



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

"Our Lady of Knock"

Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

April 2024 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Spring Ladies!!!

It's so hard to believe that the month of March is coming to an end.

The St Patrick's Day parade took place on March 10th which was a cold and windy day but all in all turned out nice for all of those who marched. I will say the participation for the Ladies Division was sparse. It's a great day to show your Irish and Division Pride. If there is ever a financial reason stopping you from participating, please feel free to contact me or any officer. Afterwards we returned to Casbah Caterers for delicious food, fun and DJ entertainment.

On March 17th which was St Patrick's Day the day began with a collection of food and monetary donations from neighbors as AOH brothers walked the neighborhood. All donations were taken to Sr. Linda at St Joan of Arc Missionary.

Now we prepare for Holy Week and the Celebration of Easter Sunday. Enjoy your Easter, and may you be blessed with joy this year.

Things have really slowed down but there are a few events coming up so check them out inside.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd and if you cannot make it in person don't forget you can join us on Zoom.

In Our Motto
Maria





GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024

7:00 PM

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

WELCOME TO THE 21st CENTURY LAOH DIVISION 87

If you have a phone, tablet , or computer you can now join us for our division meeting via Zoom.

Watch your email!!! The link will be emailed to you either the day before or day of the meeting.

We still would like as many as can attend in person but since there are issues for some getting up the stairs or traveling distance, we hope this will be a solution.



PARKING UPDATE!!

As you are aware, Casbah Caterers has graciously allowed us to park in their lot at Thompson and Tioga Streets. Their only request is that we do not park in numbered spots as they are reserved for other neighbors. After parking, you had to exit through the main gate and walk around to Thompson Street. Well, this reporter has been told that a new gate has been installed that will allow you to walk out directly onto Thompson Street and put you closer to the Club.

THANK YOU CASBAH CATERERS!!!



- Kathy Annan
- Kate Centofante
- Bunny Clark
- MJ Hayes
- Nancy Jones
- Colleen Bowers
- Kathy Fanning
- Ed Halligan
- Dennis James
- Drew Kearney
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts

- Congratulations Bernadette Coyne's granddaughter, Shannon on an undefeated season and championship win with the Upper Dublin Cardinals 5th Grade Girls Basketball team 🏀
- Congratulations to Terry Banford Dietzel's granddaughter, Allura Esposito, Allura gave birth to Terry's 3rd great grand, a little girl, Izabella Dannin, She was born on March 18th and weighs in at 7lbs 3oz. Mom and baby are doing wonderful.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!



Jeanette Bowers	7
Maryanne Burnett	8
Louise Dougherty	9
Kathleen Schickling	9
Meghan Kauriga	11
Michele Szarak	11
Lisa Breslin SSJ	13
Sharon McGrath	13
Kathleen Morrison	17

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.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2024 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Please be sure to see Donna Kearney at the meeting to pay your 2024 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 "2024 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 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 Division 87 Facebook Group –

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

LAOH NATIONAL – 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 in order to be added.



MISSIONS & CHARITIES COIN DROP!

There's no better time to clean out that purse, empty those pockets and lift those couch cushions!! Gather up all that spare change that is weighing you down and bring it to the meeting and drop off to Kris Bucko. Kris will accept the folding stuff too!

All proceeds benefit Columban Missions.

The LAOH has maintained a strong relationship with the Columban Fathers and Columban Sisters. The Columban Fathers have been the primary charity of the LAOH since 1935, and the LAOH added the Columban Sisters in 2006. The donations collected help those that answered the call to mission and help facilitate their work across the world.



St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry

The food pantry is looking for donations of non-perishable foods.

There is currently a special need for **Cereal, Peanut Butter** and **Pasta!!**

Bring your donations to the April meeting!!

GOOD CAUSE
ALERT
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR /
TELL YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



EXPRESS
YOUR
GRATITUDE!
DONATE
OR
VOLUNTEER!

We are going to set up a table and a truck to collect donations (bucket drop), monetary, non-perishables, and personal care/hygiene products for men and let's not forget our women veterans in need.

Collections will take place at the

IGA (Thriftway) at Aramingo and York in the plaza.

Slips with veterans most needed items will be handed out at the entrance and collection at the exit.

A truck will be on site for collection and then will be taken to the Veterans Multi-Service Center, 4th Street and Callowhill.

The collection schedule is as follows:

3 days to donate:

Friday May 24th. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday May 25th. 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM

Sunday May 26th. 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM

You will be doing more than expressing your gratitude

You will be living the words.

"Thank You For Your Service!"

We will be collecting items for the Veteran's Multiservice Center at our April and May meetings. According to their website – there is a need for various hygiene items (especially travel sized items), new socks, new underwear (for both men and women). Monetary donations will be accepted as well.



Easter Prayer

Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Help us remember why You gave Your life. Because of love. Because of mercy. Because we desperately need them both and do not deserve it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Thank You Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Thank you that you loved me enough to send a perfect sacrifice, so that we could live together eternally. I confess that I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I ask you to come into my heart, and I commit to following Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord God, You loved this world, you loved us all, so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts and souls that are forever grateful for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice deeply in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



TAR ANALL AMERICA PRESENTS:

THE 108TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EASTER RISING AND
EASTER COMMEMORATION

JOSEPH MCGARRITY, DANNY CAHALANE & LUKE DILLON
AND ALL DECEASED WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO IRELAND

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 | ASSEMBLE AT 12:30 | STEP OFF AT 1
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, BAILY ROAD, YEADON, PA
GUEST SPEAKER: SINN FEIN TD ROSE CONWAY-WALSH, CO. MAYO

MORE INFO:
FRANCES DUFFY (610) 446-1831 or JOE MCBLAINE (610) 247-4330

SOCIAL GATHERING TO FOLLOW:
LIVE MUSIC - LUNCHEON
CASH BAR | \$25 ADULTS | \$10 CHILDREN UNDER 12

BRIARCLIFF AMERICAN LEGION POST
29 N. BARTRAM AVE., GLENOLDEN, PA

FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:



TARANALL AMERICA
(PAGE AND GROUP)



PHILLY REMEMBERS 1916
(GROUP)



TAR ANALL AMERICA PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL IRISH REBEL SUNDAY

IN MEMORY OF BOB DOUGHERTY AND PAT BONNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 2:00 - 6:00 PM

THE MACSWINEY CLUB
510 GREENWOOD AVENUE
JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

BUFFET, CASH BAR
IRISH REBEL MUSIC JAM SESSION ALL AFTERNOON
(Featuring many of the best musicians in the Philadelphia Area)

"BANG THE BUCKET" DONATIONS AT THE DOOR

NEED INFORMATION? Contact:

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Terry Welsh (215) 280-5992 or Terry.LAOH87@gmail.com
Kathi Twohig-Hamelin (302) 463-4190 or kthamelin@outlook.com



Presents:

Irish Night at the Phillies

Friday May 31st

Irish Heritage Night

@ 6:40 vs the Cardinals

BUS TRIP!
All are Welcome!

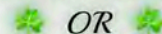
Bus leaves the Club at 5:00

Bus: \$10 Tickets: \$20 Shirt: \$20

KIDS AGES 12 AND UNDER CAN RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE



For info about tickets,
shirts or bus, see bartender.



OR

Contact Jim Hifi Carr
(215) 620-6547

In Honor of Haley Morris and the



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

*As Mother Nature tries to sprout Spring,
As we watch and hope for blossoms to bloom
As Old Man Winter refuses to leave
And blusters about with wild winds and cold,
I still have faith that the colors will claim center stage
That Spring will blossom in the garden our hearts.*

When Spring arrives, as eventually it will, I am eager for the beauty it brings, but I am also aware of the beauty we create by our kindness and love. That's the beauty we sometimes miss.

When I was in second grade at St. Timothy's school I had Miss Callaghan. I thought she was the most beautiful person I ever saw. I stayed after school and clapped the erasers and swept the floor for her. I still feel affection for her when I remember.

Many years later, I saw a picture of Miss Callaghan from those days. She was young, had brown hair and to my surprise had very severe acne on her face. As a child, I never saw her acne. She was beautiful to me because of who she was.

You know as I do that the person creates the beauty. It's not what we look like but how we treat others. Miss Callaghan was nice to me, and I loved her! I don't remember a word she said or what I learned in second grade, but I remember how she made me feel - special, important.

I suppose this is a universal truth. In our lives, we have the power and responsibility to do ordinary things with care and kindness.

Happy Spring!
In our motto,
Sister Lisa

STATE OF THE HEART



The next State of the Heart will be held April 22nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at AOH 87 Hall (2nd 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.

In Case You Missed March's Irish History Report:

THE TITANIC MOVIE – A MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN

In one of the movie's most memorable scenes, the fatalities among the third-class Irish immigrants in steerage were heartbreakingly told with an Irish mother telling her children a famous tale from Irish folklore to send them to sleep, knowing that they would never again wake.

The actors behind these minor characters, who nonetheless had a big impact, paid tribute to the touching scene that has been the cause of many a teary face in the past two decades.

In the script, it said “tell them a bedtime story”. So Jeanette Goldstein, the actress who plays the Irish mother, said that it was the other Irish actors on set who recommended the story of Oisín and Niamh in Tír na nÓg, explaining that the idea of a boy and girl going to an eternal land would be extremely fitting for the scene in which a mother is attempting to comfort her children in a terrifying situation.

Even though the minor characters are simply known as the Irish mother, Irish boy, and Irish girl, the part immediately jumped out at Goldstein when Cameron asked her to read the script for its simple beauty. “That mother, her focus was making sure her children were calm and happy — knowing they were going to die. The hard part was, during the scene, trying not to cry.”

In an even more heartbreaking moment, the young actor who played the little boy finished off a sterling job in the scene by asking her when they were going to film the next one where they would eventually get to the boats and make their escape from the sinking ship. “After we do the scene, he goes to me, ‘So when are we gonna do the next scene?’” she revealed. “And I said, ‘Which one?’ And he goes, ‘The one where we get onto the boats and escape.’ Oh my god. I was just like, ‘Uhhhh, talk to your mom.’”

Fortunately, then a five-year-old, Reece Thompson himself doesn't remember much about making the scene or any of those heart-wrenching questions he asked his co-star. Although of Irish descent, Thompson had to draw on a few more freckles to apparently make him look a little more Irish for the movie, the first he had ever acted in.

With just one line to say, Thompson explains how he struggled to understand how he had to put on an Irish accent at such a young age. “They wanted me to say it in an Irish accent, and as a 5-year-old I had no idea what that meant,” he said. “So I had my handler or whatever trying to explain to me how to say it, and I remember just trying to say it over and over and over again. That was the more frustrating part.”

Initially they really wanted to slowly fill the room with water, but Thompson didn't know how to swim. “I don't know exactly what they were planning, but I remember them specifically asking me if I knew how to swim and me going, “If I have floaties, I can swim.”

“Every person who's ever found out — especially women who find out — that that was me in that scene, they always tell me that was the most heartbreaking scene, watching this mother having to, essentially, talk the kids to sleep in a genuinely terrifying moment. It didn't take that many times to do

that scene because it was just like, ‘Look like you're falling asleep’ — something I had mastered at 5 years old.”

"And so they lived happily together for 300 years, in the land of [Tír na nÓg](#), the land of eternal youth and beauty,” says the Irish mother, while her daughter and son drift off to sleep as the ship sinks around them.

Stay tuned next month for the story of Tir na nÓg!



Submitted by: Anne Foody, Division #87 Irish Historian
March 4, 2024
Also see: <https://www.irishcentral.com/culture/entertainment/irish-characters-titanic-movie>



We will have some clothing items for sale at the April meeting from Joe Bradley

All are priced to go at \$5 each
Quantities are limited (See below)
If interested, please contact Maria Gallagher.
Venmo @ Maria-Gallagher-26

Shamrock Jacket



13 – 2XL
3 - XL
8 - Large
2 - Small

They run really small.
If you normally take an XL you will need a 2XL

Shamrock Hoodie



1 – 2XL
7 - Large
3 - Small

APRIL FOOL'S Day

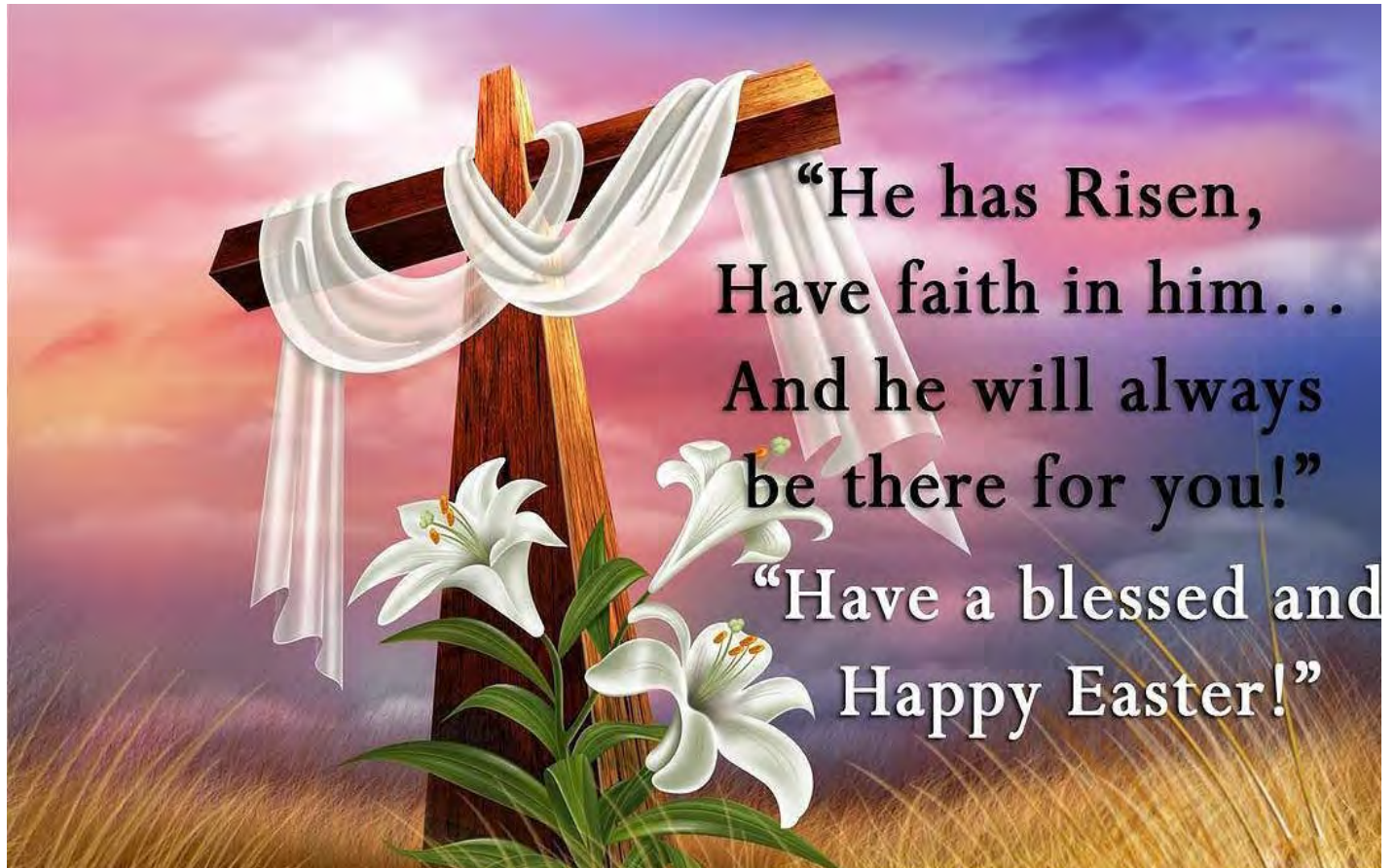
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