

# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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

April Meeting is Cancelled

April, 2020

Communion Breakfast will be Rescheduled

### President's Corner

Dear Sisters,

Let me start this newsletter with a prayer for all our families and all those impacted during this difficult time of dealing with the coronavirus.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I hope you all got the word that our Lenten Retreat and the April meeting have been cancelled. The Communion Breakfast will be rescheduled to a later date.

Since there is no meeting, we will work any requests you may have through email. Feel free to send them to any officer.

A big “THANK YOU” to those who came out for our Irish Potato Fundraiser. We mixed, rolled and sold over 2,000 containers of our famous Irish Potatoes.

In a few short weeks we will be entering into the glorious season of Easter, rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We may be celebrating differently this year, however Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death and His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him.

I wish each one of you and your families a Blessed and Happy Easter.

In Our Motto,  
Linda

Upcoming Events:

June 18th Hope Lodge

#### MEETING DATES:

TUES. MAY 5TH

TUES. JUN 2ND

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## Reflection from our Chaplin Sr. Lisa

### Keep Hope Alive

As I reflect on the situation in our world today. I am reminded of the words of our new Shepherd, Archbishop Pérez: “We will navigate the difficult waters of this challenge as a united human family, for after all is said and done, we are people of Hope!” It’s easy to say we are “people of Hope,” but what does that mean for each of us in our own circumstances? Some of our LAOH sisters are self -quarantined, many are worried that they will contract the virus or spread it. Many are struggling financially. How will I pay my bills? How will I get the food and medicine I need? How can I keep my spirit and faith alive when I feel the darkness enveloping me? We are all facing uncharted waters.

For me, I have to go to my ministry each day and provide for 38 elderly, physically and mentally fragile women. They need food, medicine and most of all a sense of safety and Hope. How can I give them Hope? The first thing to remember is that it is not I who gives Hope, but God gives Hope to me and then through me to others. I choose to Hope. God is providing all the grace we need to weather this storm no matter how long it lasts. Take notice of the fact that the word Hope is capitalized in the Archbishop’s statement. Hope is capitalized because it is a theological virtue. Hope is not an intellectual or emotional act, it is an act of the will, a conscious choice. Emily Dickinson’s poem comes to mind when I think of hope as an emotion. She says, “hope (no capital) is a thing with feathers that perches on the soul.” The emotion of hope is fleeting. It flies away like a bird. The virtue of Hope is the choice to believe and trust that God is taking care of us in the detail of our lives. After all, He has counted the hairs on our heads...and right now I have “coronavirus hair” and that’s a lot of hairs to count.

In his 2007 encyclical on hope, *Spa Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, “The one who has Hope lives differently.” These words remind us that “Hope is not a fleeting emotion, much less an attitude that fades when life is hard, but a resilient stance toward life marked by trust, confidence and perseverance. Hope empowers us to live differently because a Christian understanding of Hope is rooted in the unshakable conviction that God loves us and wants our good.” Remember Paul’s declaration in Romans: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (8:31). To live Hope is to take those words to heart and to keep Hope alive even during these uncertain times.

My Spiritual Director always says, “Do the truth and the light will come.” Choose to Hope, stay positive, and live in the truth of Hope. Choose to trust God and light and peace will follow. So when one of my ladies asks me when this will all end and she’ll be allowed out, I am honest but positive. This will end. We don’t know when, but we need to live in HOPE one day at a time. So check in on your family and friends, from a distance, and use social media and the phone to connect. Remember what Theresa of Avila said, “All things are passing; God alone is changeless.”

One more thing, say or sing a Hail Mary while you wash your hands for our loved ones and our human family. I sing it to the theme song of “Gilligan’s Island.” Give it a try. Until we meet again (literally), I hold you in my heart and in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Hope of God.

## Family News

### Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters



#### APRIL

Jeanette Bowers	7
Maryanne Burnett	8
Louise Dougherty	9
Meghan Kauriga	11
Michele Szarek	11
Sharon McGrath	13
Kathleen Morrison	17
Margaret Witalec	18
Regina Kavanagh	23

### Special Intentions

Jackie McGady-Saier  
Rich Hrapzynski  
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Aggie Lawlor  
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#### **Card and letters can be sent to**

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Congratulation to our Chaplin, Sr Lisa for her induction into the Saint Hubert Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Maria's son, Frank Gallagher, Jr. and his new wife Jaclyn on their recent wedding.



### Memorials



Please keep the family of Philadelphia Police Sgt. James O'Connor and our LAOH sister Barbara Hurd in your prayers, The fallen officer is Barbara's nephew.

# Division News & Events

## Hope Lodge Dinner

Our next dinner will Be June 18th! Stay tuned for details

### Christian Charity Projects & Collections

#### St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry

Division 87's support of St. Joan of Arc's Food pantry will be ongoing. The ladies will continue to collect non-perishable items at our meetings. Our brothers have arranged food drop off points at Gaul & Co. Malt House at Gaul & Clementine Sts., Kensington Pub, 2116 E. Tioga St., Krick Wuder Saloon on Bridge St.

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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.

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Katie Searles, a member and an art teacher at Boys Latin, is collecting plastic caps, (milk, ice tea, Gatorade.....). Caps will be collected at May and June meetings.

### SAVE THE DATES

April events have been postponed due to covid-19!

- ◆ **Lenten Retreat**—at the House of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill. CANCELLED
- ◆ **Division 87 Communion Breakfast**, at Fran Lee Caterer. RESCHEDULED DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE THE HEALTH CRISIS IS OVER.



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## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietrofil, Faleroni.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,

for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

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