



**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.
New York State
St. Brigid's Connection**



Regina Begley – President



President Begley and Husband Peter @ Ice Breaker National Convention, Orland, FL

Hi Sisters,

Since our last newsletter, I had the pleasure of traveling to Ireland with 3 college girlfriends. It has literally been decades since we traveled together, and we were worried we could possibly come home as enemies. Not to worry though, we had the best time and the 4 of us sharing 1 hotel room was not even a problem! We centered our trip around Galway, never a lack of music (or a Guinness), or shopping and we did the touristy visits to Kylemore Abbey and the Cliffs of Moher. The weather cooperated and the trip was much too short! Peter and I then traveled to Sturbridge, Massachusetts for a wedding with stops in Rhode Island and Springfield Massachusetts to visit Peter's family. On the way home from that whirlwind vacation, we stopped in Orange County for another wedding! And believe it or not I was able to squeeze in some NY State LAOH business!

This past October, I was thrilled to install a new Junior Division in Suffolk County. A lovely bunch of young women and they already have their first fundraiser in the works!

In September VP Terry Meyer and I joined members from around the Country at the re-dedication of the LAOH monument Nuns of the Battlefield. We had a beautiful mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew followed by the re-dedication. Terry and I then joined several Ladies at a local restaurant hosted by our DC Sisters. We then attended a banquet later that night. Our Chaplin, Sr. Virginia Lake, is from St. Joseph's, one of the Orders recognized for their work on the battlefields. Except for the traffic to and from Washington, Terry and I had a very enjoyable weekend.

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In August, I and the collective Board attended the National Convention in Orlando. It had its ups and downs, but it is important to keep in mind that the organization is trying to move forward. Zoom meetings are part of that. Had varying degrees of success with online voting at the Convention. We must open ourselves up to new ways of conducting business to keep the price of Conventions within realistic boundaries. Just a heads up, we will be doing Zoom meetings for our NY State Convention. Meetings will likely start in May (possibly mid-April).

The traveling Degree Team had a very successful ceremony.

The new Constitution has been posted to the NY State website along with the updated Ritual and Resolutions documents. They are of course, also on the National website along with the reports of the National Officers and Appointees.

Isabella McSweeney (daughter of Tim & Kala McSweeney and niece of Maura McSweeney) was the winner of the Junior of the Year National Award. Congratulations Bella?

Congratulations to Bridie Mitchell from Kings County and Kathleen Bladgett from Broome County who were awarded Lifetime Memberships. It was a great honor to accept on their behalf.

Beginning in 2025 our annual per capita tax will be going up \$1.00 per year, per member for the next 5 years, resulting in a \$5.00 increase, per member, in per capita tax by the end of 2029. There was opposition, but when the vote was taken, the increase in per capita tax was approved.

The National Board has challenged all Divisions to increase their donation to the Columban Sisters by \$100 in recognition of their 100 years of service. This year only.

An online fillable application is in the works.

A vote was taken and approved to hold a Constitutional Convention in 2026. The Convention Committee will be made up of 2 members from each State, 2 members from the National Board, the National Parliamentarian, a Chairman and a Secretary. The NY representatives are Maureen Caffrey, Nassau County and Patti Mahoney from Niagara. The Chair of the Committee is Past National President Karen Keane. Cathy Turck (National Secretary) and Brianna Curran (National Catholic Action) will represent the National Board, Kim DePeaux is the Secretary and Ann Durkin Fisher, our National Legal Counsel will be the Parliamentarian.

There are updates to the National History Contest and an assessment for Missions & Charities, Teresa and Maura will tell you about those.

Our next National Convention in 2026 will be in Omaha, Nebraska.

These are just highlights. When the official proceedings are published, I will forward to all the Presidents who in turn should forward to their members.

Some of you may be aware that National President Mary Ann Lubinsky held an emergency President's meeting in October. A recap of that meeting will be found in my President's report for our November meeting.

State Convention

Kim Clancy and Terry Meyer have been added to the Convention team to assist Lillian Murphy. Lillian, representing the NY LAOH State Board and Kelly O'Brien, Rochester President will give you more details on the Convention at our State Board meeting.

Thanks to our NYS Fundraiser, Christina Higgins, if you ordered the new State sweatshirt, they will be distributed at our November Board meeting! If you will not be there, we'll figure out a way to get them to you!

Hoping to see all of you at our November Board meeting. If not, I extend my best wishes for a wonderful and peaceful Thanksgiving.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Regina Begley
NYS President
LAOH, Inc.

Board

Therese “Terry” Meyer – Vice President

Hello Sisters and Happy Autumn- I hope this finds you all well and had a wonderful summer. It has been active time for NYS LAOH these past few months. It was so good to see many of you at our National Convention in Florida despite the storm and flight delays many of you were still able to attend. Congratulations to Isabella (Bella) McSweeny from Albany who was named the junior of the year! What a great honor and well deserved for her.

Also, at the convention the lifetime membership was awarded to 2 of our very worthy sisters Bridie Mitchell of Kings County and Kathleen Bladgett from Broome County what an honor for them.

Congratulations to Suffolk County for the installation of new junior division which President Regina installed in October.

If you are ever in Washington DC please go see the Nuns of the Battlefield monument. I was able to attend the dedication with President Regina a few other NYS sisters which was organized by Marilyn Madigan.

You should have received updates on Degrees being held. If you are looking for one, please just reach out to me anytime.

We are busy planning for the joint convention next July in Rochester and update will be given at our Fall State board meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the meeting and a fun afternoon at the testimonial luncheon. If you are not able to attend, I wish you and yours always a Blessed, Healthy, and Happy Thanksgiving.

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go!

Yours in our motto,

Terry Meyer

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Mary “Sissy” Durkee – Treasurer

Sisters,

Happy Halloween! I hope all are well and enjoying some quiet time before the upcoming Holiday Season.

It was great to see so many sisters at the National Convention considering the weather we all had to travel through, whether it was by air or land. I was honored to

be a part of the National Traveling Degree Team as we conferred the Major Degrees at the Convention and made history as five different teams came together to work as one. Congratulations to the newly elected National Board.

As we await the End of the Year Financial Reports now would be a good time for all Treasurers to start preparing by developing an Excel spreadsheet for your income and expenses. Receipts include Initiation fees (if applicable); Dues; fines/assessment; State or County Taxes; Interest from bank accounts; Fundraising Projects; Funds earmarked for Columban Fathers, Columban Sisters, Columban Father Mass Cards, National Appeals for Aid, Project St. Patrick, SOAR or FFAI; Donations and Funds transferred from other accounts

Expenditures include Fund Raising Projects; Rent; Operating/General Expenses; Printing/Publications; Postage/Shipping; Convention Expenses; Journal Ads; Bank Charges.

Telephone Expenses; Supplies; Fines/Assessments; National Per Capita Taxes; or State/County Tax/Assessment. Expenses can also include Donations to Columban Fathers, Columban Fathers – Mass cards, Columban Sisters, Project St. Patrick, SOAR or FFAI; National Appeals for Aid; National Appeals for Aid Assessment; Flowers/Gifts; Mass Cards – Non Columban Fathers; Interest Expense; Degree Team; Return to Treasury/Transfers; Donations Made or Miscellaneous Expenses.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mary “Sissy” Durkee

State Treasurer

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Tresa Kearns – Irish Historian

Samhain and its Irish Origins

Halloween originated in Ireland. It was a pagan festival called Samhain,

(Pronounced saw-when). It is a celebration of the end of the harvest season and the coming of winter. The transition of the seasons led to the belief that on that one night, spirits could cross over from their world into ours. This is what led to the belief and tradition that a bonfire could keep the spirits away. Also, an offering was made to the spirits in the form of food and drink to appease

them, and to try and keep them out of trouble. This is where trick or treat began. People would also dress up in costumes to disguise themselves from the spirits. This would cause confusion with the spirits, and they would leave. The carving of turnips began to again ward off the evil spirits. Not pumpkins but turnips!

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, pagan rituals began to die over time. Halloween became the main festival over Samhain. There are many more fun Irish Halloween facts and traditions. Visit your local library to find out more!

As always in our motto,

Teresa

Teresa B. Kearns

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32 additional cards donated, but the denomination was not indicated. Therefore, 242 gift cards exceeding \$4,800 were donated!

Brigid's Hearth will be a new focus for our organization and will fall under the auspices of the National Catholic Action officer. Our goal is to support our local religious in need. We are working with a few of our members, Sister Kathleen Smith (PA), Sister Lisa Breslin (PA), plus Father Ryan Duns, Father Timothy Harris, Father Henry Reid, and Father Pat Spicer. Our new initiative is in its infancy stage and more information will be shared once it is worked out amongst the committee.

All county/division Presidents and Catholic Action Officers should have received emails forwarded by me from the National President requesting two separate donations; one in support of those impacted by Hurricane Helene and a second for Hurricane Milton. Please consider making donations to support those who are currently in tremendous need, especially as the holidays approach.

Congratulations to our new National Catholic Action Officer Brianna Curran; wishing her every success in her new role! Congratulations and best wishes to Brianna and her husband Nick as they celebrate their wedding on Saturday, October 19 and begin their life together. Wishing them every blessing!

Please continue to pray for those who are suffering in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, for peace in the Middle East, the Ukraine, for our upcoming election and for each other. I thank you for all the work you

Patricia Moynihan – Catholic Action

Dear Sisters,

Autumn ... the year's last, loveliest smile.” William Cullen Bryant

We had a busy and successful National Convention in Orlando! Since we are a large state and an abundance of gift cards were received for the NYS raffle basket, President Begley donated a portion of those cards in support of the Spirit of St. Brigid Catholic Action project to assist human trafficking victims rather than ask for additional donations. Past National Catholic Action Officer Kathleen Diulus reported that 210 gift cards in the amount of \$4,775 was donated to Catholic Charities of Central Florida. There were

continue to do in support of Catholic Action. Please email me or call me with any questions.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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Chaplin – Sister Virginia Lake

Dear Sisters,

In September, I was honored to be the guest of the New York State LAOH in Washington DC, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the “Nuns of the Battlefield” monument that recognized the orders of Catholic nuns who served and cared for the sick, wounded and dying soldiers from the north and south, during the Civil War. The monument had been approved by an Act of Congress, paid for by the then Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order and dedicated in 1924.

The day began with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wilton Gregory in St. Matthew's Cathedral and ended with a rededication of the monument and a blessing of the new Wayside Marker, which explains the significance of the monument.

The monument had a personal meaning for me when I discovered that a Sister of St. Joseph from Brentwood, New York was among the sisters depicted there. The young Jane Keating from Tipperary, known in religion as Sister Mary Frances de Chantal, received the same habit in 1857 that I received 100 years later in 1957, and is clearly depicted in bronze on the monument.

At the request of the Bishop of Wheeling West Virginia, Mother de Chantal, as she was known in her new assignment, was sent from Brooklyn to Wheeling to support the young community of sisters there and help run their hospital. Although Wheeling saw no major battles, victims of both the Union and Confederate troops were transported there. Her calm, confident and resourceful manner and the generous and friendly manner of the sister nurses eased the distinction between the sick from the north and the south, even as the numbers of wounded grew.

Although the war ended in 1865, Mother de Chantal remained to help in the hospital and the reconstruction period, until returning to Brooklyn in 1876 and assuming leadership roles in the Brentwood community.

Mother de Chantal received the Grand Army of the Republic Bronze Medal in recognition of her service during the Civil War and after her death in 1917, a separate tombstone was erected to acknowledge this award, in Mount St. Mary's Cemetery, Flushing, where she was laid to rest.

Sister Virginia Lake, CSJ
NYS LAOH
Chaplain

Freedom For All Ireland – Joan Moore

Dear Sisters

I would like to congratulate Kathleen Varady on being named our National FFAI chairperson. Her email is laohnationalffai@gmail.com I will forward her other contact information when I get it so you can mail your Christmas Appeal donations to her. Remember to send me a copy of your donation also please. Since my last report a lot of behind-the-scenes work is being done by the various political parties both here and in Ireland. In January 2024, Ireland filed a case against the United Kingdom at the ECtHR over the Northern Ireland Troubles (Reconciliation and Legacy) Act 2023. This law

grants amnesty to former British soldiers and others who committed crimes during the conflict in Northern Ireland. The case brought to the European Court's is progressing and the majority of political parties are joining the Irish Government to have this Bill repealed. This past Saturday, the AOH sponsored a webinar about this, with Martin Galvin stating "the makeup of the panel shows the influence that the AOH (and LAOH) has in Ireland. Members of Congress, Dial TDs, prominent lawyers, victims and Director of groups like Relative for Justice, to come on our webinar broadcasts because they know the AOH is an important leader in shaping Irish American opinion." It points out that the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery has only 8 cases before it when there are hundreds of cases. It talks about how the families do not trust this body because some of the people on it were part of the ones during "The Troubles." You can view this webinar on YouTube link below; <https://youtube.com/live/Nt88crW6XgY>. We need to continue to encourage our congressmen to support the bipartisan group, led by Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, to put pressure of Britian to have this Bill repealed. We need to stay informed and continue to support Ireland in her quest for Freedom!

If there are any new appointees for FFAI in your respective divisions, let me know so I can add them to my FFAI list. Also, if any member wants more information or would like to be added to my list please send me their contact information. My email is nyslaohfreedomforallireland@gmail.com

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
Joan Moore
NYSFFAI Chair

Immigration and Education – Maureen Caffrey

Hello Sisters,

Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe that it has already been two months since the National Convention and that we are getting ourselves ready for the Fall Board Meeting.

The annual diversity visa lottery registration period opened once again on October 2nd until November 5th 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 dvprogram.state.gov. Be careful. There has been an increase in recent years in online scams promising green cards or quicker service for a fee. There is still no fee to apply and there is only one official website to register.

A little Immigration History - Although the Declaration of Independence asserted equality for all, from its founding the United States has limited citizenship, and later immigration, on the basis of race, gender, and class. Over time, these categories have become much more expansive in serving priorities such as family unity and economic competitiveness. In 1790, however, the earliest citizenship law reserved rights to citizenship by naturalization to “free white persons,” or white male property owners. During the 1880s, the earliest enforced immigration laws drew upon these values to bar legal entry to categories of persons considered unsuitable for citizenship, starting with Chinese as a race, the poor (LPC), and contract workers. Even as the U.S. government struggled over the appropriate targets for immigration restriction, it had to develop legal systems and bureaucratic institutions to carry out these goals. Variations in the origins and size of immigration flows are shaped by U.S. immigration laws but also by conditions in the migrants’ homelands which lead them to search for better economic opportunities, social stability, safety, and to join family and friends. Over time, immigration policy has come to more closely reflect ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence even as continuing problems of unauthorized immigration keep up pressures for further reforms.

Let us continue to pray for peace in Ireland, and all over the world.

Yours in our Motto,
Maureen

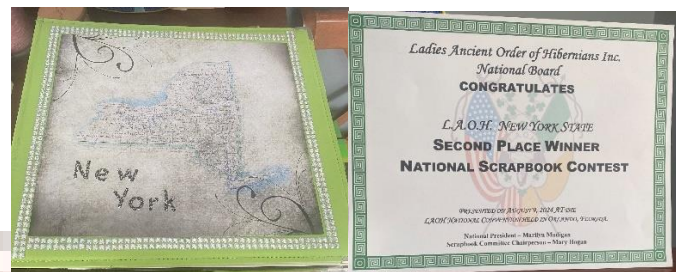
Scrapbook – Carolyn McGillicuddy

It was an honor and a privilege to compile and create the scrapbook for New York State this past summer. It showcased that our New York State counties and divisions do so many wonderful and fun events throughout the year. Thank you so much to everyone who sent in pictures and documents to be included in the scrapbook that was entered at the National Convention in Orlando. Our scrapbook received Second Place! The

Junior Divisions did an awesome job as well. Suffolk Division 7 received first place and Albany Division 1 received second place. Great Job ladies!

Save photos, invitation, memorabilia etc. and pass them along to your divisions in order to contribute to your county’s scrapbook for the New York State Convention in July 2025. Guidelines and a scoring rubric can be found on our website. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely in Our Motto,
Carolyn McGillicuddy
Scrapbook Appointee



Webmaster / Publisher St. Brigid Connection – Kimbelry Clancy

Dear Sisters:

Welcome to Fall! That means Norta Dame Football Season. Go Irish.

The Website is updated often, return frequently to see the latest.

The State’s Website is (laohnys.com).

Under the Members Tab will be information for: Board Meetings, Conventions, Chaplain, FFAI, Irish History, Juniors, Major Degrees, Newsletter, Resources, Scrapbook and Sports.

The page (LAOH Documents) is password protected. Please contact your president to get this password. The documents you will find there are for the “work of the order”.

The St. Brigid’s Connection, NYS Newsletter is published four times a year. The newsletter is posted on our website, also a notice will be put on face book when published. It is very important your submission is in word format. Your photos must be included with the text that it pertains to. Your submission is copied and placed in the

newsletter, content and space as allowed.
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1/10/2025	Oct, Nov, Dec 2024	January 2025
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Albany County Albany Division #1

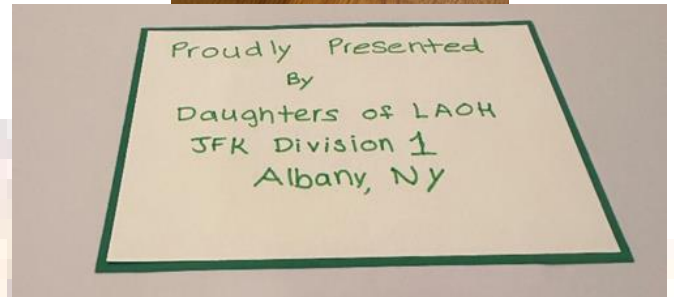
Happy Fall 2024!

The ladies of Albany JFK Division 1 sent several members to the 2024 National convention in Orlando this summer. At the Appeals for Aide meeting, received a \$500 grant for the Sidewalk Warriors, an all-volunteer not-for-profit group that provides aid to the homeless and those in need in the Capital Region of New York. Division members delivered the check to the group, which feeds upwards of 300 people every Thursday.



Several Albany ladies participated in the traveling degree team at Convention, exemplifying degrees for 48 members, with 63 observers present. Attendees relayed that the Convention was a great time to share in our sisterhood and reflect on the good work to come!

At Convention, our Junior Division was also honored for their hard work and dedication to their mission. The Junior ladies were awarded 2nd Place in the Scrapbook Contest for assembling a beautiful scrapbook highlighting their accomplishments.



Also, we are proud to report that our own Junior Division President Bella McSweeney was honored as the National Junior Hibernian of the Year. Congratulations Bella, we are very proud of you!



LAOH National President Mary Ann Lubinsky presented Albany JFK Division 1 Junior President Bella M. with the Junior Hibernian of the Year during 2024 Convention

Nassau County

Glen Clove Division #8

2024 Annual Summer Picnic at Morgan's Park (July)

Our Annual Summer Picnic, held in July at the beautiful Morgan's Park, was the place to be this summer! It was a fantastic evening filled with good food, great company, and amazing music. A special thank you to Jean Jensen and Kelly Arena for their excellent work in chairing this event, and to everyone who brought a dish to share. Carol's Kings delivered an outstanding performance, making the night even more memorable. We also extend our appreciation to the Morgan's Park Summer Music Festival committee for another well-organized event.



Celebrating Our Lady of Knock (August 18th)

On Sunday, August 18th, members of LAOH Division 8 attended mass at St. Patrick's Church to honor Our Lady of Knock, followed by a delightful breakfast at a local diner. It was a beautiful day shared with many of our division members and a few of our AOH brothers, including Mike Moran from Division 8. We enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to celebrate our faith together.



Irish American Night at Eisenhower Park (August 5th)

On August 5th, members of LAOH Nassau County, including Division 8, Glen Cove, joined in celebrating Irish heritage, culture, music, and dance at Irish American Night at Eisenhower Park. We are grateful to the Irish American Society for hosting this wonderful event. Among the attendees were Mike Byrne, NYS AOH District 6 Director; Marina O'Neil, LAOH Nassau County Grievance Officer; Sheila Zeineth, LAOH Nassau County President; Ken Ferguson, AOH Nassau County President; Eileen Petrucci, LAOH Division 8, Glen Cove President; Patricia Victoria, LAOH Nassau County Immigration Officer; and Roni Jenkins, LAOH Nassau County Public Relations Officer.

August Meeting and Food Drive

During our August monthly meeting, Division 8, Glen Cove held a non-perishable food drive. We are thankful for the generous contributions from our members, which will support those in need in our community. These efforts reflect our commitment to charity and service.

Mass and Birthday Celebration for Our Blessed Mother (September 7th)

On September 7th, we gathered for a lovely Mass and birthday celebration for Our Blessed Mother at St. Rocco's Church. It was a meaningful and spiritual event

attended by our members, including Marina O'Neil, Lisa Forgione, Pam Panzenbeck, Eileen Petrucci, and Marilyn Johnson.



Welcoming New Members (September 27th)
 We are thrilled to welcome two new members into our division, Marie Zabelski and Amy Gornan, who officially joined on September 27th. We are excited to have them as part of our sisterhood and look forward to their contributions to our division's activities.

In unity, friendship, and Christian charity, LAOH Division 8 remains dedicated to fostering strong bonds and making a positive impact in our community.



Division #15

The Ladies of Division 15 have been very busy over these last few months.



Maureen Caffrey – NYS Immigration and Education Chairperson, and Mary Skinnon – Division Historian, participated with their band The Tara Pipes and Drums at the 39th Annual West Point Tattoos on April 28th. They happened upon Maura McSweeney – NYS Missions and Charities. Maura is now an honorary member of the band. I grand time was had by all.



At their May meeting they donated to the Life Center of Long Island. Pictured l-r: Maura Haggerty – Catholic Action, Sharon Tate – President, representative from Life Center, Helen McHale – Vice President.



They also held the Crowning of Mary before the meeting. Participating were members, pictured, l-r: Margo Moore, Kathy Cruickshank, and Maureen Murphy Ade.



Members participated in the Memorial Day parade as well at the wreath laying ceremony afterwards. Pictured, l-r: Maura Haggerty, President Sharon Tate, Kerry McCall, Helen McHale and Christine Gibbons.

Orange County

Division #6



Division 6 was proud to award a \$500 college scholarship to Michael Martinez who will be studying political science at Vassar College. Michael is pictured with Division President Terri Meyer.



Division 6 donated \$100 and baby shower items to First Way of Life in Monticello, NY and Mother's Cupboard in Warwick, NY. Pictured from First Way of Life are, from left to right, Director Annette Rein, Division 6 member Sharon Lilley, and board member Hedy Kaminski.

Our division also made donations to: \$170 to Wreaths Across America for 10 wreaths which our members will place in December, \$100 to The American Cancer Society, Making Strides of Hudson Valley for Division 6 member Maria Codd- Perez's team, \$100 to Walk to Defeat ALS for Division 6 member Ann Pirock's team: Cheers for Sheers/ Friends of Mike, \$250 to the American Legion Post 1622 and, most recently, a \$500 donation to Operation Air Drop to support North Carolina's hurricane victims.

Schenectady County



L-R: Division member Cathy Turck, President Mary Seider, Founder and CEO of TOMVO, Rayn Boncie and member Kim DePeaux presenting the Appeals check.

The ladies of Schenectady JFK Division 1 sent 5 members to the 2024 National convention in Orlando. At the Appeals for Aide meeting, we were able to receive 2 grants for charities in our county. Division member Cathy Turck was elected as National Secretary. Susan Callaghan received a proclamation from the national President for all her work on our anniversary emblem, the degree team emblem and our application. Many of us participated in the traveling degree team, exemplifying

degrees for 48 members. A lot of work was done, but a great time was had seeing old friends and making new ones. Can't wait to see you in Omaha!



Front row L to R: Cathy Turck, National President Marilyn Madigan, National President Elect, Mary Ann Lubinsky, Susan Callaghan. Back Row L to R: Mary Sieder, Peggy Osborne, Kim DePeaux

trip! Thank you to Becci Enders, Chris Brogan, Alice Faughnan, Aggie O'Leary and Maggie Brogan for attending and representing Division 7 well at this convention. During the convention, Maggie Brogan was appointed the 2024-2026 National LAOH Webmaster; congratulations Maggie!!



Pictured: Chris and Maggie Brogan at the National convention in Florida



Susan Callaghan (R) receiving proclamation from National LAOH President Marilyn Madigan



Pictured: Division 7 AOH & LAOH in Florida

Prior to the National Convention, we applied for grant money from the LAOH Appeals for Aide on behalf of a very worthy charity and received a \$500 check to donate to that charity. Thank you to our Missions and Charities Officer Gina Holm for her work on the application submission.

Suffolk County

Our Lady of Knock Division #7

Hello Sisters, I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful fall weather we are having!

Over the summer, a few of our board members were able to attend the August 2024 National AOH/ LAOH Convention in Orlando, Florida and it was a successful



Pictured L-R: Chris Brogan, Betty Kreamer, Gina Holm & Becci Enders delivering the check from LAOH Appeals for Aide to Birthright



Division 7 East Islip Country Line Dance Fundraiser was a blast! (Pictured: Tara LePage, Mary McCall, Sue O'Neill, Margaret Davis and many more)



Pictured: Becci Enders, Chris Brogan, Gina Holm delivering baby items to the Life Center of Long Island

Our Division 7 Family Picnic was held on Saturday, September 14th where all members and their families get together in fellowship.



Pictured: Annie Schafer and her mom, Mrs. Dowd at the Family Picnic.



Division 7 East Islip installed 26 new members at the October meeting! Welcome Ladies!



LAOH Div 7 at the East Islip Street Fair recruiting new members (Pictured: Chris Brogan & Val Hand)



Division 7 Band Together to Beat Breast Cancer Fundraiser. Pictured LAOH members Carmel Ryan, Irene Weidman, Aggie O'Leary & Peggy Fitzpatrick.

LAOH Division 7 has a lot of upcoming activities for our members including a Puca Festival with Division 7 & 2 Junior Boys and Girls on October 18th; Div 7 Junior Girls annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on October 20th, Halloween Costume Party at our hall on October 25th, our Deceased Members Mass on October 26th along with celebrating LAOH Division 7's 60th Anniversary!

Westchester County

Peekskill Division #18

Fun day on the banks of the Hudson River in Peekskill at the Hudson Valley Irish Festival

Members of LAOH Division 18, Peekskill were out in full force on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Hudson Valley Irish Festival. We sold Irish Soda Bread, raffle tickets, and some of our members also volunteered in other capacities at the festival. It is one of the most anticipated events of the year, and after it was cancelled due to rain in 2023, we were all every excited to be back on the Hudson at the Peekskill Riverfront with our Hibernian Brothers and Sisters enjoying the day!



Division 18 Secretary Ellen Greffenius, Division 18 Historian Tara Daly and Division Missions & Charities Officer Valerie Pawlows volunteering at the Hudson Valley Irish Festival, Sept. 28, 2024

Division 18 President Mary Cronin, Missions & Charities Officer Valerie Pawlows and Division Vice President Mickie O'Connor – ready to start the day volunteering at the Hudson Valley Irish Fest, Sept. 28, 2024



Division 18 Treasurer Maureen Hegarty, Division 18 Members Ann Daly and Noreen Hegarty-Weber manning the LAOH table selling Irish soda bread and raffle tickets at the Hudson Valley Irish Festival, Sept. 28, 2024



Division Financial Secretary Kathy Curran, Recording Sec. Ellen Greffenius, Historian Tara Daly and Sentinel Valerie O'Kelly-Lynch working at the LAOH tent, Hudson Valley Irish Festival, Sept. 28, 2024

New York State Convention 2025 Rochester

At the fall Board meeting there will be a full presentaion of what information is available. The Committee is already working on all aspects for the Convnetion. Please check our Website for updates as they are available.

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Sisters,
Hurricane Milton is aiming for a direct hit on Florida again with the possibility of hitting other states as well. We are requesting prayers for all those in its path. We are also again appealing for donations to our Humanitarian Fund. Please send donations to:

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Thank you!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
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