



## **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

**“Our Lady of Knock”**

**Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992**

**January 2023 Newsletter**

### **President’s Message**

Fellow Sisters,

As you may know nominations were held at the October meeting as per our LAOH Constitution which occurs every two years. I would like to send a **“HUGE”** thanks to Eileen Smith for her leadership as President and all of our outgoing officers.

Here is a list of the newly elected and appointed officers for LAOH Division 87:

Chaplain:	Sr. Lisa Breslin	Mistress at Arms:	Sr. Lisa Breslin
President:	Maria Gallagher	Sentinel:	Angie Hines
Vice President:	Kathy Annan	Freedom for all Ireland:	Bunny Clark
Recording Secretary:	Terry Welsh	By-Laws:	Eileen Smith
Treasurer:	Bernadette Coyne	Hibernian Hunger Project:	Linda Nevedomsky
Financial Secretary:	Donna Kearney	Immigration & Education:	OPEN
Irish Historian:	Anne Foody	Publicity/Newsletter:	Terry Welsh
Missions and Charities:	Kris Bucko	Webmaster:	Nancy Jones
Catholic Actions:	Ann Marie Kuvik		

I am truly looking forward to the next two years. We are going to try mailing out the newsletter as well as email and see if that makes it easier for some who have been having problems with opening it. Right now, the January meeting will be upstairs in the hall, but we are working on trying to have our meeting downstairs for those who can’t climb those steep stairs.

Starting February 2023, we will have a different monthly collection at each meeting and our first collection will be hats, gloves, scarves and socks which will be donated to shelters for the homeless. Once a list is put together you will know which charity we will be collecting for the next month.

Also in February 2023, we will be celebrating our anniversary. We are one year late but we will be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a brunch on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The details are still being finalized but please mark your calendar!! Details coming soon!!

If you know of anyone that you think would like to join our Division, please let any of the officers know and we can get information to them. We will also list our new members in the newsletter once they have taken the oath.

LAOH National is working on making younger women feel welcome with a newly established group for Women under 40. I would be happy to share the information about it so just ask.

COME MARCH IN THE PARADE- jackets have been selected and orders are being taken. This year our jackets are the same as the AOH 87 men's. They are Kelly Green and I hope you will like them. We will need to submit the orders by mid-January so if you are unable to come to the meeting let me know and I will be happy to meet you at the club to try on sizes.

Also, a “**HUGE**” thanks to Nancy Jones for getting out an informative newsletter for the past several years. Nancy has moved out of the area and closer to the Jersey shore. She has graciously agreed to retain her role as our Webmaster. Feel free to send anything for the newsletter to Terry and website to Nancy.

Don't forget we will be doing Irish Potatoes again this year so once the date has been set you will be getting the schedule. Same place as in the past at Grace Baptist Church in Bridesburg.

You will get this after Christmas, but I hope you and your family had a Blessed Day celebrating the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, the REASON FOR THE SEASON and have a Happy Healthy New Year.

See you Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the club on Thompson Street.

In our motto,

*Maria Gallagher*

#### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

##### **2023 DUES ARE NOW DUE!**

Please be sure to see Donna Kearney at the January meeting to pay your 2023 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 “2023 Dues”.

##### **Still haven't paid your 2022 Dues??**

You will be dropped from membership as a member NOT in good standing. Reach out to Donna Kearney IMMEDIATELY if you have a problem and need assistance. She may be contacted via text or phone call at (215) 915-3205 or via email at KDDFam@aol.com

Please remember you must be a member in good standing in order to march in the parade.

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- Kathy Annan
- Bunny Clark
- Nancy Jones
- Linda Nevedomsky
- Ed Halligan
- Dennis James (Joanne James' husband)
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts



- Our Sister, Karen Nealon, welcomed grandson, Joseph John McConnell into this world on December 11, 2022. Mom, Amber, and big sisters Ava and Alivia are delighted to have this addition to the family just in time for Christmas.
- Congratulations to our Sister, Bunny Clark, on her new home in Woodbury, NJ
- Congratulations also to our Sister, Nancy Jones and family, on their new home in Hammonton, New Jersey.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!

Ann Marie Parkinson.....	19
Colleen Sutor (Kolb).....	23
Charlotte Delaney .....	25
Susan Sabbi .....	30



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.



### Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months, clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month in to twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

Your final results may vary depending on your attitude.

Have a Happy New Year!

## 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](mailto:TerryLAOH87@gmail.com) or call 215.280.5992 no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next issue.

We are especially looking for Family News!! 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](http://www.laoh87.com)

LAOH PA STATE – [www.statepalaoh.com](http://www.statepalaoh.com)

LAOH NATIONAL – [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://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](mailto:TerryLAOH87@gmail.com) in order to be added.



### GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

7:00 PM

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DIVISION 87 GROUP MASS

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 please join your AOH/LAOH Division 87 brothers and sisters as we attend mass together as a group. We will be attending the 11:30 AM mass at: Mother of Divine Grace; 2918 E. Thompson Street; Philadelphia, PA

Show your 87 Pride by wearing your favorite Division 87 gear.

### TGIF Happy Hour For Special Olympics



Friday, January 27, 2023  
AOH Division #87 Clubhouse  
3524 E. Thompson Street  
Parking Available  
Casbah Caterers at Tioga Street  
(just avoid numbered spots)  
6:00- 9:00 pm

**Guest Bartender - making her bartending debut!**  
**Terry Welsh!!!!**

Join us to support a great cause!!!

Snacks, Music and Raffle Baskets  
Drink of the night - GOLD MEDAL PUNCH!!!!

All tips will be donated to Special Olympics Polar Plunge  
being held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Citizen Bank Park

Interested in helping the cause but can't attend the event;  
please visit my fundraising page:

<https://give.specialolympicspa.org/fundraiser/4251418>

### BLOODY SUNDAY MASS

The Derry Society of Philadelphia will be hosting the annual Bloody Sunday Remembrance Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the Irish Center; 6815 Emlen Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19119.

As of this moment, the time is not set but it is typically 3:00 pm. Please watch your email for confirmation.

### AOH 87 WINTER FUNDRAISER

Division 87's winter fundraiser will be held on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

St. George's Hall

\$50.00 includes Canned beer, water, soda, Roast beef and Kielbasa sandwiches.

Music by the wonderful Natterjacks and Shanty's

More details to come!

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Parade will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

As stated in the President's Message, jackets have been selected. The Sisters and Brothers of 87 will be wearing the same jacket this year. Orders must be placed by mid-January so if you are unable to come to the meeting reach out to Maria Gallagher. She will be happy to help you.

The theme of the 2023 parade is: ST. PATRICK, LET THERE BE PEACE. The Grand Marshal of the 2023 Parade is: Dan Harrell.

More details to come!

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

Happy New Year my sisters!!! When I think of celebrating a new year, I first debate whether I can make it to midnight or not...usually not. I recall lots of parties, watching Guy Lombardo or Dick Clark on TV, joining the grownups banging pots and pans on the front steps in the frigid cold, tasting champagne for the first time and dragging myself out of bed for mass on New Year's Day. Now crossing the threshold into the new year is much simpler as I'm usually in bed by 10pm.

When I think of 2023, I am grateful for the precious gift of time and the life that fills it. As you cross the threshold into 2023, take a moment to pause. Stop to Remember, Respect and Regard. Remember past times with loved ones. Stay in that moment even if a tear slides from your eyes. Those good and difficult times brought you to this day and God still uses them to heal and strengthen you. Look back with gratitude. Respect the present. The word respect means to see again. See the now again with gratitude not longing for better times but with a prayer for the grace to live in the present with joy. Time reminds us that things change. Children grow up. People move in and out of our lives. Some go home to God. And here we are in this moment so make the most of it. Regard the future with hope. Lean on the fact that God wants only a future full of hope, of life, of love and joy for each of us and all of us. Lean on your faith and trust God's love.

On New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We celebrate the motherhood of Mary. It is a reminder to us of the role she played in Salvation history. Her Yes provided the vehicle for Christ to be born, to enter time as one of us. Mary is *Theotokos*, "God-bearer." You and I are called to be God-bearers to all who travel through time with us. If you struggle, go to Mary Mother of God. She knows and will always help.

Time and the experience of its passing is a gift to be lived with remembrance, respect and regard. It means you and I are alive! So bang some pots and pans and celebrate the precious gift of life one day at a time in 2023.

In the spirit of our Irish culture, this is my prayer for you:

*May the Lord keep you in the palm of His hand, and never close His fist too tight! May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live! May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future. Here's to a long life and a merry one. Slainte!*

## STATE OF THE HEART



State of the Heart will be held Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:30pm in the St. Joan of Arc Rectory. The rectory is located at 2025 East Atlantic Street. Pull into the parking lot off of East Atlantic Street. If anyone has any questions or needs a ride from Port Richmond, please contact Ann Marie Kuvik (215) 901-8052.

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.



# IRISH NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

Here's to a bright New Year  
And a fond farewell to the old  
Here's to the things that are yet to come  
And to the memories that we hold  
May God be with you and bless you  
May the best of this year be the worst of the next  
May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings  
May you know nothing but happiness  
From this day forward

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