

LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS "Our Lady of Knock" Division #87 – Organized February 4, 1992

May 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello Ladies,

Are you counting down the days to Memorial Weekend like me? Well, 31 more days from today.

If you missed the April meeting, we installed a new member and with only two months to go before we break for summer, please consider talking to a friend or neighbor about joining. Our organization not only does amazing charity work but it's also a place to make new friends with such dedicated women. Applications may be obtained by contacting Terry Welsh, our Recording Secretary.

Our next meeting on Tuesday May 2nd will begin with the rosary at 6:30 pm to honor Our Blessed Mother. Please try to make it since we have LAOH and AOH members that sure could use our prayers.

After the rosary we will have a short meeting and celebrate the gift of life with a baby shower. All donations we have collected and will collect that night will be going to Guiding Star Ministries which is a home for single pregnant women and their children located in Philadelphia. You will find a list of most needed items later in this edition of the newsletter. Angie, our favorite bartender, has prepared an awesome signature drink for May and we will have some delicious appetizers. Maybe we may even play a game or two of trivia.

We have a new fundraiser going on so hopefully you can purchase or sell some tickets. Only 200 tickets will be sold for a \$20.00 donation with 13 chances to win. Winners will be picked at the AOH club on May 20th every 5 minutes starting at 2:00 pm (live on our Facebook page) or you can come to the AOH club. The first 12 prizes selected will win \$100.00 and the grand prize winner will win \$500.00. Since the horses will be running in the Preakness that day, feel free to stay for a bit and watch the race.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at AOH Division 87 clubhouse at 6:30 pm for the rosary followed by our meeting/baby shower at 7:00 pm.

In Our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Maria





- 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
- Kathy Morrison requested prayers for the granddaughter of her friend. They have been friends since she was 14. April 6th Vienna had a really bad headache and nausea. They took her to the ER at St Mary's and found she had a brain tumor. She was rushed to CHOP. The tumor was removed. Several days later they found out it was cancer. So far the tests indicate that it hasn't spread. Vienna will have to learn to talk again and several other functions. She will be in the hospital for at least a month. She will have to go through at least 6 rounds of chemo. Vienna has a 4 month old baby sister.
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts



- Many blessings to Karen Nealon's granddaughter, Ava McConnell on her First Holy Communion on April 29th
- Savanna Hensler, daughter of Christi Hensler, will receive her class ring on April 28th from Mercy Tech High School. Congratulations to the class of 2024.
- Kathy Morrison's grandson, Braden Busby makes his first Holy Communion. He is making this at St Bede in Holland, PA. Braden is the son of Keith and Helena Busby.



The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better. Robert Kennedy

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!!!!!!





PRO-LIFE UNION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

In May we will be collecting the following items for the women and babies in need. The items below are particularly useful.

- Maternity Clothing
- New Baby Clothing (NB-1 yr)
- Diapers, Wipes, Towels, Blankets
- Cribs, Crib Sheets Sets, Crib Mattresses
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Baby Bottles, Burp Cloths, Bibs
- Infant Formula
- Baby Accessories (toys etc.)
- Baby Care (thermometer, nasal aspirator)
- Accessories for New Moms
- Toiletries for Babies and Moms



Prelude to the Preakness

Proceeds to benefit LAOH 87 Charity Fund

Drawing: Saturday, May 20th, 2023

12 Prizes of \$100 drawn every 5 minutes Beginning at 2:00 pm through 2:55 pm

Grand Prize winner drawn at 3:00 pm - \$500

Donation: \$20.00 (only 200 chances being sold)

Drawing will be held at AOH Division 87; 3524 E Thompson Street Drawing will also be shown on Facebook Live at LAOH Division 87 – Our Lady of Knock, Philadelphia

Winner need not be present to win.

Each winning ticket will be re-entered into the drawing for the Grand Prize drawing!!!

For chances contact:

Maria Gallagher (609) 304-7929 meglaoh@gmail.com Terry Welsh (215) 280-5992 TerryLAOH87@gmail.com



Payments may be made with Cash or via Venmo - @LAOH-DivisionEightySeven

(Be sure to indicate "Preakness" in the description).



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2023 DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE!

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please be sure to contact Donna Kearney as soon as possible. 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 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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!

Jackie Jones 18



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.



GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023

6:30 PM - Pray the Rosary

7:00 PM – General Meeting

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 <u>TerryLAOH87@gmail.com</u> 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 – <u>www.ladiesaoh.com</u>

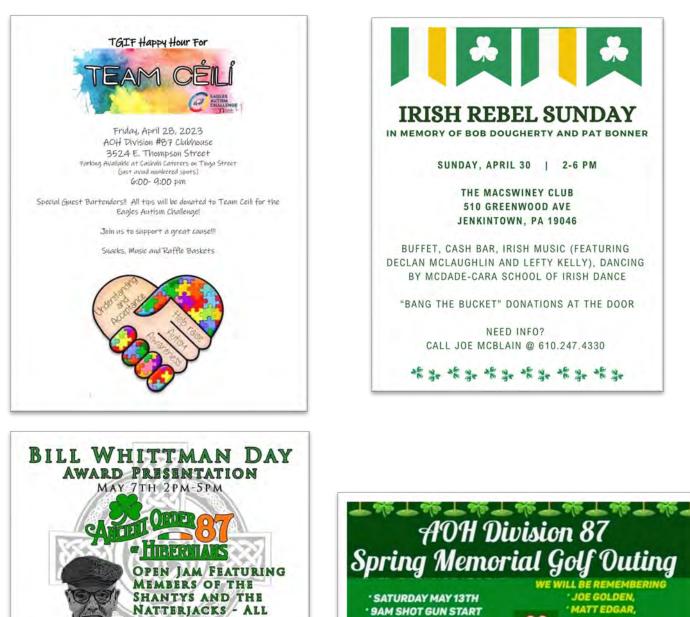
LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group - https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?

If you aren't receiving division email news, please send your email address to <u>TerryLAOH87@gmail.com</u> in order to be added.







MEMBERS OF THE SHANTYS AND THE NATTERJACKS - ALL ARE WELCOME!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

First, I must make a confession to you...it is 4:00pm and I have until 6:00pm tonight to submit a reflection to Terry for our newsletter. The last six weeks have been relentless in terms of managing time. On March 1, we found out we had to leave our home at Saint Joan of Arc. We knew we would be leaving but the reality snuck up on us. So, Sister Linda and I started convent/house hunting. Long story short, God intervened through Saint John Neumann, CSSR.

Since I was young, I have had devotion to the "Little Bishop." I would go to the shrine with my mother when I was a child and have returned there many times since, especially when I felt powerless and yes, even hopeless. There is a story told that when our sisters moved into the motherhouse in Chestnut Hill in the 1850's they would hear screams and chains rattling at night. Bishop Neumann came and performed a blessing (some say an exorcism) of the house and the noises stopped. Bishop Neumann told the sisters that if they ever needed anything to write to him. A crucifix hangs in the basement of what was then the Monticello Mansion at the spot where Saint John said mass. His chalice is in our congregational museum, and I asked permission to use it at my twenty fifth Jubilee mass. Over the years, I write to Saint John Neumann whenever I need anything. I often go to the shrine at 5th and Girard and write my intentions at his relic. My friend, Saint John has always come through for me.

Over the years, Saint John Neumann has helped me many times, but this time I couldn't believe how concrete his help was. Someone heard that Sister Linda and I were looking for a home and told us about a house the Redemptorist priests own at 5th and Girard. We moved in last Tuesday and now I live next door to my favorite saint.

So I am writing this reflection to publicly thank the "Little Bishop" and God. Keep praying and hoping even when you want to give up. Our prayers are always answered, just not in the way we think they should be answered. God can and will surprise us.

Prayer to Saint John Neumann:

St. John Neumann, obtain for me from the Father, through the merits of Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Virgin Mary, and your own prayers, the pardon of my sins, final persevering in faith, and the gift of paradise. Obtain for me also the special favor which I now ask through your intercession with God Amen.

If you have a special intention, text or email me and I'd be happy to pass it on to Saint John Neumann at the shrine.

In our motto, Sister Lisa

STATE OF THE HEART



The State of the Heart for May has not been scheduled as yet. Watch your email for any updates or contact any officer.

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.



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

- 1. Veterans
- 2. Decoration
- 3. Day
- 4. Flags
- 5. Flowers 6. Memorial
- 7. Service
- 8. Honor
- 9. Remember 10. May
- 11. Americans
- 12. Holiday
- 13. Ceremony
- 14. Sacrifice
- **15. Heroes**
- 16. Freedom



May, the Month of Mary

"Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted".

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