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Message from The LAOH NYS President, MaryBeth Durkee

Sisters;

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of becoming your New York State President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc., I consider it an honor and privilege to serve YOU as your leader over the next two years.
I have requested my officers (your sisters) on the Board, to send introductory letters to their counterparts on the County and Division levels. Each one telling a little about themselves and their hopes for the coming term in their new positions. In keeping with this may I say….

I have been a member of the LAOH for over 50 years (starting at the age of 19); I've served in almost every office from Sentinel to President on both Division and County levels; and fulfilled every State office except Irish Historian on the State Board.

On the personal side:

I've been married to my husband Peter (Past AOH State President) for 55 years, we've raised 4 sons and 3 daughters, and are Gram and Poppa to 13 grandchildren and have 1 great granddaughter, London. I retired from County government work but work part-time for Aramark for the past 29 years. I've been a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Church in South Troy.
someone to "hear you out", I will be there! It may take until after dinner for me to be free to really listen, but listen I will, and will help to find a fair solution.

I have no "earth shaking' plans for my administration, as I said at convention, "we need to treat our Hibernian sisters as we would treat our own blood sisters" with a little kindness and understanding. My point in mentioning all the above, is that I am just as human as any of you, I have the same "strings attached" to me. If you ever have a question or need
A little can go a long way.

I have requested Deacon Charles Wojton to be our new Chaplain, and he has accepted. We will be hearing from "Deacon Chuck" at Board meetings and he may also submit articles to our newsletter.
I have appointed Mary Hogan as our Public Relations officer and directed her to revitalize "the St. Brigid's New York Connection" newsletter. Mary will be contacting each County and Division with instructions concerning the time frame for submitting articles and pictures, please get your division involved!
Joan Moore from Rockland County is our new appointee to FFAI, and Jeri Hess from Albany County will chair Immigration and Education. Both of these ladies will be keeping you informed on these important issues, please give them your cooperation!
Kim Clancy from Albany County has accepted the Webmaster position, and she will keep us in the "public eye" on "Facebook and Twitter". Our members only page will still be password protected and the Presidents will receive the new password to distribute each time it changes.
Mary (Sissy) Durkee has accepted the fund raiser position and is working out plans for the next year events. She will be our co-chair on the annual Hibernian calendar endeavor (our biggest fund raiser) and you will be hearing from her in the near future.
Christina Parisi has agreed to stay on as our auditor and Terry Meyer, Denise Sobus, Regina Begley and Cathy Turck have agreed to act as my counterpart in the four regions of our State, should there be a need for a personal State visit.
On the subject of visit…. I'd love to visit and meet with our members, especially in those areas where we hear very little from the membership and officers (never attend conventions, state board meetings, participate in fund raising, calendar sales etc.). A problem cannot be fixed if I'm not aware there is a problem. Please keep an open mind, I'll keep an open phone line (518) 274-8448, 9:A.M.—9:P.M. or email mbdurk7@gmail.com.
Our first State Board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The price of the hotel room will be $99.00 per night. All information concerning this meeting will be sent to you in the "Official Call" at a later date.

In closing, I would like to repeat Thank You for this opportunity, and if you ever have a question or even a remark, please feel free to contact me at the above number.
I remain sincerely in our motto,
Mary Beth Durkee ---
LAOH New York State President
(518) 274-8448, 9:A.M.—9:P.M.
email mbdurk7@gmail.com.

The LAOH NYS Chaplain, Deacon Charles Z. Wojton

Our LAOH NYS Chaplin, Deacon Chuck, had a total hip replacement at Albany Medical Center. President Durkee is not sure how long he will be in the hospital or if he is going home or to a rehab facility. Please keep him in your prayers and perhaps consider sending a card to wish him a speedy recovery.
His home address is:
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Message from The LAOH NYS Vice President, Agnes "Aggie" O'Leary

Dear Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the summer. It was wonderful seeing my sisters from across the State at our July Convention. Thank you for your support and hard work.

I am honored to serve as your new State Vice President. I look forward to working with all of you.

If you have received this correspondence in error, I apologize.

I am asking **Directors** of the Degree teams to forward to me (1) a current list of your team officers, and your members, including names, address, telephone number, division, county and email addresses by **November 1, 2019**, (2) a list of all members that your team has conferred degrees to, including Name, division, county and year of degree, on or before **July 26, 2010,** each team should keep and maintain a copy for your team records. (Thereafter, please forward to me the same information on any future degrees.) Please notify me of the date, time and location of any degrees your teams conducts, prior to the degree, so this information can be share with our sisters throughout the State.

I am asking all **Vice President/Junior Coordinators** to forward to me (1) your current Name, address, phone number, email address, division and county and number of Girls in your Junior Division. Please forward to me any activities your girls are involved in, as I would like to share these activities with our Public Relations Officer. (2) Ensure adherence to the provisions of the constitution regarding the Protection of God's Children, (3) keep copies in your Division/County of Virtus Training for **All** Adults volunteering with your Junior Girls.

I will notify all Vice President of the operation, promotion and advancement of the availability of the Trinity College Scholarship and the Notre Dame Scholarship at all levels.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or concerns. I look forward to working with you all; and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Aggie,

Aggie O'Leary, NYS LAOH Vice President
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Message from The LAOH NYS Secretary, Regina Begley

Dear Sisters,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for the honor to serve as your New York State Secretary for the next 2 years. I look forward to this wonderful opportunity to work with all of you.

I have been a member of the LAOH, in Nassau County, since 1996. Since joining Division 17 in Long Beach, I had the pleasure of serving on the Executive Board as President, Vice President and Treasurer. In 2003, I was elected to the Nassau County Board and culminated my County Board experience in June 2017 after serving 2 terms (4 years) as Nassau County President. I joined the NYS Board in 2013 as your Catholic Action Officer and have since completed a 2 year term as the NYS Irish Historian and a 2 year term as the NYS Treasurer. I have also joined the Celtic Degree Team based in Suffolk County.

As my first order of business, I will be requesting any **Division/County who has had elections or a change in Officers since completing their 2018 Membership report to send me updated contact information for the new Officers**. The Office of Secretary relies heavily on accurate information to be sure all State correspondence is received at the Division/County level. It is my goal to have this completed in time for the Call to the LAOH NYS November Board meeting.

On temporary basis, I will be filling in for NYS Past President Carol McTigue as President Durkee's representative in the Southern tier of the State. This includes Kings, Nassau, Queens, Richmond and Suffolk Counties. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and when possible, I would be happy to attend any County/Division events.

On a personal level, in September 2016, I retired from New York Life Insurance Company as a Corporate Vice President of their Information Technology Department. After 11 months of complete and total relaxation, I began a part time job in the Religious Education Office of Our Lady of Peace in Lynbrook, NY.

Please be assured that I accept the responsibility entrusted to me to be responsible for all correspondence and duties associated with the office of State Secretary.

I am here to serve the membership so please feel free to contact me if you need help with anything. I am happy to assist you any way I can.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Regina,

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Message from The LAOH NYS Treasurer, Therese Meyer

Dear Sisters,

It is my honor to once again have your support to serve you on the NYS LAOH board. Thank you all for electing me to the office of NYS LAOH Treasurer and I look forward to working with all of you for the next 2 years.

As a brief LAOH background for those of you who may not know me I have been a member for 24 years and have held every office in the division and county levels, and have been our State Missions & Charity and most recently as our State Irish Historian for 2017-2019 which I had the great privilege of planning our 125th celebrations. I am currently the President of Division 6, St. Ita of Orange County and the Immediate Past President of Orange County.

I currently own & run a business with my husband for the last 18 years and was an HR Officer for over 30 years and still do some consulting for employee handbooks with companies. I am on the Board of Advisors for the American Cancer Society, Fund raising for North American Charity Challenge for St. Judes Children's Hospital and participate in other charitable organizations such as doing the ALS Walk over the Hudson Valley Walkway in memory of a dear friend's brother who passed away from that devastating disease. Keeps me busy but I was raised to always give back and have raised my children to do the same. There but for the grace of God as the saying goes.

I have been once again asked by President Durkee to be the representative for her of the Hudson Valley and am pleased and honored to continue working with all of you in the Hudson Valley and will continue to be available to answer questions, concerns, and attend meetings when you need me.

As Treasurer I cannot stress enough the importance of communicating with each other. I am using the emails we have on file so if you are not the Treasurer or President please let us know so we can update our records so information goes to the right person.

Annual Year end reports will come to me from National later on in the fall and I will disseminate them out to all County & Division Treasurers once I receive them which are why correct email addresses are so important. You should be tracking your spending and income throughout the year so when it's time to do the yearend report it won't be stressful to complete.

If you are planning on changing your banks please remember there a different protocol than a few years ago due to law changes for non-profits. When you are going to change your bank **I strongly advise you don't close old account until new one is opened** as it may take a little more time to open a new account. It is now a requirement in order to open in a new bank such as Articles of Incorporation, Letter of Authority, EIN # and minutes of meeting stating election of new officers who will be the 2 signers on accounts. You **must** now notify our National Treasurer Mary Ann Lubinsky that you wish to open a new bank account and she will send all required documents directly to the bank.

Her contact information is maryannlubinsky@gmail.com . She **also needs** the contact information of bank representative you will be dealing with. There is a form on our National website that you must complete and send to her to do all of this. You will find it under the National Treasurer on www.LadiesAOH.com

Once again I look forward to working with all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or need any assistance I am here to help.

Yours in our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ

Dear Sisters,

This letter is being sent as advanced notification for our upcoming LAOH NYS November Board meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 125 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866 on the weekend of November 1-2, 2019.

Reservations MUST be made to (518) 587-1500 group code LAOH by SEPTEMBER 17th 2019 in order to qualify for the special rate of $99.00 per night plus tax. This special rate will apply for Friday, Saturday and Sunday if anyone is interested in making it a weekend.

The Officer's meeting will be scheduled for Saturday morning at 9:30 A.M. and the general meeting will start at 1:00 P.M.

County Presidents, this letter was sent to Division Presidents. Please ensure they have received it.

I will be sending out the Official call to the State Board meeting in the middle of September. You will receive your delegate attendance sheet at that time. This letter is just to make you aware of the cut-off date for the $99 room rate and to ask that you make your reservations as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Saratoga Springs!

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Regina Begley

NYS Secretary

LAOH, Inc.

Message from The LAOH NYS Irish Historian, JoAnn Gundersen

Dear Sisters,

I would like to begin by thanking you for choosing me to be your 2019-2021 Irish Historian at the LAOH NYS Convention in July 2019, in Albany, NY. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last two years serving as your Missions and Charities Officer and I am looking forward to the next two years in my new role!

This year we are celebrating our 125th Anniversary with events scheduled for October 10–12, 2019 at The Dearborn Inn, Dearborn MI. I encourage all LAOH NYS members to attend our 125th Anniversary Celebration. More information can be found on the LAOH National Board website: www.ladiesaoh.com.

LAOH National Irish Historian, Sandi Swift, will be putting together our 125th Anniversary Commemoration book on the history of the LAOH in the United Sates from 1894-2019, with the help of Past National President Mary Hogan and National Secretary Marilyn Madigan. I am asking for every member in NY State to go and seek out any information you can obtain, regarding our history. All submissions for this book will need to be sent to Sandi Swift by February 1, 2020**. I attached an e-mail dated July 29, 2019 from Sandi Swift** regarding information on the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Please share my Introduction letter and the attached e-mail from Sandi Swift at your County and Division meetings.

The Irish History 'writing contest' will start on October 1, 2019. I am scheduled to receive the brochure, rules, guidelines, etc. from Sandi Swift by September 1st. The 2019-2020 theme is: The History of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) in the USA. More information will be sent to all LAOH NYS County Presidents and County Irish Historians once I receive the information from Sandi Swift.

To all LAOH NYS Members (and Juniors), please start taking pictures at all of your upcoming events for your Scrapbook. I will be sending out more information on the scrapbook contest in the near future. We will be having our **NYS Scrapbook** on display at the LAOH National Convention in Orlando, FL, in July 2020.

In closing, if you are not the current LAOH County President or County Irish Historian and received this Introduction letter, I ask for you to forward this letter to your Irish Historian and reply to my e-mail with the person's name and e-mail address, so I can update my records.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
JoAnn Gundersen,
LAOH NYS Irish Historian (2019-2021)
jgunde2000@aol.com

Message from LAOH National Irish Historian, Sandi Swift RE: LAOH 125th Anniversary Book

Sandi Swift <sandiswift@ladiesaoh.com> LAOH Natl Historian
Date: Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 8:53 PM
Subject: Historian Updates with Regard to the 125th Anniversary

To: Good evening to our State Historians, State Presidents and National Board members: I would like to congratulate all those who have recently been elected to their office. In the event you are not a State President or State Historian please let me know so I may update my database. Please also pass this email on to the new officer (copy me) as soon as possible.

Sisters, there will be several topics addressed in this letter:

1-LAOH State History Displays at LAOH 125th Anniversary Celebration in October.

2-LAOH 125th commemorative items for sale.

3-LAOH *125th Anniversary Commemoration* book on the history of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians from 1894 – 2019.

1-Each state is requested to create some sort of display on the LAAOH/LAOH history in your state. Your display may be a pop-up retractable banner, scrapbook, poster board, historical items, etc. (we CANNOT accept any display that needs to be attached to a wall). You as a State will decide what you will display to represent your state's rich history. Maureen Shelton advised that the hotel will be providing space upstairs in the area by the ballroom. Will the State Presidents, if you are not attending, please appoint someone from your state to bring what it is you want to display about the history of your Divisions, Counties, and State? Please let me know by the end of September what you will be bringing so I may ensure there is enough display space for everyone.

2- Please encourage your members to attend our 125th Anniversary Celebration commemoration. Additionally, the LAOH 125th commemoration items we currently have will be available for purchase; once we sell out of these items they will not be reordered. They are limited quantities available so again, please encourage your members to order them now. As for the collectible "challenge" commemoration coin, these are nice to keep extras on hand to give to speakers, or those who you want to show appreciation to by presenting them with a LAOH commemorative coin. It is in the similar fashion as the police and firefighter coins. If you wish to order these items in advance please contact Colleen McKenzie at cjmckenzie2002@yahoo.com. Here is the link to the order form and pictures of the items: http://www.ladiesaoh.com/sheila/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/LAOH-125th-Collectible-Accessories-Order-Form-1.pdf

3- I will be putting together our 125th Commemoration book on the history of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States from 1894 - 2019, with the help of Mary Hogan and Marilyn Madigan. We spent several days together going through our archives and were able to scan and copy many items but we are still lacking much information on our states. This is where we need the help of every member. Every

state/county/division/degree team is being asked to submit a written history for our Order's book. We would like written histories from ALL Divisions, Counties, Degree Teams and States for the book. This book will be available for future generations to know what we are all about; DON'T BE LEFT OUT, once the book is printed we cannot add late entries. You may send your information to me, Sandi Swift. Please make sure to send a copy to your Division, County, and State Irish Historian so she may also keep a copy for her records AND keep a copy for your division records. It needs to be on 8.5 x 11, Times New Roman, 12 pt font, single space, Word format.
--We will also accept submissions on any disbanded division, county or state; if any sister has information on a disbanded division please forward it for inclusion into our history book.
--If there is a Past National President, who is deceased from your State would that State please provide a separate submission for that person? *Please keep this to LAOH history only and not personal history.*

The book will be available at our 2020 National Convention. Our October, LAOH 125th commemoration celebration will be included in the book. All submissions for this book will need to be into me by February 1st., the feast of our Patron, Saint Brigid of Ireland. Please have it in the proper font, done in Word format. Email ALL submissions to Sandi Swift sandiswift@ladiesaoh.com Put in subject LAOH History.

Additionally we will have a "sponsor ad" available to support the printing of this book. These sponsor ads will be for congratulating the LAOH on the 125th Anniversary. I will send a form out with further details; if anyone has seen the book the AOH did for the 175th, it will be similar to that type of a publication. These sponsors are separate from the program book for President Sheyer's celebration being held this October.

If you have, or have access to any information with regards to a person in our Order, an event, or copies of original programs, medallions, etc. separate from your own history, please let me know, we would like to scan them for our Archives and possible use in the book. Please check "grannies" attic, make phone calls to older or former members, the families of deceased members who still may records or memorabilia about the LAAOH/LAOH; check old newspapers, particularly local ones who may not be on-line; libraries, and historical societies in your area for information; do an online search for a person or event that was important in your division; ask your brothers in the local AOH if they have old records or histories, many include the LAAOH/LAOH.

Please make copies of any info you may find about the LAAOH/LAOH for our archives; even if you do not use it in your history submission the info is still valuable for our archives and future research.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. You may reach me at sandiswift@ladiesaoh.com or call me at 314-750-6907. I do work, and school is about to start, if I do not answer, please leave a message.
In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
Sandi Riley Swift
National Historian
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.

Message from The LAOH NYS Missions & Charities,

Catherine Doherty,

Dear Sisters,

I would like to begin by thanking you for choosing me to be your 2019-2021 NYS Missions and Charities Officer at the LAOH NYS Convention in July 2019, in Albany, NY. It has been a joy and honor to serve these past two years as your Catholic Action Officer and I am looking forward to the next two years in my new role.

Our LAOH NYS Charities are: Columban Fathers, www.columban.org, Columban Sisters, www.columbansisters.org, and "The Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant". More information on this Grant can be viewed on the LAOH NYS website, www.laohnys.com, under Members, Resources, Members (LAOH Documents). Donations should be made out to NYS Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. and mailed directly to me at 15 Lake Shore Drive, Patchogue NY 11772. Checks are to be accompanied by a completed donation form, in order to be credited properly. (**Donations to the Columban Fathers and Sisters are to be sent directly to Colleen Bowers, 1404 Swantek Street Pittsburgh, PA 15204 LAOH National Missions and Charities Officer,** . Checks payable to: LAOH, Inc. ***(Please do not send any donations directly to the Columban Fathers or Columban Sisters).*** Please visit the LAOH National Website, www.ladiesaoh.com, for more information regarding Columban Fathers and Columban Sisters.

Some information I would like to share and another nice way to support the **Columban Fathers is the "Starter Kits". "Starter Kits"** contain cards and envelopes for "In Memoriam, Spiritual Gift, Recovery, Birthday, Healing, Deceased Mass and Living Mass as well as green enrollment forms, pink Mass forms and white Healing forms. It is recommended that you submit $10.00 payment when ordering "Starter Kits". These are ordered **directly from the Columban Fathers** (877-299-1920). Each County and Division can order a Starter Kit and a subscription of the Columban Magazine for their Missions and Charities Officer. You can order on-line or by calling Columban offices at the above toll-free number. The magazine subscription fee is also $10.00.

If you need to reach me concerning anything about this office please email me at cathieedoherty@hotmail.com, or call 631-905-9388, I am here to offer assistance in any way I can.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Cathie Norton Doherty
631-905-9388
cathieedoherty@hotmail.com,

Message from The LAOH NYS Catholic Action, Teresa Kearns

Dear Sisters,

I'm writing to introduce myself to you as your new Catholic Action Officer. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you for the next two years. It is an honor and a privilege. This is the first time that a Sister from the Western New York region has been elected to this State board and I hope to make everyone proud.

I am a charter member of Division II, Lockport in Niagara County. I have served in almost every position on both Division and County levels and am currently County President. The past four years I have served this State Board as your Immigration & Education appointee. I am a member of St. Patrick's church and serve my Parish as Chairman of the Greeter committee. My husband Joe (Niagara County AOH Vice-President) and I have been married for 28 years. I have been a Certified Dental Assistant for the last 40 years.

Catholic Action responsibilities cover several areas and I intend to help you and I understand all that it encompasses. As your State Catholic Action officer my first responsibility is to encourage fundraising for **Project St. Patrick,** (to aid young seminarians in their studies), and **SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious).** New York has lead in contributions and I hope we can continue that.

All forms of Christian Charity are an important part of Catholic Action. From volunteering, to collecting food and clothing. Helping promote our faith and defending our beliefs such as the Right to Life. Bringing attention to anything derogatory or demeaning to the Irish or to Catholics.

I look forward to the next two years and working with my Sisters across this great state. If you have any questions, or if I can be of help in any way, please feel free to contact me.

As always in our motto,

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OCTOBER is RESPECT LIFE Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

https://www.respectlife.org/october

Message from The LAOH NYS Immediate Past State President / Organizer, Jacqueline Clute

Hello Sisters,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the rest of the summer.

I have been asked to write a letter of introduction for my new job, that of organizer. I am looking forward to helping start new divisions in our state.

This is where we stand in our recruitment efforts:

1. Karen Keane is still working on the possible Bronx division- I think it is only right to allow Karen to finish what she started.

2. There is a committee that was appointed by our new NYS President, MaryBeth Durkee, that will be trying to save the Greene County division that I have been appointed too.

I am mindful that we need to always welcome women who qualify for membership and there are many opportunities to start new divisions. In the coming months I will send out ideas that may be helpful to those who see an opportunity to start a division in a nearby county or an area of their county that wants a division.

I am here to help my sisters in this endeavor, you may contact me by phone at: 518-395-9964 or by email at: banbha1021@gmail.com

In Our Motto,

Jackie
Jacqueline Clute
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ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP
QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Any woman sixteen (16) years or older, being a practicing Roman Catholic, who is Irish or of Irish descent through either parent, or who is legally adopted, or who is the wife or mother of a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc, or the mother of a member of either the Junior Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc., or the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc, or a woman of a Catholic religious order shall be eligible for membership in this Order. Any women possessing the above qualifications may be admitted to membership with all rights and privileges.

Message from the LAOH NYS Appointees 2019 - 2021

***Auditor*—Christina Parisi, clp110388@hotmail.com;**
***Freedom for All Ireland*—Joan Moore, joan55mmoore@msn.com;**
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***Immigration & Education*—Jeryl Hess, dalunchlady1@aol.com;**
***Information Technology* - Kimberly A Clancy, laohnysweb@gmail.com;**
***Public Relations* - Mary Hogan, LAOHBklyn@aol.com**

The LAOH NYS Webmaster / Information Technology - Kimberly A. Clancy

Hello Sisters:

My name is Kimberly Ann Clancy. That's right, that is the name my mother gave me. Of course, I answer to Kim or Clancy or even Kimmy.

I am writing to introduce myself to the membership of The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of New York State, as your newly installed Webmaster to the State Board. I want to first thank our President, Mary Beth Durkee for the appointment and the confidence she has entrusted in me to perform the duties of my office. Additionally, I was asked to serve as the State Sport Chair for the NYS Ladies.

I have been a member of the Albany JFK, Division #1 since 2003. I learned a great deal from all my sisters in the Division, County, State and National levels. I have served each Board on many levels. In the Albany Division I held the office of Sentinel, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. I served every office on the Albany County Board and I am the currently the Immediate Past President. On the State Level I chaired the Protocol and Procedures Committee for the 2018 Buffalo Convention. I have also been the Secretary for many committees at the State and National Conventions. In 2012, I was the Registration Chair for the National Convention at Turning Stone in New York. This position afforded me to meet many of my Sisters from New York and around the country. It was a joy to speak with someone on the phone in preparation for the Convention, and then actually meet them in person! Many of these Sisters I now count as close friends. Isn't that what our motto is all about? Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity! Enough about me, let me tell you what I am here to do for you!

As Webmaster, it is my responsibility to keep the **State's Website (laohnys.com**) current with all the great things we are doing. To that end, I encourage you to send me information about upcoming events, articles and pictures. Everyone is eager to learn about your success as members of the Order. I can be reached by email at (laohnysweb@gmail.com) and as a reminder **The New York State LAOH has face book (facebook@laohnys) and twitter pages (twitter@laohnys).**

On the "Members" Page of the website you can find, Website/Social Media Tips and a bounty of helpful information on Resources & Links. ***The page (LAOH Documents) is password protected*** – the password is (sister) all lower case. The documents you will find there are; Officers Reports, Convention Proceedings, Board Meeting Minutes, National Constitution, NYS By-Laws, etc.

As the LAOH NYS Sports Chair, I will work my counterpart on the Men's Board to include the Ladies on all events. I have a few ideas on how to make the events fun for all. The LAOH NYS Board would appreciate more of the Ladies be included/participate in the events. FUN is my sport. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance. You can also contact me on **my cell (518) 426-5108.** I'm here for you Sisters, use me.

In Our Motto,
Kimberly A. Clancy,
New York State Webmaster

The LAOH NYS Immigration & Education, Jeryl Hess

Dear Sister's,

I am truly honored to be appointed as Immigration and Education, I am a proud member of Division # 3 in Watervliet and Albany County, I currently hold the office of Division Vice President and Albany County President, In the times that we are in with Immigration I am looking forward to working with Dan Dennehy and his wife Siobhan. I will always be available for anything anyone with question on the matter of immigration and education, My Email address is dalunchlady1@aol.com for anyone who needs me. Thank you all for your support.

In Our Motto

Jeryl Hess,
dalunchlady1@aol.com

The LAOH NYS Freedom For All Ireland (FFAI), Joan Moore

Dear Sisters,

I am honored to have been appointed by our State President, Mary Beth Durkee, to be your representative for Freedom for All Ireland for 2019-2021. This is my first year on the State Board and I am looking forward to working with Marybeth and her board as well as many of you to keep you informed about what is happening in Ireland and the importance of Freedom for All Ireland.

Many of you may know me, "Joan Moore, Rockland County" but for those of you who do not, I will give a little background on myself. I live in Pearl River and am married to Dermot Moore and am the proud mother of 3 boys, Thomas Ashe, Terence McSweeney and Conor Naughton and 1 daughter Margaret O'Rourke, proud Grandmother to Cormac McConnell, Charles Holt and Rose Mary. As you can see by these names, Irish history is important to our family and why I am honored to be your FFAI chairperson. I had the pleasure of having a great Irish woman teach me and inspire me to become involved in all things Irish, Mary Holt Moore. I have held the FFAI position on both the Division and County Levels and have worked with Men's Division 3 to have many guest speakers here in Rockland. such as Ruan O'Donnell, representative and families of Relatives for Justice and Denis Mulcahy speaking on his documentary "How to Diffuse a Bomb". I have held many positions on both the Division and County levels cumulating in being elected as President for both.

I would like to sincerely thank Dolores Desch the immediate past FFAI Chairperson. She is deeply involved in this issue concerning Ireland and I encourage all of you to read her report for the State meeting. She has a lot of information as to the various groups that benefit from our donations and the importance of continued support for FFAI. The pending Brexit is a high priority for those living in the North of Ireland to help ensure there is NO hard border in Ireland. I will continue in her lead to keep you informed of the effects of Brexit in the North and Ireland overall. We need to continue to support the people in the North and monitor what effects Brexit will have on our beloved Ireland.

There are a great many ways to keep informed such as showing of some of the powerful and moving movies/documentaries out there:" *Unquiet Graves*" by Sean Murray, "*How to Diffuse a Bomb*" by Denis Mulcahy, Netflix "*Remastered- the Miami Showband Massacre*" or some of the new books out "*Counterinsurgency and Collusion in Northern Ireland*" by Mark McGovern . I encourage all of you to check our **website http://www.loahnys.com/ffai.html** for presentation by Divisions or Counties. Dolores also provided a table of the donations made by various Divisions/Counties so please check it out and let me know if your group is not on there.

I would like to remind you all that the FFAI Appeal is starting up soon and all donations are to be sent : Agnes Gowdy LAOH National FFAI Chairperson, 13201 Rosselo Ave Warren, MI 48088 (586) 573-4121 Sengarose48@gmail.com **Be sure to make checks out to LAOH Inc**., and indicated which organization you want the funds to go to or just the general fund in the memo area. I would appreciate if you would copy me on all your FFAI donations so I can report to all how much NYS has donated.

In Closing, if you are not the current LAOH County/Division President or County/Division FFAI Chair and received this Introduction letter, I ask for you to forward this letter to your Freedom for All Ireland chairperson and reply to my email with the person's name and email address, so I can update my records.

Yours in Friendship, UNITY and Christian Charity,

Joan Moore
LAOH NY State FFAI Chairperson,
155 Hunt Ave., Pearl River, NY 10965,
joan55mmoore@msn.com

Article XV

Section 12. FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND APPOINTEE shall:

A. Promote the education of members on the Freedom For All Ireland mission and program guidelines.

B. Promote the implementation of the major "giving period" commonly referred to as the Christmas Appeal.

C. Promote the education of members on the status between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

D. Provide a Freedom For All Ireland Report at each meeting at each respective level.

E. Ensure that all Freedom For All Ireland communications from the National Freedom For All Ireland Appointee are provided to the membership at each respective level.

The LAOH NYS Auditor, Christina Parisi

Good afternoon Sisters,

I would like to introduce myself as the Auditor appointed for this term of the office for the NYS Board LAOH. I would be remiss if I don't thank our NY State President, Mary Beth Durkee for this appointment.

I have worked closely with former National Auditor, Kathryn Keane, at her office in Brooklyn for the past twelve years. I assisted Kathryn with many of the audits she conducted as National Auditor. I have also conducted the audits for NYS for the past two years.

My job as auditor is to audit each of the bank accounts of the NYS Board not just to make sure the accounting balances, but to make sure that each expense is reasonable and within our exempt purpose. President Durkee has also asked me to work with our Treasurer, Therese Meyer to ensure the filing of all tax returns within the state of NY.

If you have any questions about your current or previous year's tax returns or about ***any correspondence you may receive from the IRS, please feel free to contact me at the below numbers.*** I have worked in a tax office for many years and worked with Kathryn Keane on the tax filings and reinstatement process for all LAOH entities, so I am able to help you with any questions and/or issues you may have with regard to the IRS.

If you have any need to reach out to me, please feel free to contact me, and if I am not available, I will get back to you as soon as possible. **I can be reached by phone from 8AM to 9:30 PM @ 347-461-4985 or by email at clp110388@hotmail.com**. Please be aware, that all of the tax records are maintained at the office, I do not keep them at home as there are security protocols required by the IRS that I do not have at home. **If you have a tax or IRS related questions please call me between 10 AM and 5 PM any Monday through Thursday.**

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Christina Parisi
Auditor, LAOH NY State Board, 2453 65th St., Brooklyn NY 11204

The LAOH NYS Fundraising Chair, Mary 'Sissy' Durkee

Sisters,

First and foremost I would like to take a moment to thank our newly elected President, Mary Beth Durkee (AKA my mom) for appointing me to the position of Fundraising Chair.

For those of you who I have not had the privilege of meeting, my name is Mary Durkee, although most of you know me as "Sissy". I am currently the Albany County Recording Secretary and Watervliet Division #3 President. As a member of the Capital District Trinity Degree Team, I serve as the team's Treasurer and Music Director.

Outside my Hibernian life I am a Teacher at Viking Child Care Center at Hudson Valley Community College. I have been a teacher for 28+ years spending most of that time with Toddlers (18-36 month olds).

I come a rather large family with 6 brothers and sisters, 13 nieces and nephews and 1 great niece. Growing up most of my sibling and I were members of the Junior Divisions of the AOH and LAOH in Troy so you can say the LAOH is in my blood. As Fundraiser Chair I will be working to raise funds to help defer the cost of sending our representatives to the National Convention next year in Orlando Florida as well as continue to make our charitable donations.

Calendars: Calendar sales is our most profitable fundraiser so I will be challenging all Divisions to sell a minimum of calendars and all County Boards to sell a minimum of 8, I think this is more than doable. Last year we out sold the AOH and hope to do so again.

The calendars are expected to arrive to the AOH Calendar Chair (who happens to be my dad, Peter Durkee) in time for the Fall State Board meetings so I will be giving them to County/Division Presidents then. Counties/Divisions not represented at the meeting I will be mailing the calendars at that time. If Calendars or payments are not returned by January 15, 2020 your County/Division will be assessed the cost of the calendar ($25 each).

Shirts: I am currently looking into getting shirts for the National Convention in July and will pass along the information as soon as I have it, hopefully by the middle of September so that shirts will be available by the Board meeting.

Raffle: Lastly I am working on setting up a raffle similar to the one run a few years ago by Karen Keane. The raffle will consist of 30 drawings beginning with early drawings the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas, 26 weekly drawings beginning in January and a special drawing for St. Patrick's Day. We will culminate the raffle at the National Convention with a Grand Prize drawing. Tickets and information will follow in September.

I look forward to working with the State Board and all of you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at mdurkee1@nycap.rr.com or at (518) 258-7501(evenings).

In Our Motto,
Mary "Sissy" Durkee
LAOH NYS Fundraiser Chair
mdurkee1@nycap.rr.com

The LAOH NYS Public Relations / Publicity, Mary Hogan

Dear Sisters,

Allow me to introduce myself, I am the newly appointed LAOH NYS Public Relations/Publicity Chair. My name is Mary Hogan from Kings County, many of you know me as Past Natl President 2014-2016. I am looking forward to working as the LAOH NYS PR Chair; this was one of the first appointments I had on the LAOH NYS Board; I am proud to have started our state newsletter. A big thank you to our new LAOH NYS President, MaryBeth Durkee for affording me the honor to serve as your LAOH NYS PR Chair.

I am working on getting our email list updated for all the LAOH members in NYS; having correct email addresses for our members is very important since this is the way we will be sending out our LAOH NY state newsletter, St. Brigid's New York Connection. Our new State Secy. Regina Begley has sent me a list of emails taken from your last yearend membership report; many divisions and county boards have not entered a Public Relations/Publicity Chair, **every division and county board should appoint a Public Relations Chair.** Your Public Relations/Publicity Chair must have access to email since that is the way all newsletter submissions have to be sent to me for the newsletter.

Duties of County and Division Presidents: Appoint a Public Relations/ Publicity Chair and let me and the rest of the LAOH NYS Board know the name and contact info of your appointee and include this info on your yearend report.

Duties of Public Relations/ Publicity Chairs: Submit worthy articles to the LAOH NYS PR Chair, following chain of command. Publicize your local events in local newspapers, Diocese papers, website, Facebook pages etc. Keep copies of all submissions from your area; this is part of your division's history and records that you are required to pass on to the next Public Relations/ Publicity Chair. ***REMEMBER that publicity about our Order and our good works is good for membership.***

Submissions for the National Hibernian Digest (National AOH Paper): All submissions from any LAOH NYS Division, County, or NYS Board member must go through the LAOH NYS PR Chair (LAOHBKLYN@AOL.COM) The deadline to have an article to me are January 25th, March 25th, May 25th, July 25th, September 25th, November 25th of each year. I have attached a copy of the Hibernian Digest requirements. Our (LAOH) space is very limited so please adhere to the attached requirements.

Submissions to our LAOH St. Brigid's NY Connection: All articles should be submitted in a windows "WORD" format. Do not send your articles as a Pdf. The only Pdf's that will be accepted are scanned copies of old documents or photos for your history memorabilia. If you do not have Word please type your article in an email for submission. If your division has a County Board please forward to your County PR Chair. All articles will be submitted via your County PR Chair. Please submit your articles to me, Mary Hogan LAOHBKLYN@AOL.COM.

Deadlines for submissions:

Below is a separate page outlining submission details for the LAOH, St. Brigid's New York Connection. I am looking forward to hearing from all our Divisions, County and NYS Board members. I will be sending out a convention issue in a few days. If you need any help or have a question please feel free to contact me at LAOHBklyn@AOL.COM home nbr 718 815-7255, cell nbr 917 699-9290.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity
Mary Hogan
LAOHBklyn@AOL.COM
New York State Public Relation/Publicity
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc

We do not charge a monetary fee for our LAOH NYS newsletter, however we do request that EVERY member that receives our LAOH NYS newsletter via email print out one copy and bring it into your meeting to share with your sisters that do not have email. Every member in good standing is entitled to receive a copy of this newsletter via email; so it is very important that you verify your contact info on your division's yearend report is correct. If you change your email address please notify your division Secretary asap.

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LAOH NYS PR Chair

Mary Hogan -- LAOHBklyn@AOL.COM

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Deadlines for submissions: February 28th (please remember to include your St. Brigid events); March 28th; May 28th; September 28th; November 28th. If there are any changes to these dates your PR/Publicity Chair will be notified via email.

Our LAOH NYS newsletter 'St. Brigid's New York Connection' will have several sections:

LAOH NYS Board articles on what is going on in their office or appointment.

Drape the Charter- this is the section we will list our death notices. If one of our members dies please send in an obituary and a photo if you have one. Please include a little personal info, her Hibernian info and any notable events in her life. If there is an address to send a mass card to the family or her division please include it.

County/Division news- every County and division should be submitting an article about what is going on in your area. Please include details, don't just say we honored someone please say why they are being honored; what is meaning behind the award/honor. Our members do many awesome things so don't be afraid to tell your sisters in New York State. Include your division/county annual events, charity, Mission work, Project St. Patrick events and history projects.

Photographs- Please send photos (Jpegs) in a separate file, DO NOT paste into a Word document. Photos should be a high quality, same as Digest submissions, over 1mb. Identify all persons in photo. DO NOT send photos of drinking- they will not be published.

Special Events- if your division/county is having a special event, charity, or history project please submit it as a separate detailed article.

LAOH 125th HISTORY- **all divisions and counties** are asked to submit as a separate article an event in your local history for **each issue** of the LAOH, St. Brigid's New York Connection. We want to share our LAOH history so we need every division and county to send a separate article with a noteworthy piece of your history. It doesn't have to be your whole history all at once, can be a memorable time or event in your division or counties history.

Please email all submissions to LAOH NYS PR Chair, Mary Hogan at LAOHBklyn@AOL.COM
If you have any questions please email me or call – home nbr 718 815-7255, cell nbr 917 699-9290

Honorees at the LAOH NYS Convention
Albany, NY – July, 2019

Karen Keane (Natl VP), Marilyn Madigan (Natl Secy), Carol Sheyer (Natl Pres),
Deborah Burke (County Pres), Aidan Arnold **–** *LAOH NYS Junior of the Year;*
Delores Fitzgerald – LAOH NYS Mother Teresa Award Honoree; MaryBeth Durkee (LAOH then Vice President);
Mary Wingenter – LAOH NYS 'Marie English' Membership Award, Division Five, Orange County

At our recent LAOH NYS Convention in Albany, NY as is the custom, the LAOH NYS Board presented several awards to our most worthy sisters in recognition of their good works:

The Mother Teresa Humanitarian Award: *At each Biennial Convention, the New York State Board of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. presents an award to a deserving member of our Order in recognition of an exemplary Christian life. The award, named in honor of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, recognizes the member who might live quietly and in the service of others, yet never seeks recognition or award. She loves her country and all her sisters and brothers. Living her life in the spirit of Mother Teresa, she also sees Jesus in the face of the poor.*

The Junior Hibernian Award*: The New York State Board of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. provides for a biennial award to be presented at the State Convention to a Junior member in good standing who is OUTSTANDING in her work for the Order; service to others; and in other areas that make her shine brighter to deserve this award.*

The Marie English Membership Award*: For the most improved division membership in New York State.*

Below are their nomination details:

LAOH NYS Mother Teresa Humanitarian Award
Honoree Delores Fitzgerald with Family and Friends

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc New York State Board

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Honoree -- *Delores Fitzgerald*

For Living her life by the guiding Principles of Our Order and in the Spirit of Mother Theresa

When I read the description of the Mother Teresa Award, I knew that I had to take the time to write a letter to nominate this woman because it was an exact description of the life she has lived. " The award, named in honor of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, recognizes the member who might live quietly and in the service of others, yet never seeks recognition or award. She loves her country and all her brothers and sisters. Living her life in the spirit of Mother Teresa, she also sees Jesus in the face of the poor. "

This exceptional woman has been an active and devoted member of the LAOH for almost 50 years. Assuming her responsibilities, she has held various division offices in the past including the Presidency, but she is most comfortable behind the scenes in the kitchen wearing her apron. That is where I first came to know her when I joined the LAOH 10 years ago. She was that person who just quietly picked up the task and got it done with little or no fanfare. Because her husband was an active member of the AOH, she worked happily on both LAOH and AOH events and became well loved by both organizations.

This nominee truly does live the motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. She has always made time to help at all activities even when it was not convenient for her. She is loved by all her LAOH sisters who only have good things to say about her and I have never heard her speak an unkind word about anyone! Rather she listens carefully and offers quiet and kind counsel that encourages patience and understanding for others. Dolores not only lives our LAOH motto, she lives her Catholic faith and is a model of the true Christian woman. She was very active at one church before she married, her husband was sacristan and active at another church. Rather than choose between the two when they married, they became a team actively involved in the life of both parishes and helping wherever they were needed - from church festivals to Lenten soup lunches to baking for the parish, etc.

It would take numerous pages to list all the other organizations and activities where this beautiful person has volunteered to help in our community. She is known and respected throughout the city for her good will and willingness to help where needed. You can find her busy at the Red Cross, the Hospital, and the Food Kitchen to name just a few. She never brags or even speaks of her activities but quietly goes about them, so it is hard to know exactly how many lives she has touched in her volunteer positions.

Her husband had not been well these past few years and she lovingly took care of his physical and emotional needs along with maintaining many of her commitments at church and her volunteer organizations, Finally, she was unable to care for him by herself and he was placed in a nursing home. Typical of her, she went each day early in the morning to the facility and stayed with her husband until late at night feeding and dressing him and sharing her loving comfort and company. When given a few hours of respite each week by his son, you could usually find her either at Mass or helping at some parish activity.

Dolores and her husband were a team and they worked cheerfully side by side in their marriage and community. Their dedication to be God's servants did not end with his illness and confinement to a nursing facility. Each day, this little woman wheeled her husband around the building so that they could visit others who were lonely and had no visitors. Even here carrying their own crosses, they maintained their commitment to serve others - ending life together as they had started it - in service to God. She became well known to the lonely and suffering in that nursing home and loved by all who came in contact with her; helping the staff and patients until the day her husband passed.

I wish I had more adequate words to help you understand the kindness, love and generosity of service this woman exemplifies. Though she has been praised and attempts have been made to reward her for her work as a volunteer, she remains extremely shy and modest and she did not want me to write this letter when I announced my intention at our last meeting. However, every one of the 35 members in attendance cheered and were in total agreement that she was more than deserving of this honor! She truly has lived her life in the spirit of Mother Teresa! We are blessed to know her!

Delores has been an active member of the LAOH, Dean Michael Barry Division 3, Oswego, NY for 49+ years.

The New York State O'Leary - Voelker Junior Hibernian Award
For outstanding work for the Order and service to others.
Aidan Arnold

Our nominee, AIDAN ARNOLD is a member of the Junior Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. She has held the office of Treasurer for the division and is currently Vice President. She attends all meetings and has taken her office seriously, planning and participating in all events for the division and has recruited new members.

As part of the organization, she volunteers at events to raise money for the Junior division charitable contributions. This includes a dinner fundraiser in the fall and craft and bake sale table in February. She made fleece blankets that were donated to the Pediatric unit at the local hospital. She wraps Christmas presents for a family the Juniors adopt at Christmas. She has participated in all charitable works including making cards and singing carols for residents of nursing homes, as well as working with the Lady Hibernians at their special events.

She has been an altar server for her parish since 2014, serving at mass once a month. She has altar served for our annual Lady of Knock Mass held in August and special masses hosted by the Hibernians. At her church, she packs Thanksgiving baskets for the needy and trick or treats at Halloween for non-perishable items for the food pantry.

Each year since 2014 she attends a Christian bible camp devoting a week to learning and practicing Christian principals and participating in outdoor activities while making new friends.

At school, she is 10th grade student government representative and was recently invited to apply for National Honor Society due to her academic achievement/grade point average and is currently awaiting the decision. At school she is a member of the Girls varsity lacrosse and tennis teams and is a volunteer at the summer youth lacrosse camp helping to teach younger girls the sport.

I can attest to this young woman's maturity, deep faith, and love for her Irish heritage. She always carries a pleasant attitude, is willing to help whenever asked and exemplifies our motto of "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. I am honored to submit a recommendation for the award for Junior Hibernian of the Year.

VP, MaryBeth Durkee Presenting JR Hibernian Award

JR Hibernian, Aidan Arnold with other Honorees, Irish Consulate K. Madden and LAOH Natl President, Sheyer

LAOH NYS Marie English Membership Award
For the largest increase in division membership.
LAOH Division Five, Orange County

The Award was presented by then LAOH NYS Secretary, Aggie O'Leary to
LAOH Orange County, NY Division 5 for a 15.38% increase in Division Membership.
Accepting the Award was Mary Wingenter from Orange County Board.
The award is the 'Marie English' membership gavel which is passed on to each winner.

VP, Aggie O'Leary presented Award to Mary Wingenter

Orange County LAOH, Therese Meyer, Mary Wingenter and AnneMarie Mulholland from Division Five.

The NYS LAOH held its biennial convention in Albany, NY. There were numerous displays on the LAAOH/LAOH history, celebrating our 125th Anniversary

State of New York

Executive Chamber

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Whereas, the people of the Empire State are pleased to acknowledge the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians' 125th Anniversary; this special milestone provides a unique opportunity to pay tribute to a distinguished and respected institution – one of the largest and most active women's organizations in the United States; we recognize and value the importance of a philanthropic and religious association whose advocacy and altruistic endeavors respond to the challenges of our world and make a significant and positive difference in people's daily lives; and

Whereas, on May 29, 1894, the Daughters of Erin was first organized as the Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in Omaha, Nebraska; originally subject to the approval of the male officers of the AOH, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, was incorporated in New York in 2004 – still working collaboratively with the AOH, but under their own auspices, as a separate entity; the initial mission of the LAOH was assisting young women and girls from Ireland – in finding work, friends, and a new life in their adopted country; as a mutual aid, social service, and philanthropic society, the LAOH improved the lives of new Irish immigrants to America; as well, their efforts unite people of the Catholic faith, strengthen Catholic family life, and further a Catholic identity in the United States; and

Whereas, historically, the Empire State has played an important role in the growth of the LAOH; the first National Board for the Ladies was elected in 1906 at the Ancient Order of Hibernians National Convention in Saratoga; Ellis Island in New York Harbor, New York City, and the Greater Metropolitan area were an iconic gateway to America for many Irish immigrants fleeing oppression and starvation in their native land; today, New York State is home to 4,000 members of the LAOH; and

Whereas, as well, the LAOH has been a strong and vocal advocate for Irish liberty and unity; the organization supports, aids, and advances, by all legitimate means, the aspirations and endeavors of all the people of Ireland for complete and absolute independence; the LAOH supports the peace process and freedom for all Irish people; in the United States, the LAOH promotes and encourages an interest in their Irish culture, heritage, and traditions, along with a powerful devotion to the Catholic customs and beliefs that inspire and guide so many faithful people around the world; and

Whereas, it is, therefore, appropriate, as you come together at the Irish American Heritage Museum for an evening of celebration and commemoration of your 125th Anniversary, to bestow official commendation upon the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and to congratulate National President Carol Sheyer, NYS President Jacqueline Chute, and your distinguished leadership and membership, as well as your many enthusiastic and generous supporters on the occasion of this benchmark anniversary of service to the Irish Catholic community and to humankind, for which we are all profoundly grateful;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Special Citation in honor of

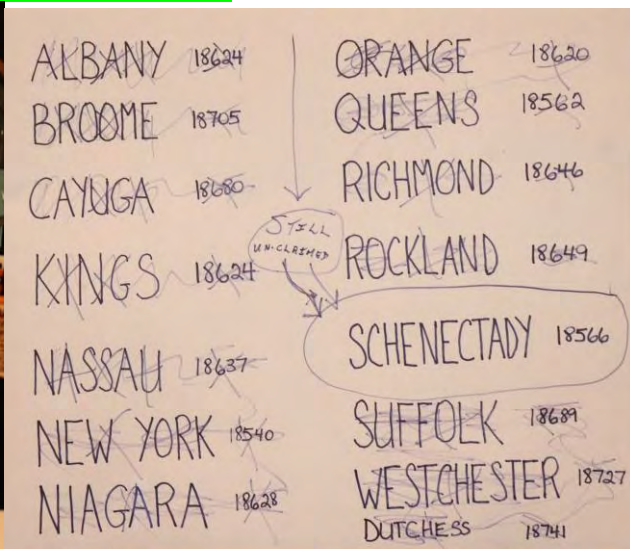
THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

with heartfelt appreciation for this distinguished organization and its longstanding commitment to caring for those in need, defending the teachings of the Catholic faith, and preserving a unique Irish American heritage, for the overall betterment of society and humanity, with best wishes for continued success for many years to come.

Governor
May 29, 2019

Kiernan Madden, Ireland's Consulate General spoke at the Awards banquet.

Scenes from the Convention



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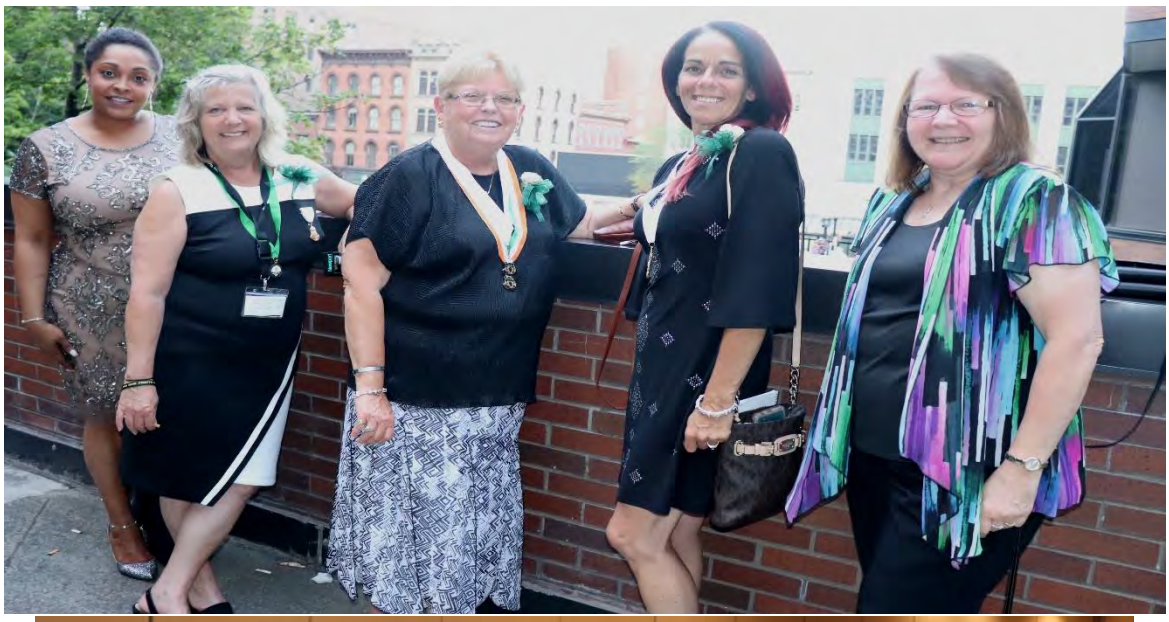

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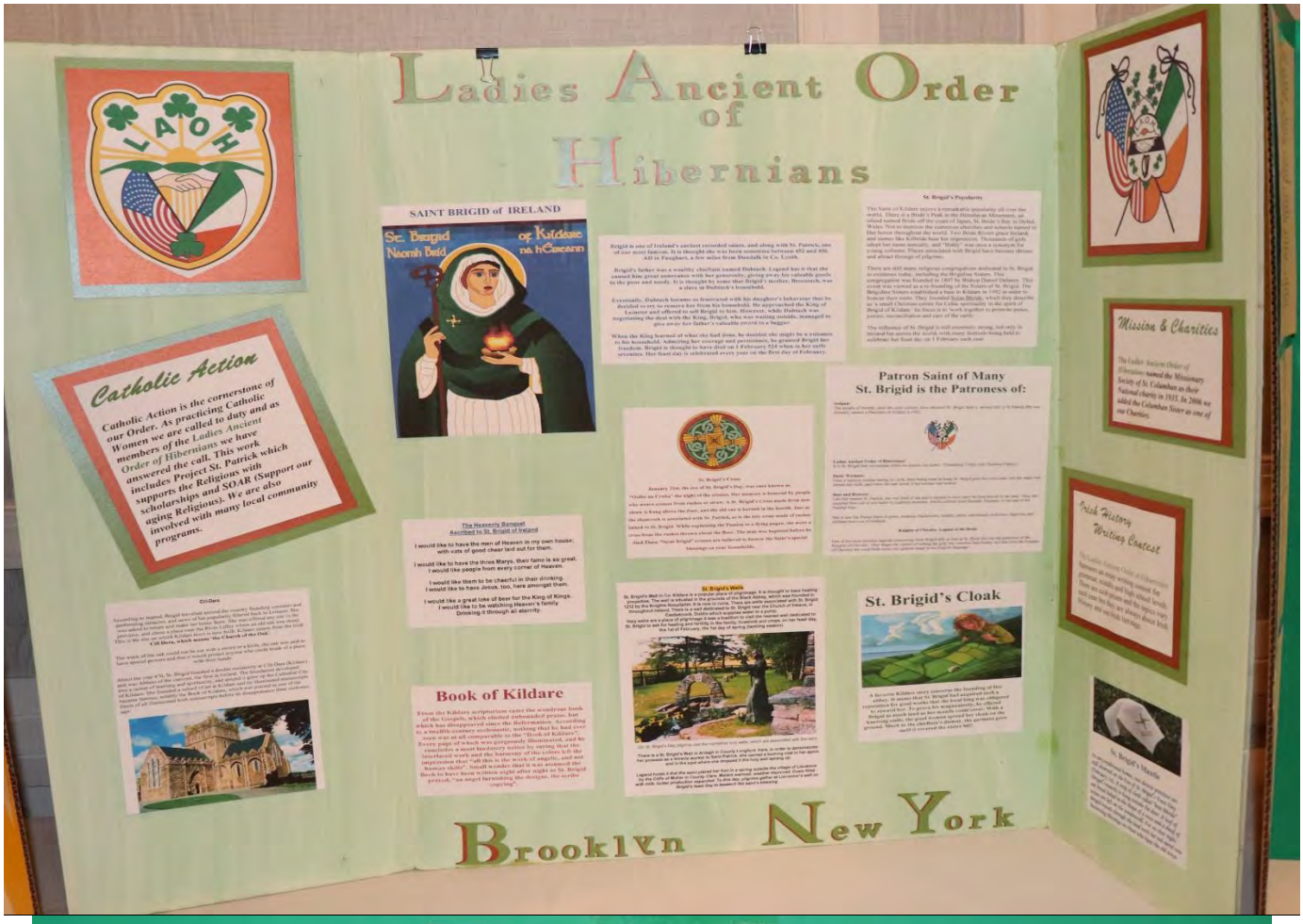

The Year is 1909-1910 the
Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is thriving.
We have an elected LAAOH National Board:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT—MISS ANNA C. MAMA,
932 Prospect Ave., Scranton, Pa.
NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY McCARTHY,
40 Parker Ave., Westfield, Mass.
NATIONAL SECRETARY—MRS. LOUISE A. DUROSB,
839 Elizabeth St., Utica, N. Y.
NATIONAL TREASURER—MRS. MARY B. DALEY,
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NATIONAL CHAPLAIN—MOST REV. WM. H. O'CONNELL,
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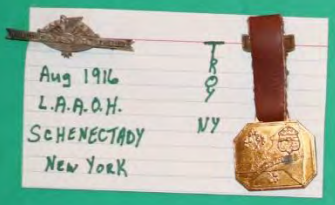
NATIONAL DIRECTOR—MRS. MARY McWHORTER,
6643 Princeton Ave., Chicago, Ill.
NATIONAL DIRECTOR—MISS MOLLIE FOX,
1404 McClellan St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The LAAOH has Divisions in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA in the following States:

ALABAMA, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GEORGIA, *TERRITORY* OF HAWAII, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MAINE, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, OHIO, MISSOURI, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, OREGON, PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH DAKOTA, TEXAS, VERMONT, VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, WISCONSIN, WASHINGTON.

And in CANADA
NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA, ONTARIO.

AND of course NEW YORK STATE:
NEW YORK STATE BOARD.
STATE PRESIDENT—MRS. KATHRYN LANEY,
107 Northland Ave., Buffalo.
STATE VICE-PRESIDENT—MISS ELLA C. GAFFNEY,
163 E. Main St., Amsterdam.
STATE TREASURER—MRS. MARY C. CONNOLLY,
408 Ulster St., Syracuse.
STATE SECRETARY—MISS FRANCES J. SHEAN,
710 Washington St., Watertown.
State Convention meets at Far Rockaway in September, 1910.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY.
County President—Mary Dowling, 18 Kline St., Amsterdam.
County Vice-President—Nora Maxwell, 49 Forbes St., Amsterdam.
County Secretary—Annie Kelly, 61 Jay St., Amsterdam.
County Financial Secretary—Mrs. Mary Shelly, 46 Pulling St., Amsterdam.
County Treasurer—Mrs. Deasy, Grove St., Amsterdam.
County Chaplain—Rev. Wm. A. Browne, Amsterdam.
County Convention meets on the First Thursday of each quarter.
Div. No. 1
President—Mrs. Anna 17-and, 13 Greene St., Amsterdam.
Vice-President—Annie Kelly, 61 Jay St. Amsterdam.
Recording Secretary—Alice Stack, 9 Steward St., Amsterdam.
Financial Secretary—Mamie Kelly, 61 Jay St., Amsterdam.
Treasurer—Kate Stack, 9 Steward St., Amsterdam.
Meetings held in Hibernian Hall on the Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month.

ONEIDA COUNTY.
County President—Mary R. Francis, 43 Howard Ave., Utica.
County Vice-President—Maty A. Skillman, 61 Hobart St., Utica.
County Secretary—Mary Connell, 139 River St., Rome.
County Treasurer—Louise Sheehen, 37 Elm St., Utica.
County Chaplain—Father Carson, Rome.

ONONDAGA COUNTY
Div. No. 1
President—Bridget Lavelle, 712 Almond St., Syracuse.
Vice-President—Nora Maher, 515 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.
Recording Secretary—Josephine Lavelle, 712 Almond St., Syracuse.
Financial Secretary—Anna Galvin, 322 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse.
Treasurer—Anna Lynch, 556 Cedar St., Syracuse.
Div. No. 6
President—Bridget Sullivan, 104 Lionel Ave., Solvay.
Vice-President—Anna. Coyne, 108 Charles Ave., Solvay.
Recording Secretary—Catherine Hayes, 206 Charles Ave., Solvay.
Financial Secretary—Agnes Cavanaugh, 101 Lewis St., Syracuse.
Treasurer—Anna Rice, 958 Emerson Ave., Syracuse.
Div. No. 7
President—Miss Kathryn Fahey, 408 Ulster St., Syracuse.
Vice-President—Miss. Winifred Brown, 108 N. Lowd Ave., Syracuse.
Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Carr, 307 Hayden Ave., Syracuse.
Financial Secretary—Mrs. Margaret Maloney, 213 Emerson Ave., Syracuse.
Treasurer—Mrs. Margaret Godkin, 133 Lake View Ave., Syracuse.
Meetings held in Dempsey's Hall on the First and Third Sundays of each month.
Div. No. 8
President—Miss Catherine McGuire, 311 Wilbur Ave., Syracuse.

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Our Past...
Three remarkable women served as National Presidents during turbulent times from the Easter Rising to the Irish Civil War. All three Ladies addressed Congress in 1918 regarding the recognition of Ireland as a sovereign nation.
Ellen Ryan Jolley
Rhode Island
1912-1916
Mary Ann McWherter
Illinois
1916-1921
Adelia Christie
Ohio
1921-1925
Our Present...
Our Future...
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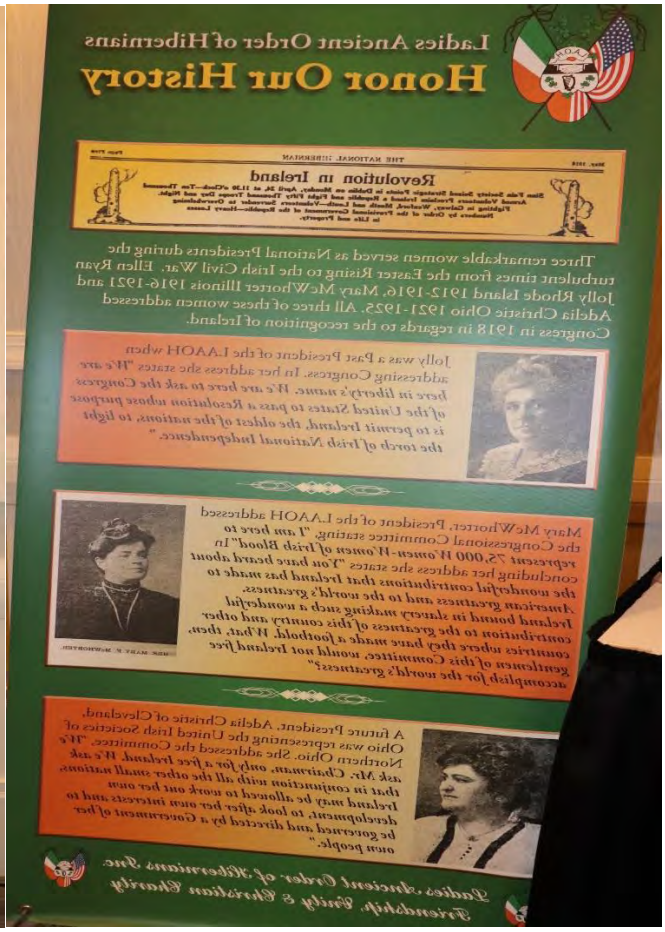
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