

**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**62nd BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

In accordance with Article II, Sections B; Sub-sections 1 through 10 of the New York State By-Laws, it becomes our duty to call the accredited delegates of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. to attend the 62nd Biennial State Convention which will open with Mass on **Wednesday, July 7th through Saturday July 10th, 2021 at the Marriott – Syracuse Downtown Hotel, Syracuse, NY**

The business sessions of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. will convene at **Marriott – Syracuse Downtown Hotel, Syracuse, NY**. The By-Laws provision for representation to this Convention is as follows:

**STATE CONVENTIONS**

Section 1.

The State President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. of New York State shall order a State Convention to be held biennially.

Section 2.

The following officers shall be eligible to be seated in the State Convention; the elected State Officers, all Past National and State Presidents in good standing and all National Officers, who are members of a New York State Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.; County President, County Vice-President, County Secretary, County Treasurer, County Irish Historian, County Office of Missions & Charities, County Office of Catholic Action, County Mistress-at-Arms, County Sentinels, and the last Past County President, or alternates in good standing and Division Presidents or alternates in good standing to have a voice and a vote at the State Convention.

All State appointees shall be eligible to a voice and a vote. Expenses of the County officers shall be paid from the County Treasuries. In a County where there is only one Division, the elected Division officers, except the Financial Secretary, shall be the only delegates to the State Convention. All Divisions will be entitled to an additional delegate for every fifty (50) members in excess of the first fifty (50) members.

Section 3.

The County Vice-President shall be the alternate to the County President at both the National and State Convention. The Division Vice-President shall be the alternate for the Division President at State Convention and then other officers in descending order.

Section 4.

Any Division unable to pay expenses of a delegate to a State Convention may elect as delegate/alternate any member in good standing who is willing to pay her own expenses.

Section 5.

New Divisions organized at any time before the Convention shall upon payment of any assessment or taxes due be entitled to a seat in the Convention, provided the Division has a membership of fifteen members.

Section 6.

No County shall be allowed to hold more than two State offices. No Member shall hold the same office on the State Board for more than one term or until the next State Convention, and no officer shall be eligible to succeed herself or repeat her office at a future date.

Section 7.

The State President shall determine the date, then receive and appoint all Convention Committees.

Section 8.

The State President shall appoint as soon as possible, a Committee who is nearest to the proposed Convention to investigate the localities seeking to host the next convention at the expense of the Convention Site Committee. Such Committee is to submit a written report to the State Convention for action.

Section 9.

No Member shall be eligible for State Office until she has taken the Major Degree of the Order.

Section 10.

Whenever possible all Major Degrees should be given at the State Convention.

## **Article III-ORDER OF BUSINESS IN CONVENTIONS**

### **Section 1.**

The following officers shall be eligible to be seated in the State Convention; the elected and installed State Officers, National Officers and Past National Presidents from the State, all State Presidents in good standing, the newly elected County President, County Vice-President, County Secretary, County Treasurer, County Irish Historian, County Office of Missions & Charities, County Office of Catholic Action, County Mistress-at-Arms, County Sentinel or their duly elected alternates. The State President shall appoint all necessary committees for the State Convention, and to this purpose, the County/Division Presidents shall submit names in writing thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention.

**Section 2.** At the opening of the biennial sessions, the State President by and with the consent of the convention, shall appoint committees on Credentials, Rules of Order, Auditing, By-Laws, Irish History, Resolutions, Juniors, Public Relations, Grievance, Missions & Charities, Catholic Actions, Freedom for All Ireland, and any special committees at the direction of the State President.

### **Section 3.**

The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of the delegates from each County and report thereon the correctness of it. The credentials shall be in the hands of the State Secretary at the time prescribed by the State Secretary, but no less than 10 days prior to the convention.

### **Section 4.**

The committee of By-Laws shall receive all proposed amendments to the State By-Laws and recommend any changes they deem advisable for the welfare of the Order in the State of New York and report it to the State Conventions session.

### **Section 5.**

The Committee on Grievances shall examine all grievances that may be referred to them in accordance with the National Constitution and report thereon such action, as they may deem proper to the State Convention in session. All grievances must be submitted first to the State President prior to the opening of the State Convention and only those shall be recognized that have been first presented to the respective County Conventions.

### **Section 6.**

The business of the New York State Convention shall be conducted as dictated by the Rules of Order as they coincide with the National Constitution. See National Constitution Article XV Section 10.

### **Section 7.**

The business of the biennial meeting shall be taken up in the following manner:

1. Opening
2. Opening Prayers
3. Reading of the Official Convention Call
4. First Report of the Credentials Committee
5. Report of the Rules of Order
6. Appointment of judges and clerks of the election
7. Appointment of all other Committees
  - a. Appeal for Aid
  - b. Audit
  - c. By-Laws
  - d. Catholic Action
  - e. Election
  - f. Freedom for All Ireland
  - g. Grievance
  - h. Immigration and Legislation
  - i. Irish History
  - j. Juniors
  - k. Juniors Scrapbook
  - l. Missions and Charities
  - m. Public Relations
  - n. Resolutions
  - o. Rules of Order
  - p. Scrapbook

- q. Ways and Means
- 8. Reading of prior State Board Meeting Minutes
- 9. Summary reports only of State Officers, Past Presidents, and State Appointees
- 10. Financial Reports of all audited committees
- 11. Nomination of Officers
- 12. Reports of State Appointees
- 13. Reports of Committee
  - a. Appeal for Aid
  - b. Audit
  - c. By-Laws
  - d. Catholic Action
  - e. Freedom for All Ireland
  - f. Grievance
  - g. Immigration and Legislation
  - h. Irish History
  - i. Juniors
  - j. Juniors Scrapbook
  - k. Missions and Charities
  - l. Public Relations
  - m. Resolutions
  - n. Senior Scrapbook
- 14. Unfinished Business
- 15. New Business
- 16. Final Report of Credentials
- 17. Elections of Officers
- 18. Motion to adjourn
- 19. Final Prayers

Section 8.

Copies of resolutions, changes or proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws that have been approved and endorsed by County Conventions should be forwarded to the State President at a time announced by the State President prior to the Convention.

Section 9.

Should the Convention recess before concluding the foregoing order of business, it shall commence at the point reached at the previous session.