# LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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

Pennies for the Mission!

Meeting location for Feb 5th is at Div 39. 7229 Tulip St.

February, 2019

#### President's Corner

Dear Sisters,

February 1<sup>st</sup> starts the month off with the Feast Day of St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland and the LAOH. Let us pray for her intercession for all those in need. Let us also pray for peace and unity.

February 4<sup>th</sup> will mark our division's 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Happy Anniversary to all our members; past, present and future, for making LAOH Division 87 the wonderful organization it is.

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> is our Mystery Bingo. Stop by and bring a friend. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet please let Nancy know. I hope to see you all there, it's sure to be a great time. Details are inside.

Our Division 87 brothers will hold their annual beef & beer fundraiser on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Madison Club located at the corner of Gaul and Westmoreland Streets, 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Let's show our support by attending if you can.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be here before you know it, on March 10<sup>th</sup> to be exact. The theme is: "St. Patrick, Unite Us". Information about parade fundraisers are in the newsletter. We will wear our jackets from last year with black pants and shoes. Anyone needing a jacket has to let me know the size and place a deposit by the February meeting.

<u>Save the date – Saturday, March 2, 2019</u> at 9:00 a.m. we will begin the rolling of our world famous Irish Potatoes. We will be rolling at the Grace Baptist Church, 4544 Almond Street Philadelphia, PA 19137 (next to Fran Lee Caterers). A tentative schedule is listed in the newsletter, please plan on coming out for an hour or two. We need everyone's help for this project. It's also a fun way to socialize with our sisters that we may not always get to interact with.

If you were at our meeting in January, you know that we have some opportunities. (1) the Hibernian Hunger Project Office open; if anyone is interested, please let me know. This is an appointed position. (2) I am also looking for 2 or 3 members to work with one of the officers to develop standing rules for the division. These will be reviewed periodically and adjusted as needed. Please consider getting involved.

We're trying to make improvements to our newsletter. This month, check out Sister Lisa's reflection and a puzzle on page 6.

I hope to see everyone on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at Division 39.

In Our Motto, Linda

## **Upcoming Events:**

FEB 8TH MYSTERY BINGO
FEB 17TH MEN'S FUNDRAISER
MAR 2ND POTATO MIXING
MAR 3RD ROLLING BEGINS
MAR 10TH PARADE
APRIL 7TH LADIES RETREAT

#### **MEETING DATES:**

TUES. FEB 5TH TUES. MAR 5TH TUES. APR 2ND TUES. MAY 7TH TUES. JUN 4TH

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# News from your Officers

# **Missions and Charity**

We will pick the January and February winner at the meeting on February 5th.

Tickets for 2019 "A Prize a Month for a Year" are still available for purchase. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and will be good for the year. Prizes will be drawn at the monthly meeting starting Jan 8, 2018. All prizes have been donated by local vendors and will be announced the meeting before. Prizes baskets will be at least \$50.00 retail value. All funds raised will go to our Missions and Charity.

## Irish Potato Schedule

3/1/19 Mixing

# **Rolling**

3/2/19 Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm 3/3/19 Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm 3/4/19 Monday 11:00 pm to 8:00 pm 3/5/19 Tuesday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Meeting will be parade related only.) Wednesday 1:00 pm to 8:00 (clean up, if needed)

# St. Patrick's Day Parade March 10<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick, Unite Us

Parade package price will remain \$15 to cover parade expenses. This does not include the after party, which will be priced separately.

# **Christian Charity Projects**

We will be collecting the following items during February, March & April to donate to Angels in Motion for Blessing Bags. Some items are listed below.

#### **Food Items:**

Snack size or single serving applesauce, crackers, cookies, granola bars, gum, mints, pop tarts, pretzels, water, etc.

## **Hygiene Products:**

Antibiotic ointment, baby wipes, band aids, chap sticks, combs, deodorant, tissues, tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, etc.

## **Clothing:**

Hats, gloves, hoodies, etc.

## **Miscellaneous Items:**

Journals, backpacks, blankets, notes of encouragement, etc.

We will also be collecting gently used pocketbooks over 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.

# LAOH Div. 87 Information

# **Donations & documentation requirements**

Remember that you must be present with the documentation for donation requests or if you have someone request on your behalf that person needs to have the documentation. If there are any problems with any donations, please address them with me or one of your elected officers who will bring the issue to my attention.

#### In Memory/In Honor of Card

In Memory of/Honor of cards will now be available at our meetings. All proceeds will benefit our LAOH National Charity Project St. Patrick. PSP was created to support Priests, Seminarians and religious spiritually, emotionally and financially. The use of these cards enables the vision of St Patrick to continue to bring the Gospel and the Eucharist to all people. Donations to PSP are a contribution to Our Faith, Our Heritage and/or legacy for a loved one.

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT

Good evening. Once again ladies this is a reminder that the Motto of the Ladies Ancient Order Of Hibernians is FRIENDSHIP, UNITY and CHRISTIAN CHARITY !!!! We are a volunteer organization who do good for others and people who are less fortunate than us.. We SHOULD be members of this organization to follow this Motto! We as women should be supporting, helping and building each other up! Not talking behind each other's backs or bringing down other members or divisions. Not everyone always sees eye to eye, this as we know is a part of life. Sometimes we need to move on and step away from a situation that we are unhappy with. We are grown women! So please once again. Take a look at the oath we have all made. If you do not feel that you can up hold the motto of the order please remove yourself from it. I'm sorry if this seems harsh but a reminder is needed. Division President's please also share this with your membership.

Thank you In our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Becky Puchalski LAOH Philadelphia County Board President

# REUSE - RECYCLE - RE-PURPOSE

#### **ALUMINUM CAN TABS**

We continue to collect aluminum tabs to support the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your aluminum pop tops and bring them to our general meeting each month for Terry Welsh.

## ST. JOHN HOSPICE

Collecting men's toiletries for St. John's Hospice. Soap – Shampoo - Toothbrushes – Toothpaste - Dental Floss - Disposable Razors - Shaving Cream - Hand Lotion - Combs—Trial size items are the best.

#### **TOWELS AND BLANKETS**

Used by the SPCA for grooming and to put some comfort in the pet's cages. Visit <a href="www.pspca.org">www.pspca.org</a> to view their wish list of items. Please take items directly to SPCA.

#### ST. FRANCIS INN

Seasonal clothes, under garments for men and woman, socks, and large men's clothing.

# **Schools and Daycares**

Collecting Box Tops and empty printer/ink cartridges. You can recycle by just bringing them to a meeting.

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST? If you aren't receiving division e-mail news, please send your e-mail address to kddfam@aol.com in order to be added to the list.

# Family News

# **Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters**

# **Special Intentions**



# February

Kathleen Deacy-Moore	9
Christi Riley-Hensler	11
Nancy Jones	12
Jackie McGady Saier	14
Debbie Bednarz	15
Janice Jakubiec	15
Grace McDowell	17
Colleen Wister	21
Eleanor Zimmerman	22

Jackie McGady-Saier Rich Hrapzynski Debbie Scott

# Card and letters can be sent to

Jackie Saier Deer Meadows Health Care System, 8301 Roosevelt Blvd, Room #G56, Philadelphia PA 19152



Congratulations to Barb Hurd on becoming a grandmom again. Her grandson Francis Martin arrived January 6th, 9lbs 7oz.



**Memorials** 



# **Division News & Events**

## **PENNIES**

Don't forget to bring your pennies, dimes, quarters and nickels, bills too!

# **Mystery Prize Bingo**

Join us February 8th at the Polish American String Band Hall for Mystery Prize Bingo starting at 7pm. Tickets will be \$35.00 and will be limited to 175 sold, so get them quick! BYOB and snacks! Desserts and coffee will be provided! We are looking for prize sponsors. If you know of any companies or restaurants that would like to sponsor a basket please contact Nancy Jones.



# **LAOH 87 Retreat Day**

April 7th details to follow.

# **Hope Lodge Dinner**

Thanks to all who supported and helped with January's dinner .Our next Hope Lodge Dinner will be June 20, 2019. June is our Picnic Menu. Menu will be: Hot dogs, Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Cheese, Salads—Potato, Macaroni, Pasta, suggestion Soda, Water, Ice tea, Waffle and Ice Cream and Sundae Bar. Looking for donations of paper products, cups, and food.

# Reflections and Puzzle Page

# A few Thoughts from Sister Lisa:

Name:

Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if God hands you a shovel Author Unknown

During my annual seven day retreat last summer at Francis House, it rained for four days. I pleaded and prayed and waited for God and sunshine. It was as if every loss in my life came back with an emotional intensity that surprised me. I'm sure you've been in that state more than once in your life. I was blessed to be somewhere away from responsibilities with time to focus on God (even though I was angry at Him!), and be with Him in my pain and confusion. I didn't feel God's presence, I only felt the dark and rain. Even the bed I was sleeping in was uncomfortable and the chair in my room was just as uninviting. I will say though, the food was pretty good!

So I waited and begged God for His light and grace and the ability to trust Him. He does write straight with crooked lines after all, so I hoped God was up to something. I waited and waited and sat before the Blessed Sacrament. Seven days in silence and alone without creature comforts, what was God doing? I was drawn to Mary Magdalene and her encounter with the Risen Jesus in John 20:11-18. She was in darkness and forlorn. Jesus was gone, even His body was gone. Then at the tomb she heard her name. "Mary," he said. She thought he was the gardner. She was surprised by His presence and consoled.

Well, I didn't hear my name that week, but I was surprised by a sense of peace and joy God gave me, even in my desolation (Desolation is the Ignatian spiritual term that describes a sense of God's absence). I went home, went back to my ministry, and one day a couple of months later, a random email from the Irish Jesuits spoke about "staying in consolation" (the Ignatian term for a sense of God's presence). It hit me! I have to choose to stay in consolation. God surprised me! For me staying in consolation means being faithful to Mass and prayer and service. It means getting enough rest and exercise, and spending time with people who know and love me. Faith can move mountains of sadness and darkness, but I had to pick up the shovel and choose God's presence, even in felt absence. So hang in there my sister Hibernians, God will surprise you too! God always answers our prayers...with Himself!

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Solve the Puzzle. Bring the completed puzzle to Feb meeting to be entered into the drawing!

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