

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

January 2024 Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Sisters of LAOH Division 87,

With the special day of the birth of the Christ child behind us, we next await the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Imagine poor Mary just giving birth in a barn with Her baby boy now spending His first days in a manger of hay and in walks three men, probably the last thing she had in mind but as the story goes they say "we saw the star in the east and have come to worship Him". I hope the magic of the Christmas Season and the coming of Our Savior moves you to the guidance of a New Year and the great gift of His love.

Hopefully, the hustle and bustle is in the past and you can enjoy time of relaxation, at least for the month of January. Soon after that we will be scheduling our biggest fundraiser, yep Irish Potatoes!! We are working on it now. Keep some time open the last 2 weeks of February.

As usual Terry has done a great job with the newsletter so I'm going to cut my message short this month.

Enjoy reading the pages and marking down a few events coming up. We need your support, and you are always welcome to stop by the club at 3524 E Thompson Street. It is open every day from noon till at least 9:00 pm on weekdays and later on weekends. Every Thursday at 7:00 pm you can join in and play shuffleboard. Teams are picked that night so no need to commit to every week.

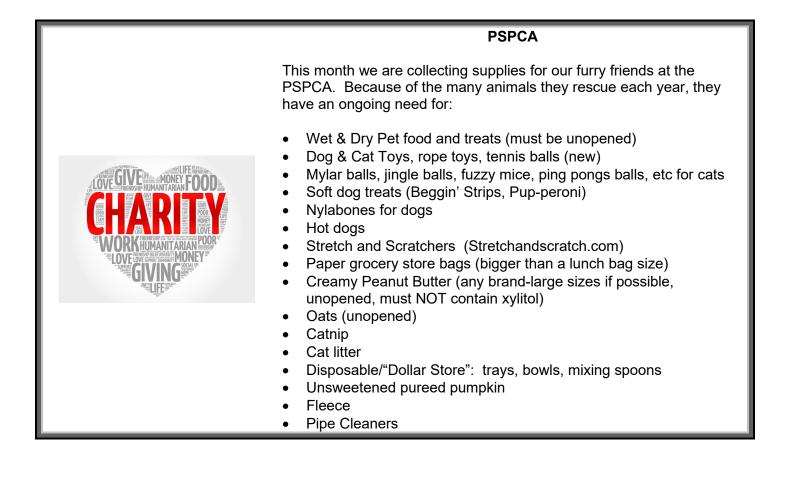
Please keep all our family and friends in your prayers. We lost many good members this past year but they will not be forgotten. Remember to be kind ... everyone is dealing with something.

In Our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Maria



- Kathy Annan
- Kate Centofante
- Bunny Clark
- MJ Hayes
- Nancy Jones
- Colleen Bowers
- Kathy Fanning
- Ed Halligan
- Dennis James (Joanne James' husband)
- Drew Kearney
- All the unspoken concerns we hold dear in our hearts





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2024 DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Please be sure to see Donna Kearney at the January 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 "2023 Dues".

Please remember you must be a member in good standing in order to remain on the membership list.

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 – <u>www.statepalaoh.com</u>

LAOH Division 87 Facebook Group – https://www.facebook.com/LAOH87 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 <u>TerryLAOH87@gmail.com</u> in order to be added.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR SISTERS!

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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.





Join us to support a great cause!!!

Snacks, Music and Raffle Baskets

All tips will be donated to Special Olympics Polar Plunge being held on Saturday, February 10th 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/5149901

BLOODY SUNDAY MASS

The Derry Society of Philadelphia will be hosting the annual Bloody Sunday Remembrance Mass on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the Irish Center; 6815 Emlen Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19119. Mass will be held at 3:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!

AOH 87 WINTER FUNDRAISER

Division 87's winter fundraiser will be held on Sunday February 18th, 2024 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

St. George's Hall

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

Featuring The Natterjacks, The Shanty's , Pic G , and Stall the Digger

More details to come!





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Sr. Lisa Breslin, SSJ

Sisters,

As we begin 2024, I share a few of my favorite quotes from the Saints. My prayer for you and your loved ones is that this New Year will bring peace and joy to your hearts and homes.

In our motto. Sister Lisa

"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."

-St. Gemma Galgani

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew."

- St. Francis de Sales

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache."

- Ven. Fulton Sheen

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often"

-St. John Henry Newman

"Do something beautiful for God. Do it with your life. Do it every day. Do it your own way. But do it! -St. Mother Teresa

STATE OF THE HEART



The next State of the Heart will be held January 15th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. 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.

New LAOH Division 87 T-Shirts for Sale!



Sizes available S – 3XL

\$15.00 each

Limited supply available at the meeting

Sweatshirts coming soon!!!

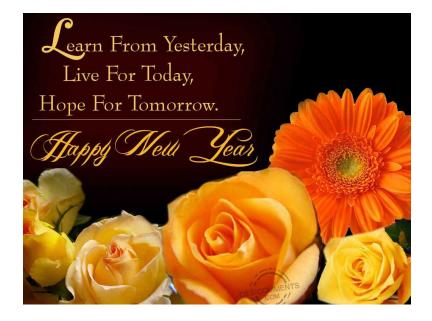


GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

7:00 PM

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





May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours! - Irish Blessing

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