



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

"Our Lady of Knock"

Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

December 2024 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello Sisters,

Hope this newsletter finds you well and staying warm now that the colder weather has arrived.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are quickly approaching. How are you feeling about it? Do you get all flustered and anxious, making sure the food preparation, decorations and gift purchases are perfect (I call it my Martha syndrome) or are you feeling excited and looking forward to gathering with friends and family, pulling out all the decorations for their once-a-year debut and giving as appose to receiving (that would be Mary syndrome). Whatever feeling and emotions you have about the holidays, don't forget the reason for the season, Emmanuel, "God is with us." If you need anything over the holidays, please feel free to reach out.

Many thanks to all who participated and attended the fundraiser from Destruction to Construction raising fund to help our fellow Hibernians, The Nolan family. It was very successful and a lot of fun.

Congratulations once again to our Woman of the Year, Kris Bucko and Granuaille Award Winner, Marlene Roche-Fiorino. The banquet was a fun event, and the Casbah always does a great job. Thanks to all involved in the planning.

This year LAOH Division 87 generously reached 15 years of supplying non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving dinner to Providence House Shelter for families of domestic violence. They are always so grateful.

The Tara Degree team has a ceremony coming up on Sunday December 01, 2024. It is too late to sign up but I encourage you if you have not done so to sign up for the next date in your area to attend and if you made your degrees to observe.

Moving on our monthly division meeting coming up on Tuesday December 3, 2024. As we have done in the past we will have a very short meeting, then have some food, drinks and play some "Holiday Music BINGO". The division will supply sandwiches and salads so if you would like to bring your favorite appetizers or desserts that would be amazing.

Since we no longer do a gift exchange, we will be collecting gift cards (Walmart, Target etc.) for the Secret Santa program which are delivered to neighborhood families. If you know of someone in need this year, be sure to contact me and I will pass it along to Kieran and Jim Carr.

Be sure to check out all the upcoming event in December. Staring off with Santa Stroll, Lunch with Santa, Food delivery boxes for Christmas dinner, Visiting St Mary's home (where Sr. Lisa works) for lunch and a few games of BINGO, Secret Santa Christmas sing along and fundraiser, BINGO every Thursday night and even a cookie swap in the planning stages.

Please keep our many sisters in your prayers. We have a few with lingering health issues.

I wish you and your family a Very Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you for all you do for this organization.

I hope to see you at the next Division meeting / Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

In Our Motto
Maria



Jeweliana Cammaroti
Kiara Cybulski
Dr. Joanne Walls
Paula Werner





GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024

Meeting - 7:00 PM

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



Please note: As the December meeting is very brief followed by our Christmas party – there will be NO ZOOM this month!!!!



A Word on Parking!!

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.

THANK YOU CASBAH CATERERS!!!



St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry

The food pantry is looking for donations of non-perishable foods. There is currently a special need for **Peanut Butter & Cereal!!!**



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



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!



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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 **PAST 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

NEW LINK

LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group –
<https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87Philly>

LAOH PA STATE – www.statepalaoh.com

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.

LAOH 87 Officer Election Results

Nominations and elections of officers for the 2025-2026 term were held at the November meeting. The results are as follows:

President:	Maria Gallagher
Vice-President:	Kathy Annan
Rec. Secretary:	Terry Welsh
Treasurer:	Bernadette Coyne
Financial Secretary:	Donna Kearney
Irish Historian:	Anne Foody
Missions and Charities:	Kristine Bucko
Catholic Actions:	Ann Marie Kuvik
Mistress At Arms:	Sr. Lisa Breslin
Sentinel:	Angie Hines

Announcements of all appointed positions will be upcoming in the January newsletter.

AOH/LAOH Philadelphia County Board Meeting & Christmas Party

The annual Philadelphia County Board Meeting & Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 5th beginning with mass at 6:30 pm at AOH Division 39 (7229 Tulip Street). All members are welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 15th, 2024 we are heading to St Mary's Home for a Christmas Celebration with the ladies living at the home. Please join us in providing the ladies with an afternoon of refreshments, singing carols and bingo. Also, a gift will be distributed to the residents. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Maria Gallagher so we know how many of Santa's helpers to expect. St. Mary's is located at 247 S. 5th Street, Philadelphia. Parking is behind the building off of 5th Street.

Hibernian Hunger Project Christmas

Saturday morning, December 14th, the Hibernian Hunger Project will be at Shamrock Food Warehouse, 2251 Fraley Street to organize and pack food boxes at 8:00 am to be distributed to local families for Christmas meal. Deliveries take place immediately after they are packed.

If you have a family in need of food we will need the family, name address and phone #. The family needs to know food is being delivered to them.

Please send requests by December 5th & questions to Jeanne Hermley at (267) 266-4081 or via email at Jeanneh1629@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



AOH 87 PRESENTS:

SANTA STROLL

A Tommy Wengert Wengert Memorial

A 5K RUN / 1 MILE STROLL

DEC 7TH

\$35 / ADULT	8AM REGISTRATION
\$25 / CHILD	9AM RACE START
\$15 PANCAKE BREAKFAST ONLY*	

Location: St. George's Hall
Make Checks Payable to AOH 87 Or
Venmo: @AOH87JCarr

Sponsors Needed!

- Rudolf Tier - \$300
- Bitten Tier - \$200
- Onion Tier - \$100
- Santa's Helper - \$50

Prizes will be awarded!
* Pancake Breakfast & T-Shirt included for all runners

All proceeds to be donated to AOH 87 and our many charitable causes



Children's Lunch with Santa at Division 87

Write your Christmas wish list and hand-deliver it to Santa!

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Get your picture taken with Santa!

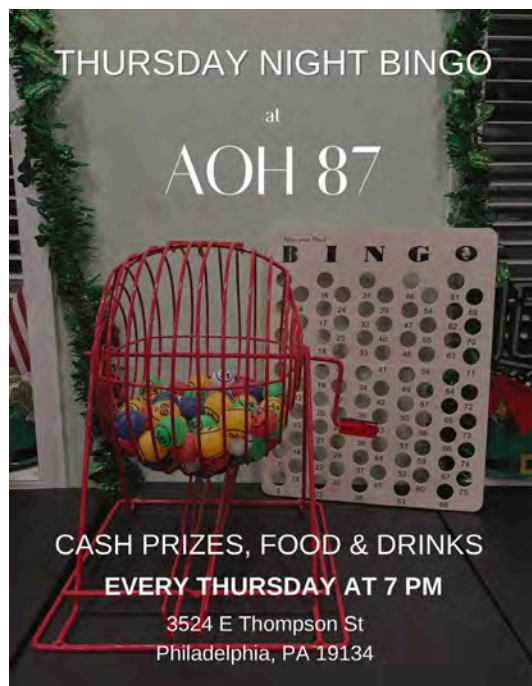
Santa's elves will have presents, arts & crafts
Hot dogs, chicken tenders and dessert for lunch!!

All are welcome to attend!!

For more information contact:

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THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO

at

AOH 87

CASH PRIZES, FOOD & DRINKS

EVERY THURSDAY AT 7 PM

3524 E Thompson St
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2ND ANNUAL

St. Brigid's Day Tea

SUNDAY, 2ND OF FEBRUARY 2025

11.00 AM - 2.00 PM
COMMODORE JOHN BARRY ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

 **SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR**
CONSUL GENERAL OF
IRELAND NEW YORK
MS. HELENA NOLAN

Join women from across Philadelphia's Irish Community in celebrating the feast day of Ireland's only patroness saint and the global legacy of strong Irish women.

Details and registration information:
theishcenter.org or iabcn.org



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

A Personal Advent Prayer

It helps to read this aloud. Pause. Reflect.

Read it again and listen to the voice of God speaking to you.

In the eleventh month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Pennsylvania called Philadelphia, to a group of good and holy women of LAOH Division 87.

And the Angel said to each of them, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

But they were greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for you (*insert your name*) have found favor with God. And behold, you will give life and my love to all you meet for within your soul is the Son of God, called Jesus."

And they said to the angel, "How will this be?"

And the angel answered them, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. For nothing will be impossible with God."

And they said, "Behold, we are servants of the Lord; let it be to us according to your word."

And the angel departed from them, but Jesus came and remained.

**During this Advent, pray to be open to the coming of Jesus in your life
for nothing is impossible with God.**



STATE OF THE HEART



The next State of the Heart is January 13th, 2025. 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 November's Irish History Report:

ADELE ASTAIRE

Epitomized in song, culture, and film, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers have become legendary Hollywood pin-ups, famed for their talent and charisma as dance stars. But, long before Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire had another dancing partner, his sister Adele and, although forgotten by history, she was the driving force behind Tinseltown's most famous dancer and movie star. She also made Ireland her home.

Adele Austerlitz was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1896, 3 years ahead of her little brother Fred. Showing promise at her local dance academy, her parents were advised to take her to New York to pursue a stage career. At the age of 8 and with 5-year-old Freddie in tow, Adele moved with her mother to begin her training, leaving her father behind in Omaha. Their father sent them his wages to support their schooling. Fred started taking dance lessons for something to do. Soon the pair had an act ready for the stage and began touring run-down theatres on the Vaudeville circuit. It wasn't glamorous and the children worked hard. Around this time, their mother came up with what she felt was the more showbusiness name, "The Astaires", and it stuck.

When the children reached maturity, they broke through from Vaudeville to Broadway and began a whirlwind career on the stage, where Adele shone. Much more outgoing than her brother Fred, her charisma and stage presence made her a popular star, both in the US and in London where they burst onto the scene in the 1920's. At the time, England was going crazy for anything American and the Astaires were the most popular act in London, selling out hundreds of shows. They also were a hit with the British royalty who invited the pair to glitzy after-parties.

During these years, Fred developed his famous tap routines, battling piano duels with music by George Gershwin. He worked tirelessly on his routines, much to Adele's chagrin – she was said to be a more natural dancer but preferred partying to practice.

In 1932, the double act came to an end when Adele left the stage to marry her beau Lord Charles Cavendish, a charming English man, and second son to the 9th Duke of Devonshire. They were given Lismore Castle, County Waterford as a wedding present by his family and so began the Astaire connection to Ireland.

At first, Adele was happy to relax in the Irish countryside, enjoying a well-earned break after nearly 30 years of a glitzy but grueling work schedule. The marriage, while mostly happy, was marred by the loss of their children at birth and by Cavendish's deterioration into chronic alcoholism.

The Astaires had only parted ways when Fred Astaire shot his first Hollywood role and soon after joined with Ginger Rogers in the first of ten musical films. Fred was unwilling to be partnered up again so quickly but with studio pressure and a realization that the on-screen partnership was a huge success, he agreed to the continuing movies. By all accounts, it was difficult for Adele to watch this flourishing relationship and Fred's rising star and she even began shooting her own film in the 1930's. Ultimately, she felt the screen was not for her and she pulled out of the movie causing herself financial loss. She never begrudged Fred his success and the pair remained forever close.

Adele left Lismore Castle, in 1947, after the death of her husband and her re-marriage to an American investment banker and a director of the CIA, Kingman Douglass. As part of her inheritance agreement, she continued to visit the castle in early summer each year until 1979 when she became too ill to travel.

In 1975, Fred Astaire's daughter Ava Astaire also made Ireland her home, meaning Fred Astaire still had an excuse to visit the Emerald Isle after Adele died in Arizona, in 1981. It was Ava who scattered some of Adele's ashes at Lismore Castle, according to her wishes, forever connecting her to the country she loved so much.

























Submitted by: Anne Foody, Irish Historia, Division #87
November 5, 2024

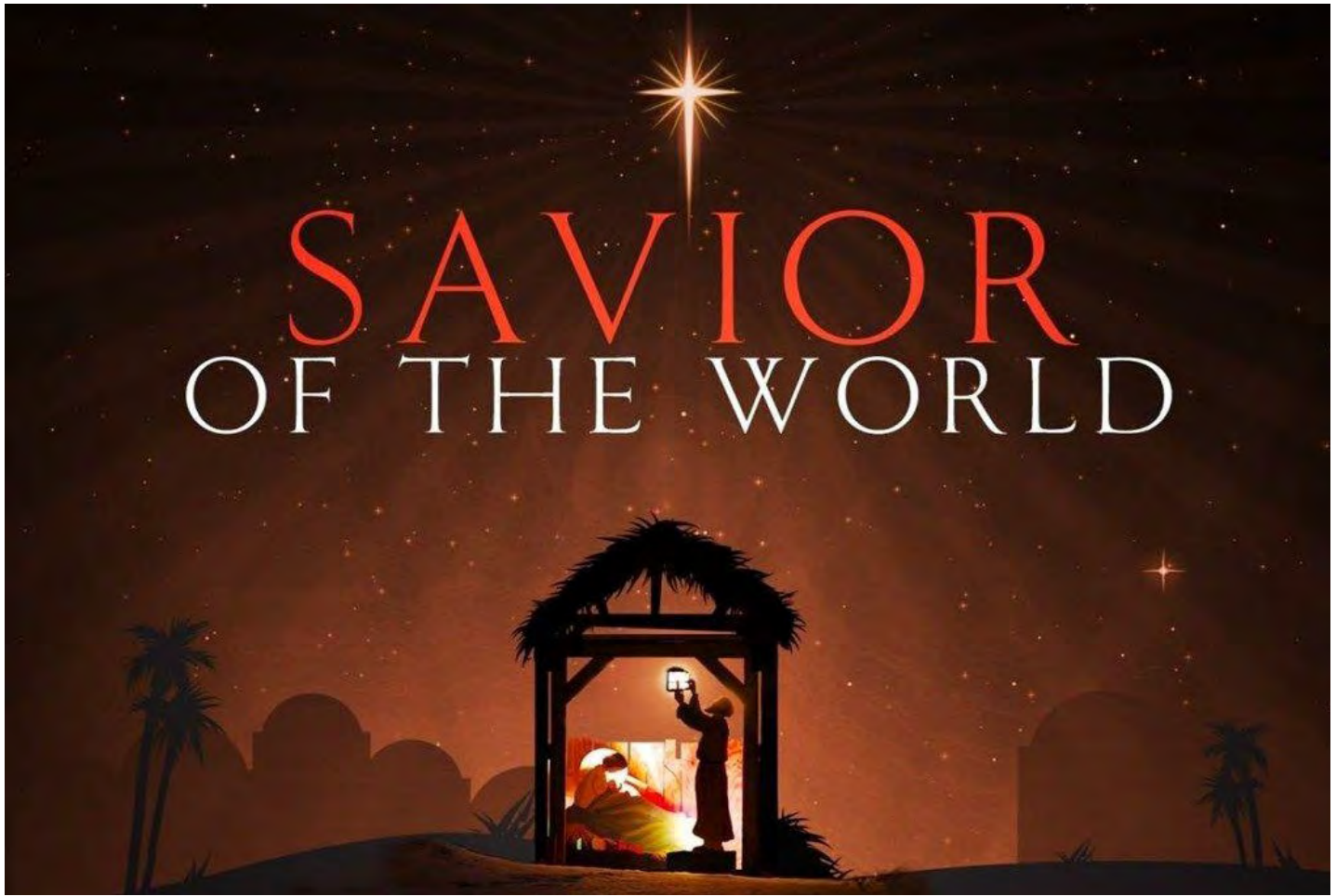
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Advent Bible Verses

These Bible verses are the perfect way to countdown the days to Christmas and Christ's birth. They will help you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

 <i>Day 1</i> Isaiah 9:6	 <i>Day 2</i> Isaiah 7:14	 <i>Day 3</i> Luke 1:26-28	 <i>Day 4</i> Luke 1:29-33	 <i>Day 5</i> Luke 1:34-35
 <i>Day 6</i> Luke 1:38	 <i>Day 7</i> Luke 1:46-50	 <i>Day 8</i> Luke 1:51-55	 <i>Day 9</i> Matthew 1:18-19	 <i>Day 10</i> Matthew 1:20-25
 <i>Day 11</i> Matthew 2:4-6	 <i>Day 12</i> Luke 2:1-5	 <i>Day 13</i> Luke 2:6-7	 <i>Day 14</i> Luke 2:8-9	 <i>Day 15</i> Luke 2:10-11
 <i>Day 16</i> Luke 2:12-14	 <i>Day 17</i> Luke 2:15-18	 <i>Day 18</i> Luke 2:19	 <i>Day 19</i> Luke 2:20	 <i>Day 20</i> Luke 2:21
 <i>Day 21</i> John 1:14	 <i>Day 22</i> Matthew 2:1-2	 <i>Day 23</i> Matthew 2:10-11	 <i>Day 24</i> John 3:16	



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