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Message from The LAOH NYS President, MaryBeth Durkee

Sisters,

October 2020

I hope that you are all staying safe during these unhealthy times. It was a difficult decision to hold this State Board meeting in a face to face situation. Many expressed a desire to be together using common sense and the health guidelines. I understand the decision some have made to use the Zoom process; we must do whatever we need to do to stay healthy. I look forward to this meeting no matter what form you have chosen to participate. I pray God will protect all of us and bring us through this pandemic safely.

My own Division in Watervliet, held its first face to face meeting and a paint and sip fundraiser in September. This was the first event we have had since March. It was nice to be able to talk and laugh with my sisters once again. I hope that all our members will be able to accomplish these kinds of activities in a safe environment soon.

There will be a number of important issues to be discussed at this meeting including the New York State Convention to be held in Syracuse in July 2021; the annual end of year reports; formation of new divisions; fund raising projects; Pat Doyle Grant information; Irish History project; Nuns of the Battlefield Monument project. I encourage all members to attend in whatever form you choose.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, until then please keep healthy, God bless.

I remain sincerely in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,
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*Happy Celtic
New Year*

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Dear Sisters,

I hope this article finds you and your families safe and well. Since my last newsletter article we have had a virtual National Convention, where two of our New York sisters were elected to the National Board, and we are preparing for a combination, in person and virtual State Board Meeting.

It was a very eventful National Convention for New York State. Congratulations to new National President Karen Keane and Missions and Charities Officer Cathy Turck. I look forward to working with them over the next two years. Congratulations also to Cecilia Leonard, of Division 1 Albany and Delores Fitzgerald, of Division 3 Oswego, co-recipients of the Saint Brigid of Ireland Humanitarian Award, a well-deserved honor. Also, congratulations to **Nina Pandolfo, of Division 1 Albany, recipient of the National Junior Hibernian Award.** Nina is a hard-working young lady and is a wonderful role model for all Hibernians!

On a personal note, it was my honor, as **my first official duty as Guardian of the Celtic Degree**, along with Pat Mackie of the Trinity Degree Team, to install our new National President Karen Keane. In spite of the pandemic, our Juniors have remained as active as possible, with pandemic regulations. Due to social distancing there have been no reported or scheduled degrees. (Please see my State Board report on the web for further information) Hoping to see many of you in East Durham, if not at our fall meeting, God willing in the Spring. Prayers for all, God Bless and watch over you.
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**LOH New York State Secretary
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Dear Sisters,

October 2020

I hope this finds you, your family, and friends safe and healthy. We have been thrown into a crazy, surreal world. We must remember that when things are tough and uncertain, God is with us and will bring us through.

The time is nearly upon us to complete our annual reports. As soon as I receive the membership reports from the National Secretary, I will forward on to County/Division Presidents and Secretaries.

This would be a good time to review your membership lists and update any missing information such as phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

While the best scenario would be to have email addresses for every County and Division Officer, it is very important to have at least one e-mail address that can be the point of contact for your Division or County. Also, review your membership list to ensure that everyone that is listed is still a member. Part of the membership report requires you to fill in dropped, transferred, or deceased members. Do not keep these members in your membership list.

I love Halloween! Did you know? Halloween Traditions with Irish Origins

Halloween originated in Ireland as the Celtic festival of Samhain around a thousand years ago, which is why so many of Halloween traditions – regardless of where you are in the world – are Irish! The Celts believed that on the eve of Halloween dead spirits would visit the mortal world. Samhain was seen as the end of summer but also the beginning of another year. It was also the one day of the year when spirits could walk the earth. The community would gather together and light huge fires to ward off bad fortune for the coming year and any evil spirits.

Some believe that people extinguished their fires in the hearth at home before they left and would reignite them using an ember from the bonfire, for good luck. The day after the bonfire the ashes were spread across the fields to further ward off bad luck for the farmers for the coming year.

It was also traditionally believed that the bonfire encouraged dreams, especially of your future husband or wife. It was said that if you drop a cutting of your hair into the embers of the fire the identity of your first husband would be revealed.

There are two schools of thought on why the Irish carried Jack-o-lantern. One is that the tradition is an ancient Celtic tradition. In order to carry home an ember from the communal bonfire, the people would hollow out a turnip so they could walk home with the fire still burning.

The other version is a little spookier. The other story is that Jack-o-lanterns date back to the 18th century. It is named after an Irish blacksmith, called Jack, who colluded with the Devil and was denied entry into Heaven. Jack was condemned to walk the earth for eternity but asked the Devil for some light. He was given a burning coal which burnt into a turnip that he had hollowed out. Some Irish believe that hanging a lantern in their front window would keep Jack's wandering soul away. When the Scot-Irish emigrated to America, they adapted the tradition and used pumpkins instead of turnips.

And lastly, the community would gather around the bonfire and many would be dressed up in elaborate animal skins and heads. The idea was that the evil spirits would be scared off by the fires. Then if the spirits happened to be wandering the earth and bumped into one of the Celts they might think they were spirits themselves, because of their disguises, and let them go free. This is where our tradition of dressing up comes from. **I love Halloween!**

In closing, I send my best wishes to everyone for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and the Healthiest of New Years. I pray our great Country withstands all the turmoil and unsettling events it is currently facing and comes out stronger. I miss everyone and hope to see you all soon!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Regina Begley -
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Dear Sisters,

What a crazy year 2020 has been so far for all of us. I do hope this finds you and yours safe and well! We all were able to do zoom for our Spring meeting thanks to Kim Clancy and Mary Beth for organizing it as it went extremely well. My report as well as everyone else is on our state website and as always you can reach out to me whenever you have any questions or concerns..

I just want to remind you that checking accounts need to have 2 signatures not just one which many of you have. I will be sending out everyone's 990(tax return) shortly, thank you so much to Kathryn Keane & Co for filing all with the IRS you are a Godsent!!

A few notes from the National Convention; these items will be due with your National Yearend Financial Reports:

- (1) The Irish History Committee pressed a motion requiring that each member **pay a one-time assessment of \$1.00** to help restore the *Nuns of the Battlefield Monument in Washington, DC*. This monument was erected by Our Order in 1924, there will be centennial celebration in 2024. There will be additional educational and fundraising information sent by the National Vice President, Marilyn Madigan (OH), who will be chairing a committee for this historic event. This assessment will be payable with your per-capita taxes in early 2021.
- (2) The Appeals for Aid assessment of **\$0.50 per member each year has been continued.**
- (3) Per Capita Tax is \$5.00 per taxable member.

Hoping to see you all in October for our fall meeting-wishing you all good health and stay safe till then.

Warm regards to you all.

*May you have love that never ends,
Lots of money and lots of friends,
Health be yours whatever you do,
And may God send many blessings to you!*

Yours in our motto,

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Hello Ladies,

I am happy to welcome the Colors of Autumn in New York State. The Summer of 2020 is one to be put in the history books. I was planning to visit the Irish Heritage Room at the East Islip Library, Long Island, NY, however, with Covid-19 still with us, the library is open with limited services. They have various restrictions and only a one-hour time limit to visit the Library. I am going to reschedule to the Spring of 2021 and if all goes well, I will be writing about my visit in a future Saint Brigid Connection newsletter.

In July 2019, during our LAOH NYS Convention, I visited the Irish American Heritage Museum in Albany, NY. The museum was then located at 370 Broadway and is now housed in a large building at 21 Quackenbush Square, Albany, NY 12207, (518) 427-1916. It is best to call before visiting to find out what Covid-19 protocols will be in place during your visit. They have created all new exhibits, incorporated technology to enhance the visitor experience, and built a replica thatched cottage, so there is a lot to discover when you are able to visit the museum.

The Irish American Heritage Museum is a permanently chartered 501(c)3 non-profit with an educational mission: To preserve and tell the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America, inspiring individuals to examine the importance of their own heritage as part of the American cultural mosaic. As such, the Museum is unique in America, where almost 36 million individuals claim Irish ancestry. It is committed to the basic tenet that preserving one's heritage is vital to providing a cultural and historical foundation to future generations of Americans.

The museum provides year-round access, especially by school groups, to exhibits, the Paul O'Dwyer Library, lectures, presentations, film screenings, book signings and other special programs. The Museum was an integral force in requiring instruction in New York State's public schools about the Irish Famine of 1845-1853. Further, it is the first Museum of its kind here in America to have exhibited at the National Library in Dublin. During my visit, I met with Elizabeth Stack, PhD - Executive Director of the Museum. I also became a member. If you are in the Albany area, stop by and visit the Museum. They also have a Facebook page. (Stay safe, stay healthy). Stay safe and stay healthy. *See NEXT PAGE for LAAOH NYS History*

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
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LAOH NYS Irish Historian 2019- 2021,
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LAOH 125th Anniversary Book is now available!

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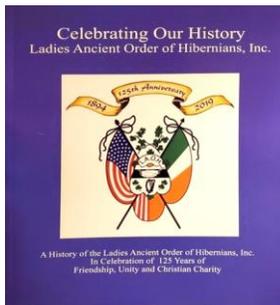
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**L.A.A.O.H. New York State Board
THE BEGINNING**

In May of 1896, the AOH NYS Convention was held in Auburn, NY. On their agenda was the question of the newly formed Ladies Auxiliary of the AOH. It was at this convention that the Ladies from various LAAOH Divisions in New York State held their first state elections, the following Officers were elected to the

First LAAOH NYS Board 1896:

President-Mrs. Mary A. Loughlin, Buffalo, NY.

Secretary-Mrs. Anna Powell, Rochester, NY

Treasurer- Mrs. Margaret E. Farrell, Rochester, NY

The AOH voted to establish a Ladies Auxiliary to the AOH in 1894 at their national Convention in Omaha, NE. Many LAAOH divisions sprang up throughout the Country. When the AOH held their next National Convention in 1896, Detroit, MI the LAAOH was under the direction of the AOH Vice President and a committee of AOH Directors. The AOH decided they would appoint a member of the LAAOH to preside over the Ladies meetings. They chose Mrs. Mary A McLaughlin, the newly elected LAAOH NYS President to presided over the first LAAOH meeting at the 1896 National Convention in Detroit, MI; the Ladies present decided they would need a National ruling body of their own. Mary McLoughlin brought the request of the LAAOH to the AOH Convention, she addressed the AOH Convention requesting a National Ruling Body for LAAOH; request was denied by the AOH. It would not be until 1906 in Saratoga Springs, NY at the AOH National Convention that the Ladies would be able to elect their own ruling body.

1898- NYS Convention- Albany, NY

NYS President-Mrs. Mary A. Loughlin, Buffalo, NY.

Secretary-Mrs. Anna Powell, Rochester, NY

Treasurer- Mrs. Margaret E. Farrell, Rochester, NY

1900- NYS Convention, Syracuse, NY

NYS President-Mrs. Mary A. Loughlin, Buffalo, NY.

NYS Secretary-Mrs. Anna Powell, Rochester, NY

NYS VP Mrs. Kate Laney, Buffalo (1st time LAAOH VP is elected, new Office).

NYS Treasurer- Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Hornellsville, NY

1902- NYS Convention, Saratoga Springs, NY

NYS President-Mrs. Kate Laney, Buffalo

NYS VP_Mrs. Stacia Reedy, Albany, NY

NYS Secretary-Miss Louise Blake, Clinton, NY

NYS Treasurer-Mrs. Mary Connolly, Syracuse, NY

1904- NYS Convention, Niagara Falls, NY

NYS President-Mrs. Kate Laney, Buffalo

NYS VP-Mrs. Stacia Reedy, Albany, NY

NYS Secretary-Miss Louise Blake, Clinton, NY

NYS Treasurer-Mrs. Mary Connolly, Syracuse, NY

Today NYS LAOH has 30 Counties and approx. 69 divisions. Our NYS President is MaryBeth Durkee, Troy, NY. We have produced six National Presidents; have donated 1000's of hours and dollars to charities. We have three Degree Teams; we are proud Irish Catholic Women.



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Dear Sisters,
 Our LAOH NYS Charities are: Columban Fathers, www.columban.org, Columban Sisters, www.columbansisters.org. Donations to the Columban Fathers and Sisters are to be sent directly to our new LAOH M&C Officer, Cathy Turck (NY). Checks payable to: LAOH, Inc. *(Please do not send any donations or Mass stipends 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.

Our LAOH NYS Board has established "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.

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
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Columban Fathers have designed two additional Mass cards. There is a Memorial Mass Card with Our Lady of Knock on the Cover and a Healing Mass Card with our Patron, St. Brigid on the cover.

You may request these cards the same way as the other Columban Fathers mass Cards through the Columban Father's office in Nebraska. Mass requests are sent to the Columban Fathers of the forms provided with the cards. The donations for the Masses are made out to: LAOH and mailed to National Missions and Charities Officer, CATHY TURCK, PO BOX 170, ALTAMONT, NY 12009 See LAOH National website for complete details and forms. www.LadiesAOH.com



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Columban Fathers Memorial Mass Card with Our Lady of Knock on cover.

Columban Fathers Healing Mass Card with St. Brigid on cover.



LAOH
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Hello Sisters!

My hope is that you are all well and doing the best you can during this pandemic. I have been asked again to talk about the procedure for donating to Project St. Patrick. October is National Clergy month so this is a good time to review how to make your donations count.

Project St. Patrick is a program to provide financial help to seminarians and religious by giving vocational grants of \$500.00. This money may be used to purchase books, food, and clothing, whatever the need may be, to help relieve some of the financial burdens.

The Project St. Patrick card itself, is made out and mailed to the person to whom the donation is made in honor to or to the family of the deceased that the donation has been made in memory of.

Within the PSP card is a white 3x5 card to be filled out. Donations are to be made in the amount of \$10 or more, payable to LAOH, Inc. with PSP in the memo. The white 3x5 card and the check are to be mailed to the LAOH National Catholic Action officer: Peggy Cornish 141 N. Kinsella Ave. Covina, CA 91724.

PRIOR TO MAILING: Make a copy of the 3x5 card and a copy of the check and mail that to me, your NYS Catholic Action Officer: Teresa Kearns 42 Alexander St. Lockport, NY 14094 OR scan them and email them to me at

Irishsmiles17@gmail.com This will give us a checks and balance if there is ever any question as to who donated what.

Thank you Sisters, for your past donations. Praying that we will all get through this and be together again soon. Stay well!

As always in our motto,

Teresa Kearns

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For the love of the Church
her Priests and Religious,
Sisters & Brothers

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 LAOH National Catholic Action Office (909-91922)
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 Covina, CA 91724

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Prayer for Vocations

(Lord of the Harvest)

Loving and Gracious God, You are the giver of all good gifts. We ask You to look upon us in Your kindness and mercy and grant more laborers to Your vineyard. We especially ask You to send more worthy Priests, Brothers and Sisters into Your Holy Church. You are attentive to those who ask, seek, and knock. Behold Your faithful servants who ask, seek, and knock for the building up of Your household of Faith, which cannot be done without the aid of good Shepherds. Through the intercession of St. Patrick, St. Columba, Saint Brigid and that of the Blessed and Ever-Virgin Mother of Your Son, we beseech You and ask You to hear us O Lord. Amen.

All Project St. Patrick donors and recipients are remembered in annual Masses.

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Yours In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

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Project St. Patrick

Project St. Patrick is a Catholic Action program of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc, the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Inc, and friends created to support Priests, Seminarians, and Religious spiritually, emotionally, and financially.

Contributions to this project will go into a special fund. Grants from this fund will be given to seminarians, priests, and religious (Sisters, Brothers) in the form of scholarships and grants for continuing education and retreats.

A contribution in Honor of a Loved One or a friend or to acknowledge a special occasion enables the continuation of the vision of St. Patrick: to bring the Gospel and the Eucharist to all people.

This Honorarium Donation is a contribution to our heritage, Our Catholic Faith, and our Legacy.

Additional cards may be obtained via our website WWW.LadiesAOH.com under Catholic Action Office.

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May we pause and meditate on our spiritual wellbeing. We have seen our normal way of life change these last several months and we need to make sure we are doing well personally. Have we adjusted to stay home be safe motto? Do we wear a mask in public for the safety of others? What do we feel about the social unrest and civil disobedience in our country? These things may cause us some concern and make us anxious.

Prayer is always a solid time to help us to be calm and converse with God. I pray the Holy Rosary weekly and ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for me with my intentions. This is a good way for you to pray and think about what Our Lord's life.

Novena Prayer to End the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Novena Prayer for an End of Coronavirus Pandemic

Oh Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this Nation and Mother of the Church

In this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow.

Oh, help us, blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God.

Let us not be afraid, Like our own St. Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society in to the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

I also posted a **Prayer of Spiritual Communion** on the Chaplains Corner if you cannot attend a public Mass.

Prayer For Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You, as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Remember considering ongoing health risks to the most vulnerable among us, the temporary suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days during this pandemic remains in force until otherwise lifted. Therefore, Catholics should use their prudential judgement as to whether to attend Mass.

As a guide: If you are sick or experiencing cold or flu symptoms **-Stay Home.**

If you are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness **Stay Home.**

Or if you are in a "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions, respiratory conditions, etc.) **-Stay Home**

May we come out of this world-wide pandemic better in our social skills and love for one another in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

May God Bless You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

St. Brigid –Pray for us.

Deacon Charles Wojton

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Why Do We Celebrate All Saints Day?

November 1 is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. We go to Mass and remember that all these holy people are happy with God.

Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. Some of these people are members of our family, our friends, and our neighbors. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.



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Hello Sisters,

I am looking forward to helping start new divisions in our state but more importantly keeping our existing divisions active. I am mindful that we need to always welcome women who qualify for membership and there are many opportunities to start new divisions and increase membership in our current divisions. Below are some suggestions to increase membership:

Increasing our membership is the job of every division and every member. You should always be on the lookout for potential new members.

- **Print inexpensive business cards**, give them to your members to keep on hand so they can give to potential members. Include info about the LAOH, membership requirements, and most importantly contact info both email and telephone. Include a website or Facebook page if you have one. If you do not have a website, list the National website [www.LadiesAOH.com] so the potential member can get a sense of what we are about.
- **Print inexpensive postcards** to hand out at fairs, festivals, membership drives, local street fairs (they are cheaper than printing membership applications). Make the card colorful to attract attention. Wait for a sale from a printing company.
- **Make sure there is up-to-date contact info** for your division/county/state on our national and/or local websites, Facebook Pages. Remember to make it easy for potential members to find you. Make sure whoever the contact person or email is checks their emails on a regular basis; potential members get discouraged if it takes too long to respond back to them.
- **Have shirts or jackets printed** with our name and logo for your members to wear. This is literally a walking advertisement.
- **Have a division banner designed** and display it at events, fairs, feis, parades. Let the public know who we are.
- **PUBLICITY:** Write a small article for a local newspaper. Again, advertise who we are and what a Hibernian is; people will see it and ask questions. This opens the door for new members. Most local papers are always looking for local stories or groups to write about.
- **Whenever you have a division event or project** ALWAYS take a photo and send to a local newspaper; invite the press, send to local cable TV stations, radio for the community event bulletins. These are usually free or very nominal in fee.
- **Sponsor a speaker** and invite the public for free. A good example is to sponsor a speaker on a women's issue (breast cancer, domestic violence...), this will attract women and while they are attending give out membership info, introduce who we are in the beginning. Many parishes will let you use their hall for free or for a small donation. Provide coffee, tea.
- **Membership Drive:** do a membership drive in a Parish Hall, advertise in their parish bulletin, this will attract Catholic women. Ask local Catholic Clubs (K of C, Rosary Societies, Catholic Daughters) permission to come and speak about being a Hibernian. If they do not allow speakers than ask to handout a flyer.
- **Post Flyers about LAOH**, on community, supermarket, parish bulletin boards, Irish Pubs, Irish gift shops, Irish companies, or restaurants; always ask permission first.
- **Have a display or table** at community, parish festivals or fairs. Include photos of local Hibernian events, activities, charity work, history, or topical Irish news events. Let everyone see what we do while having fun. Do not limit your membership activities to only Irish events; there are many Irish that attend these other events.
- **Local Library** ask local library or bank to let you put up a display on Irish History or Irish Culture, particularly around St. Patrick's Day. ***Always have membership info available for potential members.*** Remember to ask several months in advance, most of these places have a waiting list to put up displays.
- **Contact local Catholic or Cable TV stations**, ask if you can put up an advertisement or do they allow local groups to post a video? Ask to be interviewed about who and what the LAOH is all about. Make sure the member that does the interview is well versed in our history both Irish and Catholic.
- **Have a membership table at Irish or Celtic Festival.** This is an ideal spot to find new members. Do something to attract attention: give out free name tags "have your name written in Irish"; this attracts people over and gives you a chance to promote the LAOH and membership. Always have plenty of membership info to hand out. It gives potential members something to read and think about when they get home. Include website so they may look us up and see what we are about.

- **Plan events for different ages.** Different types of events attract different age groups, ex. ‘Theology on Tap’, Paint Night (Irish Theme). *Always have membership info available for potential members.*
- **Sponsor an Irish dance teacher for 4-6 sessions.** Advertise it. It can be a ton of fun for your own members while also inviting potential members; *always have membership info available.* You can charge a small fee to pay for the teacher.
- **Target Irish Dance Schools, Pipe Bands, Celtic Clubs etc.** The members or students, parents may want to join; they are interested in Irish Culture offer them a way to be part of the Irish Culture.
- **Create Social Media Accounts.** Face Book, Twitter a website all are either free or inexpensive and attract different age groups as potential members.
- **Ask your own members** to each bring in one new member per year. Our own members have varied interest, various types of employment, family members, they belong to other community groups; do not forget this resource.
- **Go through your list of past members;** invite them back. Sometimes people’s lives take them in different directions or they just needed a break; it may be time for them to return home to the LAOH.
- **Work with the local Irish Consulate or Irish Immigration Centers.** Ask to be put on their mailing list, attend events for other Irish groups. Ask consulate to advertise our membership or sponsor a social event to encourage membership in the LAOH. Remember the Consulates and Irish Immigration Centers deal with many newcomers from Ireland and they are looking for friends. The LAOH affords them many opportunities for friendship.
- **Target High Schools or Colleges.** LAOH membership starts at 16 years of age. Students will bring friends, it gives us a younger image and gives the potential members a way to have fun and learn about Irish traditions, march in parades, and is good for extra curriculum activities for their resumes.
- **Honor our member’s accomplishments.** Work with local officials to honor our members and/or organization, particularly our charity work. Make sure these honors are advertised in the local and catholic newspapers, TV, radio. It gives us publicity but more importantly people like to be part of an established group that is active in the community.
- **Sponsor an award for a local school.** Give an award for a Catholic Action project or an Irish history project for a local grade school or high school graduate. Present a certificate and if possible a small monetary award. It lets the public know we are an involved community group.
- **Help-out in the community.** Do charity work, have a day of service. Issue a press release, publicity is important. Take photos, they can be sent to the newspapers as well as used in displays about the LAOH.
- **Have members wear sashes.** Especially when attending Mass as a group.
- **Sponsor a Day or Weekend Celtic Retreat.** It is a great thing for your own members while also recruiting others by letting them know who we are and how important our faith is to us.
- **Have a ‘paint night’.** Have an event open to the public. This type of event tends to attract younger members. Do an Irish theme painting.
- **Wine and Cheese Night.** Have a small social gathering, advertise the gathering, and invite potential new members to an informal gathering to get to know us.
- **Have an Irish Bowling Night.** Again, a fun night for your own members while attracting potentially new members.
- **Sponsor a movie night or a book club.** Show or read an Irish movie or book. Again, you will attract people interested in Irish culture.
- **If you have a Hall or local meeting spot;** sponsor an open house. Invite people to get to know who we are and what we do.
- **Have a local St. Brigid or St. Patrick event open to the public.** This will attract Irish people who know the importance of these two saints to the Irish.
- **Take an ad in an Irish newspaper.** Irish people read Irish newspapers. Many Irish newspapers have special editions for St. Patrick’s Day, take advantage of the larger than normal readership.
- **Church Bulletins.** Do not forget your local parish bulletin; division members usually belong to various parishes so there is a potential of have a little blurb in several bulletins seeking new members.
- **Buttons.** Have big buttons made to wear at fairs, festivals saying something like “Ask me what’s a Hibernian?” or ‘Are you Irish? Talk to me’, ‘who says there are no Irish in (town Name)’?

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

518-395-9964 , banbha1021@gmail.com

LAOH NYS Appointees 2019 - 2021

Auditor—Christina Parisi, clp110388@hotmail.com;

Freedom for All Ireland—Joan Moore, joan55mmoore@msn.com;

Fundraising—Mary “Sissy” Durkee, mdurkee1@nycap.rr.com;

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 Immigration & Education, Jeryl Hess

Dear Sister's,

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

If you are in need of on-line citizenship classes

There's still time to register for our online Classes

> Study U.S. History & Civics

> Practice Reading, Writing, and Improve Your English Skills for Citizenship Interview

Class schedule: Mondays & Thursdays: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

For more information, please call/text: 646-545-7214 or Email: coordinator@eiic.org



Diversity Visa (DV-2022) Green Card Lottery Entry Deadline is November 10th, 2020

The annual diversity visa lottery registration period opened once again on October 7th until November 10th for those who are eligible to apply for a green card to reside permanently in the United States. Only entries submitted during this period will be accepted and considered for selection in the lottery. Applications will only be accepted online via the U.S. Department of State official website at www.dvlottery.state.gov.

In recent years there has been an increase in online scams promising green cards or quicker service for a fee. EIIC's Immigration Attorney and Director of Immigration Legal Services, John A. Stahl, Esq., urges those interested in applying to note that “there is still no fee to apply and there is only one official website to register.” He advises individuals to ignore any email offers to help complete or expedite the application process.

Please call Emerald Isle Immigration Centers [EIIC] if you need assistance with your application.

The EIIC immigration legal services staff at the Center is once again appealing to potential applicants to apply early this year, cautioning that the official DV Lottery website can get frozen closer to the deadline of noon on Tuesday, November 10th.

If you are a member of a local group or organization and would like our staff to speak to your group on the DV Lottery in October or on any immigration topic at a future meeting, please contact John A. Stahl, Esq., Director of Immigration Legal Services and Immigration Attorney at 718-478-5502, extension 201.

Check our website for additional information and upcoming public meeting dates at www.eiic.org

The Green Card process, which can be a complicated process under normal circumstances, has also been interrupted. If you, a family member, or a friend needs help look to our Irish Immigration Centers; if they cannot help they advise you of what to do. One such center here in New York is the Emerald Isle Immigration Center www.EIIC.ORG

EIIC Queens Office- : 59-26 Woodside Ave., Woodside, NY 11377. Phone: 718.478.5502 Fax: 718.446.3727

EIIC Bronx Office- 4275 Katonah Ave. Woodlawn, Bronx, NY 10470. Phone: 718.324.3039, Fax: 718.324.7741

Do you have an Immigration Center in your area? If yes please send me their information and I will inform all our members. Sisters, please support these Immigration Centers. We may not be able to lobby for Immigration Reform but we can support these Centers that do so much for all immigrants. Isn't it wonderful that our country, the United States of America is still the country that so many still want to immigrate to. Remember that the Immigrant of today was our families of yesterday.

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

St. Brigid's New York Connection – July 2020

<https://www.laohnys.com/>



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

Dear Sisters,

Please see the attached email from National Freedom for All Ireland Chair, Dolores Desch. She was a participant in the **transatlantic release of the "Plastic Justice Report"**. I watched this live presentation and was moved by the recounting by 3 of the 17 families that are seeking justice for the death of their family member. These families have been trying for 30 to 40 years to find out what really happened and to have the English government admit that they were wrong in the handling of these situations. We are a nation that believes in a fair and impartial hearing seeking the truth but as you hear in this presentation these families have not been afforded that opportunity. **I encourage you all to listen to this video and share with your membership its**

message and the effect it has on you. The heartache of each of the presenters is very evident when they are speaking. It is important, especially now, for us as an organization to support the efforts of these families to finally get the truth and justice for their family members.

We are starting the **Christmas Appeal** soon and hope you will all be generous. You can donate individually, as a Division and/or County. If you combine your monies to reach the \$1000 dollars (one thousand) mark your County will receive an award. This year's award is hand made by one of the groups we support in appreciation for all that we do. Please try to be creative with your FFAI Fundraisers and let me know about them. If I can come and support them I will make every effort to do so. **ALL donations are to be sent to the new LAOH National FFAI Chairperson: Dolores Desch, laohnationalffai@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 our motto and praying for a United Ireland,
Yours in Friendship, UNITY and Christian Charity,
Joan Moore

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

**TO VIEW THIS VIDEO GO TO YouTube –
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QahLrUFcBuA>**

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Article XV

Section 12. FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND APPOINTEE shall:

- Promote the education of members on the Freedom For All Ireland mission and program guidelines.
- Promote the implementation of the major "giving period" commonly referred to as the **Christmas Appeal**.
- Promote the education of members on the status between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Provide a Freedom For All Ireland Report at each meeting at each respective level.
- 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 Webmaster / Information Technology - Kimberly A. Clancy

Hello Sisters:

The NYS LAOH website is www.laohnys.com.

The NYS LOAH face book page is <https://www.facebook.com/LAOhNYS>

The Officer's Reports for the Fall Board Meeting have been posted to the Website. Please download them prior to the Meeting on October 31,2020. The Fall Board Meeting will be carried live via Zoom. Your Division/County President have been sent the invitation information, please contact her to get the needed password. I will be the "host" of the Zoom meeting and am looking forward to seeing you then. I pray you are all safe and healthy.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

You can also contact me on my cell (518) 426-5108. I am here for you Sisters, use me.

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

Webmaster's responsibility is 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).



The LAOH NYS Fundraising Chair, Mary 'Sissy' Durkee



Sisters,

Calendars: Calendar sales is our most profitable fundraiser so I will be challenging all Divisions 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 have been mailed out to all the counties. If you need additional calendars they will be available at the NYS Board meeting in East Durham, October 31, 2020. If Calendars or payments are not returned by January 15, 2021 your County/Division will be assessed the cost of the calendar (\$25.00 each).

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).

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- Special Prizes of \$100. will be awarded on St Brigid's Day (Feb 1) and St. Patrick's Day (Mar 17)
- If there are any changes to your registration information, please contact

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



The LAOH NYS Public Relations / Publicity, Mary Hogan

Dear Sisters,

Greetings to all. I hope everyone is safe. I know many of our divisions are not having regular meeting but please try to submit some news from your county so the rest of your sisters may keep up with their Hibernian sisters throughout New York State. This will keep us united in these trying times.

I will be requesting material for a new issue of the LAOH NYS Newsletter

Please submit your Officers, County and Division to me at LAOHBKLYN@AOL.COM

send submissions by December 6th, 2020 -the Feast of St. Nicholas.

A few tips on submitting newsworthy articles for your division/county:

PHOTOGRAPHS- (jpeg) please identify each person, what the event was and the photo must be a good quality or it will not print well. Please try not to use a phone camera or if you must put your phone setting on a high pixel level (photos should be 1 mb or higher). Do not include the photo in your article, attached the photo as a separate file in your email submission.

MEMORIALS- when submitting a memorial please try to include a photograph as well as some biographical information; this info can usually be acquired from the funeral home website and/or a local newspaper. Remember to include their Hibernian connection, if a member- what division and county they belong to and if they have ever held an office and any other pertinent info on their life.

ARTICLES of INTEREST: divisions and counties may also submit articles about a specific member who has received a recognition for work she has done or of an event that holds a significance for your local area, division, or the Irish community at large. Traditions for holidays, ex. Christmas. Our members throughout the state enjoy reading about the goings-on within our state.

One of **the requirements of receiving this newsletter** is that each member who receives this email version print out one copy and bring it to your meeting so our sisters that don't have email may also enjoy our NYS Newsletter (St. Brigid's NY Connection). *Since many divisions are not having meetings I am asking that each division coordinate a system to send a paper copy to those that do not have email. It is a great way to keep everyone connected.*

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.

Please keep our sister and brother Hibernians, all the victims of the COVID virus, and their families in your prayers. 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

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If you change your email address please notify your division Secretary asap so she may update your records. Please also email LAOHBKLYN@AOL.com so I may update my records so you don't miss any news.



The LAOH NYS Auditor, Christina Parisi

Good afternoon Sisters,

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 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,

Memories of a year ago. What a difference a year makes!

Remember when we could sit together.

Remember when we could see each other's faces.



**125th LAOH Anniversary at
Solanus Center in Detroit, MI,
Nov 2019.**

**LAOH Honored at NYC
St. Patrick's Parade GM
Reception.
February 2019**



Looking For LAOH Veterans

Hello Ladies, if you are a Veteran or know of a sister Hibernian Veteran, please email Cathie Norton Doherty with her name and address at laohveteransnational@gmail.com. *We are trying to compile a complete list of our Sister Veterans so we can honor them.* This information is needed as quickly as possible. Thank you.



**Honoring All
Who Served.
THANK YOU!**

HISTORY OF VETERAN'S DAY

The United States Congress officially recognized the **end of World War I [on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month]** when it passed a concurrent resolution on **June 4, 1926**, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) *approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday*—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and *known as "Armistice Day."* Armistice Day was primarily a *day set aside to honor veterans of World War I*, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on **June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.**

BE AN INFORMED MEMBER

Per LAOH National President, Karen Keane: The National Board will be providing expert opinions on the actions your Division can take on political issues. Yes you can wear your sash to the Rosary Rally; yes you can write a LAOH Division check to Right to Life; yes you can write a letter noting your Division's stance on any issue involving our exempt purposes: Catholic, Irish Immigration, and Social Justice issues, etc. To assist with what you can do: an email account has been established **"laohcanidothis@gmail.com"** **This account is exclusively for you to email** a sample of your letter or an explanation of the action you wish to take. Please include your name, Division, title, reason for the letter, and the amount of money to be spent on the event. The email will be reviewed promptly and stored for future reference.

VIDEOS FOR OUR MEMBERS BENEFIT

The Hibernians have had a few on-line video events on various Irish/Catholic issues. Please take some time to watch these videos with your Hibernian sisters and your own family and friends.
Share them on social media.

Hibernians Host Pro Life - Virtual Event featuring Nikki Bruni from 40 Days For Life.

Guest Speaker Nikki Bruni is one of the principal organizers of the Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life campaigns that take place during Lent, and again in the fall. During the campaigns, volunteers meet in front of planned parenthood and pray for an end to abortion. There are many stories associated with the experience including couples who decide to keep their babies. Nikki is going to share her experiences and talk about the 40 Days for Life Campaigns.

Watch on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lFdGGQHwow>

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SAVE THE DATE Upcoming Events

December 6th, 2020 Deadline for Articles to NYS Newsletter; St. Brigid's New York Connection.
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December 18th, 2020 Albany FFAI Fundraising Drawing. See attached flyer.
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January 29th, 2021- MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC

It is 3 months until the 2021 March for Life!

On January 29th, 2021 we WILL gather on the Mall in Washington, DC, just as we have every year since 1974. If we are sure of one thing this year, it's that we cannot fall silent in our witness and defense of the unborn. As we prepare for this year's March for Life, we are ever-encouraged in our mission; and with the Presidential Election in less than a week, it is more important than ever that we be the voice of the voiceless (and vote pro-life)!

Friend, it's hard to overestimate just how important this year is for the protection of life in the womb. We will march on January 29th, 2021 in Washington, DC.

Will you join us? Go to the MARCH FOR LIFE website and sign up to receive updates about events, speakers, and safety precautions. **WWW. MarchForLife.org.**

Jeanne F. Mancini

President, March for Life
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May 1, 2021 Saturday

LAOH NYS Board meeting in East Durham, NY.

Presidents Dinner LAOH & AOH.
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July 7-10, 2021

LAOH NYS Convention in Syracuse, NY. Hotel is the Marriot Syracuse. The convention website will be online in January 2021 with complete details. Additional details will be provided at the LAOH NYS Board meeting in East Durham.
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September 25, 2021

LAOH NATIONAL BOARD MEETING,

The **Interim National Board meeting** will be held in South Bend, Indiana on Saturday September 25, 2021 in conjunction with the Hibernian Lecture sponsored by Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame. If there are still COVID-19 concerns, there will be a revision to this location. Further details will be sent out to in the spring of 2021. Please mark your calendars for that weekend. Some workshops and fellowship will be planned to make it a fun and information filled weekend.

Albany LAOH—AOH

Freedom For All Ireland Committee
Toboggan of Cheer Fundraiser!

Drawing December 18

Tickets—\$5.00 each - For tickets please contact

John Levendosky - j.levendosky@gmail.com or

Dolores Desch - laohdolores@yahoo.com



Drape the Charter

***Drape the Charter Tradition-** It is a custom for our Hibernian divisions to drape your division charter in black bunting at your next meeting whenever a sister passes on, if available display a photo of our departed sister and say the prayers of our Order for the departed soul of our sister.*

**Please keep our deceased members, their families,
and all the victims of COVID in your prayers .**

St. Augustine of Hippo: Sermon 172

Of necessity we must be sorrowful when those we love leave us in death. Although we know that they have not left us behind forever but only gone ahead of us, still when death seizes our loved ones, our loving hearts are saddened by death itself. Thus the apostle Paul does not tell us not to grieve but Not to grieve like those who are without hope. Let us grieve, therefore over the necessity of losing our loved ones in death but with the hope of being reunited with them. If we are afflicted, we still find consolation. Our weakness weighs us down but faith bears us up. We sorrow over the human condition but find our healing in the divine promise...

November 2nd is All Saints Day, let us remember all of our sister and brother Hibernians, and all the victims of COVID in our prayers and masses.



Rita O'Shea

**Member of LAOH Division 11,
Tarrytown, Westchester County, NY**

Rita O'Shea, a longtime Tarrytown resident, died July 9, 2020 at the age of 85.

Rita was born in Grenagh, County Cork, Ireland to Michael and Margaret. Rita and her family emigrated from England to the United States in 1977. They lived in Queens for many years before coming to Tarrytown.

Rita worked as a waitress and captain at the Princeton Club of New York for 20 years. When she retired, she took a part time position at the Transfiguration Church Rectory which she thoroughly enjoyed and met many of her wonderful Tarrytown friends. She was a parishioner of Transfiguration Church. She had been a member of the Tarrytown Seniors and was an active member of the Transfiguration Seniors and the LAOH Division 11, Tarrytown.

Rita is survived by her daughter Lisa and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Dave in 2016. She was also predeceased by her five siblings.



Regina Frances Ann Carey
Member of LAOH Division 22
Brooklyn, Kings County, NY

Very sad, to inform you that Regina Carey, Historian in LAOH Division 22 has passed away. Regina has been a loyal and dedicated member of Division 22. Regina had not been well lately but only recently was we informed that she was very ill. Regina died in August. She is survived by her sister. There was a Mass celebrated in her honor at St. Anselm's Parish and her ashes were blessed. Please stop and say a prayer for Regina and her family.

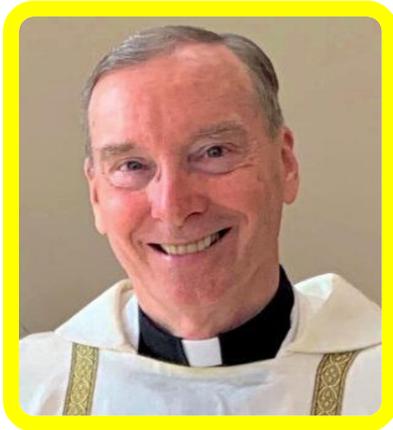


Jeanne Ronan
Member of LAOH Division 22
Brooklyn, Kings County, NY

Jeanne E. Ronan, age 72 of Lewes, DE passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Born in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, she resided in Barnegat for many years before moving to Delaware in 2016. She was employed by Verizon as a Procurement Manager for 37 years. After retirement, she served as a communicant and Eucharistic Minister at St Mary's Parish in Barnegat. Jeanne enjoyed knitting and kayaking, she was a proud breast cancer survivor, a member of the Red Hats Society, and was a past president of the Knights of Columbus Council #908 Ladies Auxiliary in Brooklyn.

Jeanne was a member of LAOH Div 22, Bayridge, Brooklyn, NY where she grew-up. Jeanne and several members of her family were also members of Div 22.

She is predeceased by her parents Francis and Virginia Ronan, her brothers Kevin and Terrence Ronan and her brother-in-law James Hoynes. Surviving are her siblings and their spouses Eileen Hoynes, Joseph and Eileen Ronan and Daniel and Mary Ronan, her nieces and nephews Keith, Michael, Erin, Patty, Megan, Christine, Kerry, Colleen, Matthew, Brian, Patrick, Christopher, Daniel, Rachel and Dylan, many cousins, great nieces and nephews, and her faithful companion, her dog, Fiona.



Father Timothy Hirten
Past LAOH National Chaplain 2004-2006

*R.I.P. Fr. Tim,
Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
As Fr. Tim goes off to Tir N' anOg. Tir N'anOg is the
place of the Blessed. There is no pain. There is no
sorrow. There is only great joy. Weep but briefly for our
friend, for by now Fr. tim has obtained a pleasure that is
unattainable on this Earthly Realm. For by now our
friend Fr. Tim has seen the face of God. He is at peace.*

Father Timothy Hirten, a Brooklyn priest serving as a United States Air Force chaplain, died Aug. 15, 2020 in Texas. At the time of his death, he was assigned to Sheppard Air Force base in Texas and held the rank of Major. He was 66. Father Hirten was preceded in death by his parents, Robert F. and Gladys (Kelly) Hirten. is survived by his brothers Michael, Robert, and Terrence, and his sisters, Maureen Agostinacchio, and Nancy McAtasney, his siblings' spouses; 15 nieces and nephews, and 20 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Born in Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre, Father Hirten attended Holy Spirit School, New Hyde Park; Holy Name of Mary School, Valley Stream; St. Barnabas School, Bellmore; St. John the Baptist H.S., West Islip; Franciscan University, Steubenville, Pa.; North American College, and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas, both in Rome, Italy.

He was ordained Oct. 9, 1993 by Bishop Thomas V. Daily at St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Downtown Brooklyn. Prior to entering the seminary, he was a professional basketball player, travelling the world with the Washington Generals, the opponents of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Father Hirten also served as National Chaplain for the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (2004-2006), for LAOH Division 15, and for the Knights of Columbus. He was the founder of the Catholic Sports Camp, a member of the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps, and a lead dancer in the Hirten Family Irish Step Dancers Troupe.

Fr. Tim was appointed LAOH National Chaplain in November 2004 upon the death of LAOH Natl Chaplain Msgr. Kieran J. Martin by then National President Mary Leathem; Mary said she was sorry to hear of his death, he was a wonderful Priest, great to talk to, he always made time to talk to any member that needed to talk.

He served as an assistant at St. Joan of Arc, Jackson Heights, 1993-97, and Sacred Heart, Bayside, before entering the Air Force. He served in Europe and was activated following the Sept. 11 attacks on America. In 2006, he was assigned to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. He did several tours in the Mideast while assigned to bases in Oklahoma and Delaware. He also held a degree in social work from Fordham University, specializing in alcohol abuse prevention. "It is hard for me to imagine that this usually exuberant, gregarious man and former professional basketball player is no longer with us. Father Hirten will be sorely missed by me and by many," said Father Steven A. Schaick, Maj. Gen., Chief of Chaplains. Father Patrick Longalong, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Queens Village, who was born in the Philippines, recalls, "Father Hirten was a professional player for the Philippine Basketball Association. "He was one of the imports in the first Tanduary Basketball Team (1976). When I was in the seminary, he organized basketball games and created a team called the 'Running Revs.'" "He will always be remembered as a good priest and a good athlete."

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Aug. 26, at St. Barnabas Church, Bellmore. Auxiliary Bishop Raymond Chappetto was the principal celebrant. Msgr. James Pareda preached the homily. Burial was in Long Island National Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to :

Hirten Family c/o Maureen Hirten Agostinacchio, 2628 Doria Lane South, Bellmore, NY 11710



Hugh Harvey
Member of AOH Division 6
Brooklyn, Kings County, NY
Former AOH Division &
Kings County President.

Hugh Harvey died on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Hugh was predeceased by his parents and is survived by a sister, cousin, and many friends. Hugh was a longtime resident of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, he recently moved to East Durham, (Greene County) NY after retiring from the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese Catholic Cemetery. Hugh was active in Holy Family Parish in Greenpoint and served as a Deacon in the Brooklyn Diocese.

Hugh was active in several Irish organizations: for many years he served as a volunteer and a Board member of the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee; he was the guy you always saw selling shirts when you entered St. Patrick's Hall for the Parade Dance. Hugh was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division Six (Greenpoint) in Kings County, he served as both Division 6, President and the AOH Kings County President. He was an active member of the United Irish Counties Assn, and a supporter of the NY Irish Center. Hugh received many honors; he was an Aide to the Grand Marshal in both the Brooklyn St. Patrick's Parade and had the honor of representing Kings County in the 250th NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A Mass was celebrated for his soul by Msgr. Massey. Hugh was cremated and was interred in a Catholic Cemetery. May He Rest In Peace.



Peter G McKiernan
“Mr. Catskills”
April 10, 1950 - September 29, 2020

Peter McKiernan, known as “Mr. Catskills” and a longtime Irish entertainer who was among those featured in a film documentary several years ago entitled “Dancing at the Crossroads: the Irish Catskills.” has died after an illness. Peter was known to many for his music. There was no job too big or too small for him, he played everywhere especially in the Catskills (known as the 33rd county).

Peter was uncle to Kelly Ann McKiernan-Sherry, Richard Sherry and Kennedy Sherry; brother to the late Michael McKiernan, and brother-in-law to Eileen McKiernan. His late parents were Hugh and June McKiernan.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Killian's Church, 485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale on Monday, October 5 at 11 a.m.

*To All Our Absent Friends- We think of you, We pray for you.
Til we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



ALWAYS REMEMBERED September 11, 2001

Our Hibernian Sister and Brothers that were taken from us on September 11, 2001.

We loved them in life, let us not forget them in death. May they rest in peace.

Please stop now and say a prayer for our Sister and Brothers and their families.

***May St. Brigid and St. Patrick watch over them until we meet again in Tir n'an Og ,
the place of the blessed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Florence M. Gregory	LAOH Div 22, Brooklyn, NY
Charles Houston	AOH Div 19, Brooklyn, NY
Richard Fitzsimons	AOH Div 14, Nassau County, NY
Dennis Devlin	AOH Div 2, Orange County, NY
Gerard T. Nevins	AOH Div 2, Orange County, NY
Kevin C. Dowdell	AOH Div 21, Queens County, NY
Arthur Warren Scullin	AOH Div 9, Queens County, NY
Sean Fegan	AOH Div 8, Rockland County, NY
Richard Muldowney Jr,	AOH Div 2, Suffolk County, NY
Maurice V. Barry	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Liam Callahan	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Thomas E. Gorman	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Steven Huczko	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Donald J. McIntyre	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Jim Nelson	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Bruce Reynolds	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Mike Wholey	AOH Div 8 Hudson County, NJ
Peter Milan	AOH Div 2, Monmouth County, NJ

Florence M. Gregory -- "Sister Hibernian and WTC Victim"

Florence was our sister Hibernian, tragically taken from us on September 11, 2001. Please remember Florence and all the victims in your prayers. I thought you would like to know your sister a little better. Below is an article about

Florence. -- The Stylings of Disco Flo

Seated in what she thought was too formal a restaurant last winter at Christmas, Florence M. Gregory announced to companions that she was going outside to ask the Salvation Army band on the corner if they knew a certain song. Moments later, the band arrived at the restaurant, took the table next to hers, and played songs for everyone. "That was my sister," Maureen Petronis said. "She could break the ice anywhere." Miss Gregory, who was known as "Disco Flo" because of her taste in music, loved people. "She was always smiling and laughing and joking," Mrs. Petronis said. "People were drawn to her." When she was not working at AON, where she was a specialist in marine insurance, Miss Gregory, 38, could be found golfing, fishing, cooking, traveling and spending time with her two nieces and three nephews. A longtime resident of Breezy Point in Queens, she was one of three children of Florence and John Gregory. She was an excellent cook and took particular pleasure in preparing meals for family and friends. Her favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day, when she would pull out all the stops with corned beef and cabbage. "She was a fabulous aunt," Mrs. Petronis said.

Profile published in THE NEW YORK TIMES on November 23, 2001.

As our friends go off to Tir N' anOg. Tir N'anOg is the place of the Blessed. There is no pain. There is no sorrow. There is only great joy. Weep but briefly for our friends, for by now they have obtained a pleasure that is unattainable on this Earthly Realm. For by now our friends have seen the face of God. They are at peace.

COUNTY and DIVISION Happenings

ERIE COUNTY

LAOH Feeding the Hungry in Western NY



**South Buffalo Community
Table's Sister Kristen
with LAOH donation**

Greetings from Erie County, Buffalo and Western New York! Our LAOH chapter was able to safely meet in person twice this fall, with good turnout each time. The Buffalo Irish Center where we meet is suffering financially with the Pandemic but holding its own, leveraging take-out and additional virtual fundraising activities to keep it afloat until it can start hosting live music and other cultural events again. We were proud to be able to bring them some business, many of us leaving after each meeting with dinners in hand.

Our LAOH Division continues to support the South Buffalo Community Table, serving over a thousand hot meals a month to the hungry in our community since its creation in 1983 by the South Buffalo Ecumenical Association. As the number of poor continually increase with the Pandemic, in our area and around the country, so does the need to feed the hungry. Director, Sister Kristen Schmitz SSJ, tells us what she needs most, we then make the bulk purchases and deliver them to her doorstep. From her website <https://www.sbcommunitytable.com>: "It is because of our many wonderful volunteers, local farmers, businesses and the South Buffalo community that we are able to offer nutritious, hot meals Sunday through Thursday each week and on holidays."

This summer's LAOH virtual convention was attended by several of our members. Many thanks to all the presenters, and we have already been able to help our Western New York seminarians with what we learned. Our local Christ the King seminary closed this year due to dwindling attendance, transferring students into St Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. By learning more about the LAOH Project St Patrick to support vocations, we were able to get St. Mary's added to the list of eligible colleges for students to receive vocational grants, allowing our local seminarians to apply for funding to cover their new additional travel expenses.

We'll now be on Hiatus until January. Sadly, no LAOH Halloween fundraising luncheon or Holiday gatherings, but, as my church deacon advised: "This too shall pass, eventually..." Let's hope and pray for sooner rather than later. In the meantime, we keep all our elderly and at-risk members in our prayers and wish all our LAOH and AOH sisters and brothers a very blessed holiday season.

KINGS COUNTY

COVID has canceled our regular meetings, our hall has been closed. It seems every time restrictions loosen up a bit the virus rears its ugly head and closes down things again. Our members are excited to be going to the NYS Board meeting up in East Durham. Gavin's resort is a great place.

Division Six, Greenpoint:

We do have some good news: **Congratulations** to Ellen Flanagan from Div. Six in Greenpoint for her twenty-five years as a Hibernian. Ellen comes from a Hibernian family; her mother and Aunt were both

Hibernians. We want to say a big THANK YOU to Ellen from all your sisters. Ellen is a nurse and is working during this pandemic.

Congratulations to Aileen Cahill from Div 6 and to her new husband JP. Even in the middle of a pandemic love still wins out. We wish you both much happiness.



Our members continue to donate food to parish food pantries, clothes to the Salvation Army. We will be attempting a ZOOM call for a meeting and just to say hello to all.

Both LAOH and AOH members in Brooklyn volunteer at a local food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



Members assisted in running a basket raffle for our local Irish Cultural Center in Gerritsen Beach, the Baile Na Gael. Our Hibernian Hall sponsored a blood drive. Even though we are not having meetings we can still help others...

MONROE COUNTY

Our Mass in honor of Our Lady of Knock was held in August. The Mass was said at St. John the Evangelist in Rochester.

On October 10th there will be an **outdoor Rosary** said at St Boniface in Rochester. We will have members in attendance. This is a wonderful way to gather and say the Rosary while keeping social distance.

The Mass for deceased Sisters will be said at St John the Evangelist in Rochester on Sunday, November 1st.

We are making plans to attend the fall state board meeting on October 31st in East Durham. The Catskills would be lovely that time of year and it would be nice to be together again. However, times being what they are, we are prepared to attend remotely if necessary.

All of our recent meetings have been held via Zoom. We are thankful that we are able to continue with the business of the order despite not being able to physically meet. We are hoping that our October 27th meeting will be in person at Johnny's in Rochester.

We continue to pray for peace in our city, our country, and our world. We hope for a vaccine soon. We also pray that people will recognize the need for God in our lives.

QUEENS COUNTY

Sadly due to the virus we have not had our regular meeting. We will be trying a ZOOM meeting.

RICHMOND COUNTY

The Ladies from Richmond County, Staten Island have been self-quarantining whenever possible. We are trying to make plans for our Annual Hibernian Ball that takes place in February and honors our Grand Marshal and Aides for our St. Patrick's Parade. We will meet next week and try to plan for the future but COVID will dictate this year. We were able to have our last parade; this year we will be selling our raffles for our 'sack of cash' fundraiser. Hopefully come March we will all be marching again.

Like so many others we have not been able to have our regular meetings; we will be attempting a ZOOM meeting. And yes we will be having elections also. Wish us luck.

The virus has so many casualties; for the past 20 years Ann Clark, LAOH Division Four Ann has coordinated and run for over 20 years an Annual Fundraiser for Eden II a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to provide much needed funds for programs and services that support individuals with autism. Sadly it will not go on this year.

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Enjoy a night of friendship and craft making. You can choose you craft from 10 options. The cost is \$40.00 pp which includes all materials to make your craft.

We will have a raffle and 50/50. Snacks will be provided and beverages for purchase!

Please contact Alice at 631 987-5902 or email ali4nan@aol.com

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**WESTCHESTER COUNTY
KITTY GEISSLER DIV. 11, TARRYTOWN, NY**

By Joan Lyons Ceconi – Press & Public Relations

On September 14TH President Alice Koraca held her second zoom meeting with several officers and members joining in. At that meeting a new member, Margaret ‘Peggy’ Sullivan, was installed. Peggy is the sister of longtime Hibernian, Eileen Kennedy. Sadly, Moira Roche, a founding member of Yonkers Div. 19 passed away in late September when Div. 11 attended the wake and funeral where they formed an honor guard. Moira was a well-loved, loyal, dedicated Hibernian and will be sorely missed by all her sister Hibernians. On Saturday, October 3rd **the division held a very successful Irish bake sale fundraiser at The Transfiguration School Fair.** The soda breads were the first to go. On November 15th a mass for the deceased members of the LAOH will be offered at The Church of the Transfiguration in Tarrytown at 10:00 A.M. We look forward to the NYS Zoom meeting on October 31st.



Kitty Geissler Division 11, Tarrytown, NY – Bake Sale

Left to right front row - Mary Gorman, Alice Droogan, past County Presidents, Eileen Carey, Div. Financial Sec., Peggy O’Sullivan, Eileen Kennedy, Kathleen T. Casey, Westchester County President, Joan Lyons Ceconi, past County President.

Back row – Alice Geissler Koraca, Division President

