give Mary a chance! After all, it’s all about me!



The Annunciation
by Henry Tanner 1898

My first block was my recollection of a painting, *The Annunciation* by Tanner (see [here](#)). I love this painting but when I put myself in Mary’s place, I knew I wouldn’t be sitting still if an Angel came to me and told me I was pregnant. I’d probably roll my eyes in doubt, run and check myself into a hospital. Mary didn’t seem real to me and that notion was reinforced by the words of the song. She was “pure, holy and undefiled” not human. Boy was I wrong! So I took some time with Mary in scenes in scripture, and in memories of my mother’s and my sister’s deep devotion to their children and to our Blessed Mother. In looking at Mary (we’re on a first name basis now) with an open mind and heart, this is what happened...

It occurred to me that one of the gifts given to Mary and Joseph at the birth of Jesus was *Myrrh*. It was used in perfumes and medicines and to embalm. The Arabic word *myrrh* means “bitter.” It struck me that this gift is a symbol of the sorrow Mary would endure in her life as Jesus’ mother. When she and Joseph presented the baby Jesus in the Temple, the High priest, Simeon told Mary that a “sword would pierce her heart.” Mary suffered. At Cana, she told Jesus it was time to begin his ministry when he resisted, and she stayed with him at the Cross. She was like us, like me. She was human and experienced every life event and emotion we do! Now I could relate.

It seems like Mary invited me to get to know her and spend time with her. I resisted my resistance and a whole new relationship opened up. It no longer mattered if she was pure, holy and undefiled because she was also human and a mother. Now my prayer to her is more personal and sincere. My hope and prayer is that all of us will go to Mary with our fears and doubts and sorrows. She knows and will always hear our prayer and intercede for us. She is waiting for us to come to her. So pray the rosary, say a Hail Mary when you’re stuck in traffic or take some time and talk to Mary directly as your mother and friend and sister. Padre Pio once said that “all graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

One final note on the Tanner painting. Now I see a young frightened girl full of grace and willingness to say yes to God...a young girl who trusted Gabriel’s promise that “nothing is impossible with God” and kept striving to trust God through all of her sufferings and joy.

In our motto,
Sister Lisa Breslin, SSJ

In Case You Missed January's Irish History Report:

THE STORY OF TIMES SQUARE AND THE FIRST NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

To ring in the new year, millions of people around the world gaze from afar upon the famed New Year's Eve crystal ball as it makes its countdown drop to mark the new year in Times Square. The Irish people watching the New Year's Ball drop can take particular pride in knowing that the crystal ball is made by Waterford Crystal, the time-honored Irish company that began in 1783 in the Irish Viking town of Waterford and became world-famous for their exquisitely crafted crystal pieces.

The first New Year's Eve bash, held in 1904, commemorated the official opening of the headquarters of The New York Times with a fireworks display at midnight. Two years later, when the city banned the fireworks display, The New York Times arranged to have a large, illuminated seven-hundred-pound iron and wood ball lowered from the tower flagpole precisely at midnight to signal the end of 1907 and the beginning of 1908. Since that time, hundreds of thousands of people have gathered around the Tower, now known as One Times Square, for the famous New Year's Eve ball-lowering ceremony, as millions nationwide and nearly a billion watching throughout the world unite to count down the final seconds of the year.

2023 marks the 23rd time that Waterford Crystal has been a part of the most iconic New Year's Eve tradition and it keeps getting better! Each year, millions of eyes from all over the world are focused on the sparkling Waterford Crystal Times Square New Year's Eve Ball. At 11:59 p.m., the Ball begins its descent as millions of voices unite to count down the final seconds of the year and celebrate the beginning of a new year full of hopes, challenges, changes and dreams.

In Times Square 2014, all 2,688 of the Waterford Crystal triangles introduced the new design "Gift of Imagination" and concluded in 2023 with the "Gift of Love," each year the Waterford Crystal triangles have depicted a "gift" – a theme of global aspiration whose value is universally treasured. The triangles feature a series of intricate wedge cuts that appear to be endless mirrored reflections of each other inspiring our imagination with a kaleidoscope of colorful patterns on the Ball.

There have been seven versions of the Ball designed to signal the New Year, taking a new form throughout the years for a visual worthy of the attention it keeps. Beginning in 1907, the first Ball was made of iron and wood, weighing 700 pounds and covered with 100 light bulbs. In 1920, a 400-pound iron Ball replaced the original version. In 1955, a 150-pound aluminum Ball with 180 light bulbs took the place of the iron Ball. Forty years later, the aluminum Ball was upgraded with aluminum skin, rhinestones, and computer controls. In 1999, the Waterford crystal New Year's Eve Ball was created to welcome the new millennium. In 2007, modern LED technology replaced the light bulbs of the past in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the New Year's Eve Ball. In 2008, the permanent Big Ball was unveiled atop One Times Square where it sparkles above Times Square every day of the year.

So, out of all the companies in the world -- the Fortune 500's, the tech giants -- a heritage Irish brand is at the center of it all when the clock strikes midnight on the new year.

**Submitted by: Anne Foody, Irish Historian, Division #87
January 3, 2023**

See: <https://www.waterford.com/en-us/discover-waterford/journal/inspiration/time-square-ball-drop>

<https://www.irishcentral.com/culture/entertainment/waterford-crystal-ball-new-years-eve>



Irish Cream Poke Cake

Submitted by: Kris Bucko

Level: **Easy**

Total: **3 hr 20 min** (includes cooling and chilling time)

Yield: **8 to 10 servings**

Ingredients

- One 16.5-ounce box chocolate cake mix, plus required ingredients
- 3 tablespoons instant espresso powder
- One 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- One 3.4-ounce box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons Irish cream liqueur
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chocolate covered espresso beans, coarsely chopped

Directions

- Combine cake mix and 2 tablespoons of the instant espresso powder.
- Prepare and bake the cake according to the package directions for a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Cool completely on a wire rack.
- Use the handle of a wooden spoon to poke 25 holes in the cake (make 5 rows of 5).
- Whisk together the sweetened condensed milk, pudding mix, 1/2 cup of the heavy cream and 1/2 cup liqueur in a medium bowl for 2 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes for the pudding to set.
- Meanwhile, stir together the remaining 2 tablespoons liqueur and remaining 1 tablespoon espresso powder in a small bowl until the powder dissolves. Whip the remaining 1 1/2 cups heavy cream together with the confectioners' sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until stiff peaks form, about 3 minutes. Add the espresso liqueur mixture and whip just to incorporate.
- Spread the pudding mixture over the top of the cake, making sure the holes get filled completely.
- Spread the whipped cream evenly over the surface. Chill at least 1 hour or up to overnight.
- About 30 minutes before serving, melt the chocolate chips in a microwave in 30-second increments, stirring between each, until soft. Let cool slightly. Drizzle over the top of the cake, then sprinkle with the chopped espresso beans and serve cold.



Valentine's Day

WORD SEARCH

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Arrow
 Be Mine
 Candy
 Cards
 Chocolate

Cupid
 February
 Flowers
 Friends
 Heart

Hug
 Kiss
 Love
 Sweetheart
 Valentines



Ash
Wednesday



Dear Lord, As we enter
this Solemn and Holy
Season, we pray that
you would send your
Holy Spirit upon us that
we might prepare ourselves
for these coming 40 days of Lent.

Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth
and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so
that we can understand the magnificence of Your
Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your
Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of
Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

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