



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

“Our Lady of Knock”

Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

April 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

Sisters,

March is quickly coming to an end. A huge thank you to those who came to Grace Baptist Church to help with Irish Potatoes. Mixing, rolling and clean up was completed in two days. I'm so grateful to the officers and all who came out to help. We couldn't have done it without the help from students at Franklin Town and Mercy Tech HS. We sold out in no time flat. It takes an army so consider coming out next even if it's just for an hour.

The parade and celebration to honor St Patrick are behind us. If you were not able to be with us on Sunday, March 12th, I hope you were able to see the parade on TV. It's always a proud day and wonderful to see so many friends as we march to Independence Hall. The luncheon back at the Casbah was fabulous as always. Please consider attending next year as we were very sparse ladies this year.

Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent and next week is Palm Sunday. As we prepare for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord, I hope you able to take some quiet with Jesus and please remember to pray for one another. There are many sisters who need prayers for physical health, emotional health and other issues.

We will have some fundraisers coming up in the next few months. More details to come at the April meeting. Our collection of cereal and can goods for St Joan of Arc food panty was very much appreciated. Once again, your generosity will help those in need. Since I wasn't able to get the information out for this coming month, we will continue to collect items for Guiding Star and at our meeting in May we will be having a baby shower to help the unwed mothers. We will be asking for donations of diapers, sleepers and other items needed for babies.

Well, we can't say that the weather stopped us this winter since only very few snowflakes fell. I'm happy to see Springtime is here but a little early for the daffodils and hyacinth but enjoy them just the same.

In closing I wish you all a Very Happy Easter and may the risen Lord bring you and your family good health and peace. Remember that if you ever need anything be sure to reach out to any of us on the board. REJOICE!!!

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

Monica McCue

Sunrise: November 21, 1950

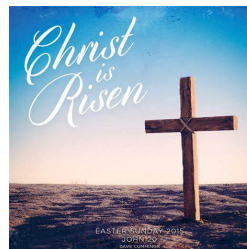
Sunset: March 16, 2023



- Kathy Annan
- Kate Centofante
- Bunny Clark
- MJ Hayes
- Nancy Jones
- Linda Nevedomsky
- Ed Halligan
- Dennis James (Joanne James' husband)
- Drew Kearney
- Chuck Welsh
- Terry Banford-Dietzel's nephew, Tommy Miller, getting chemo for colon cancer
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts

Simple
JOYS

- Congratulations to Bernadette Coyne's granddaughter Shannon and her teammates, the Upper Dublin Cardinals, for coming in 3rd at the State Basketball Championship



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2023 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

If you have not paid your 2023 dues please be sure to see Donna Kearney at the next meeting. 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.

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!

Jeanette Bowers	7
Maryanne Burnett	8
Louise Dougherty.....	9
Kathleen Schickling.....	9
Meghan Kauriga.....	11
Michele Szarek	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.



**NEXT
MEETING**

GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 4th, 2023

7:00 PM

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

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.

Update for Immigration and Education:

By: Megan Glanz

"The World Championships for Irish Dance", formally called Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, will be held in Montreal, Canada this year from Sunday April 2nd through Sunday April 9th. New to the competition schedule this year is a 'Freestyle' competition sponsored by Michael Flatley, who is most well-known for his starring roles in Riverdance and Lord of the Dance. The goal of the competition is to allow dancers a platform to express their creativity and personality in a unique way, allowing for personal interpretation of traditional dance movements and music. As Flatley stated in the competition directives, 'there is more to dance than just winning a trophy'. The freestyle competition will be held on April 9th as the final event of the week.

For additional information, visit <https://www.ornc2023.com> .






To subscribe to the competition live stream, visit <https://www.feistv.com/products/clrg-world-championships-2023> ."



UPCOMING EVENTS

DIVISION 87 GROUP MASS

As of preparing this newsletter, the group mass information has not been provided yet.

 <p>TAR ANALL AMERICA PRESENTS: THE 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EASTER RISING AND EASTER COMMEMORATION</p> <p>JOSEPH MCGARRITY, DANNY CAHALANE & LUKE DILLON AND ALL DECEASED WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO IRELAND</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 ASSEMBLE AT 12:30 HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, BAILY ROAD, YEADON, PA</p> <p>MORE INFO: FRANCES DUFFY (610) 446-1831 or JOE MCBLAINE (610) 247-4330</p> <p>SOCIAL GATHERING TO FOLLOW: LIVE MUSIC FROM DECLAN MCLAUGHLIN - IRISH BUFFETT CASH BAR \$25 ADULTS \$10 CHILDREN UNDER 12</p> <p>BRIARCLIFF AMERICAN LEGION POST 29 N. BARTRAM AVE., GLENOLDEN, PA</p> <p>FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:  TARANALL AMERICA (PAGE AND GROUP)  PHILLY REMEMBERS 1916 (GROUP) </p>	 <p>IRISH REBEL SUNDAY IN MEMORY OF BOB DOUGHERTY AND PAT BONNER</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 30 2-6 PM</p> <p>THE MACSWINEY CLUB 510 GREENWOOD AVE JENKINTOWN, PA 19046</p> <p>BUFFET, CASH BAR, IRISH MUSIC (FEATURING DECLAN MCLAUGHLIN AND LEFTY KELLY), DANCING BY MCDADE-CARA SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE</p> <p>"BANG THE BUCKET" DONATIONS AT THE DOOR</p> <p>NEED INFO? CALL JOE MCBLAIN @ 610.247.4330</p> 
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FROM OUR MEMBERS!

Tish Dugan has a blog that she posts on every Monday. It is Canonlaw101.com
 Tish is a canon lawyer and a regular old lawyer and this website and blog especially talks about all kinds of issues. But it is NOT for canon lawyers and lawyers. It's for everybody else.

Because she was sick for a while last year, she has only been able to do her blog regularly starting with this new year. She already has a thousand subscribed viewers from all over the world. Check it out if you have a chance.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

By the time you read this, dear sister Hibernians, Easter will be over. The feasting is complete, and the bunny and egg decorations have been put away. But what is Easter really about? What does it mean for each of us and those we love that Jesus rose from the dead?

A Sister of Saint Joseph, Sister Rita Woehlcke, wrote the following:

I do not think of resurrection as a reward for suffering. It is the inevitable outcome of love that withholds nothing, love that refuses to be self-absorbed, love that trusts that conventional wisdom is not the font of wisdom, and may indeed be folly, love that stays true to the experience of a loving God when all else would contradict that.

For me too, Resurrection is about love. For me, Resurrection is about hope. Not false hope that resembles wishing, but the real virtue of Hope that requires us to trust in our Loving God, to trust in Jesus who triumphed over death and redeems all suffering. In everyday life, trust that good does come from all death and suffering even when we don't see it or feel it. Keep this knowledge in your heart and be Resurrection people, faithful and hopeful.

STATE OF THE HEART



Due to Sr. Lisa moving to a new home there will be no "State of the Heart" in April. Watch for the next scheduled meeting.

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:

GAEILGE – OUR MOTHER TONGUE

The passing of Elizabeth II in September 2022 signified the end of an era and the last gasps of the British Empire as we have known it. Six months later in an epic twist of fate, Brigid, a triple Goddess in the Celtic Pantheon and revered matron Saint of Ireland is granted a national holiday while *The Quiet Girl* becomes the first Irish-language feature film in history to be shortlisted for an Oscar. We are left to wonder if these moments are simply markers in the passage of time or if there is a deeper significance at play?

Gaeilge (pronounced Gwal-gah) is the ancestral language of the Irish people and one of the oldest living languages in the world. Our mother tongue was almost eradicated but is still alive today despite a turbulent history.

This is where things get a little complicated: specifically, Gaelic is an adjective that describes the people and culture of Ireland. The Irish language is sometimes referred to as “Gaeilge”, but it is not Gaelic; Gaeilge is the name of the Irish language in Irish.

Like its Gaelic cousin, both are Indo-European languages, but Irish is actually a language unto its own. The term “Gaelic”, as a language, applies only to the language of Scotland. If you're not in Ireland, it is permissible to refer to the language as Irish Gaelic to differentiate it from Scottish Gaelic, but when you are in Ireland, simply refer to the language as either Irish or its native name, Gaeilge.

By the time of the Irish Penal Laws of 1695, communication in the Irish language was forbidden and labeled as rebellious against the powers of Britain. However, Irish remained the majority language in Ireland, thanks in large part to the hedge school movement, until the Great Famine. At this time, the number of Irish speakers was at four million and may have been the highest in history. But after *An Gorta Mór* (Great Hunger), over two million people either died or fled the country leaving behind only a small minority of Irish speakers.

The language was now on the point of extinction. English was increasingly seen as the language of social and political advancement while Irish was considered the language of the past and of the poor. And while these devastating waves of trauma almost wiped out the language, some small but significant waves of resistance kept it alive.

The tides began to turn for the Irish language as the waves of nationalism and modernism shaped cultural identity in the late 19th century. Ireland became steeped in a resurgence of interest in Irish language, literature, history, and folklore known as the Gaelic revival. When the Free State was established in 1922, Irish was declared the national language and language revival was a primary objective of the government's policy for years to come. As a language, Irish is unique to Ireland and is of crucial importance to the identity of the Irish people, to Irish culture and to world heritage. Just as the body holds biological markers of trauma, our native language holds cultural markers that sweep through the currents of history leaving tidemarks behind that coordinate with the rise and fall of empires. The language levels are ebbing at moments of famine and mass emigration and flowing at moments of cultural awakening.

Our mother tongue is more than a symbol of national identity; it shapes our worldview. Languages are a key element in our cultural expression, sovereignty and overall well-being.

The tides are slowly turning for our native tongue. This ancient language that has animated the Irish people and consciousness for as far as we can remember, continues to rise despite a tumultuous past. It has somehow defied the odds by surviving and thriving in the 21st century.

Some of the key moments that have contributed to the latest resurgence include Manchan Magan's 2018 article "A Magical Vision is Hidden in the Irish Language – We Need to Rediscover It". He went on to publish "Thirty-Two Words for Field: Lost Words of the Irish Landscape" during a global pandemic and inspired a passionate wave of renewed interest in our mother tongue. Other cultural contributors to the rise of the language include Belfast hip hop trio Kneecap, rapper Denise Chaila and the global rise of Irish Language cinema including the movies Black 47, Arracht (Monster), Song of Granite, and now The Quiet Girl on the road to the Oscars.

Trauma is often thought of as a watershed moment. Our lives become defined by life pre and post the traumatic experience. It seems we are witnessing a cultural watershed moment right now as more and more people in Ireland and around the world are remembering and reconnecting to indigenous ways of being.

There are many routes to post-traumatic growth. We can find better ways to connect to ourselves and each other. We can catch our breath and return to our senses. We can slow down and live in our bodies. We can practice wonder and awe. We can tell stories and sing songs. We can dance. We can laugh. We can build community. We can be better ancestors-in-training. We can unlearn and relearn. And we can speak our mother tongue.

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

See: https://www.irishcentral.com/opinion/irish-language-legacy-cultural-wellbeing?utm_source=vuukle&utm_medium=talk_of_town

And <https://www.unitedlanguagegroup.com/blog/gaelic-irish-differences#:~:text=The%20Irish%20language%20is%20sometimes,a%20language%20unto%20its%20own>



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