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## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. New York State Board

Dear Sisters,

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that I will be unable to attend our July Convention.

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, I had a fall which caused a brain bleed and severe concussion. I was admitted to a local hospital, and subsequently transferred to another hospital better equipped to handle my injury.

After several days in ICU, I was discharged to the care of my sister. Recent cat scans indicate the bleeding has stopped and is resolving. However, on the advice of my neurologist I am not able to travel or fly. The side effects of my injury are subsiding, but still impact on my ability to completely care for myself.

I would like to thank each of you for your hard work and support these past two years. Together, we faced some historic problems.

It has been, both an honor and privilege to serve Our Order with you.

I congratulate all our incoming Officers and new appointees. I wish you all success in your new positions, and offer you, my support. Thank you all for your prayers and kind words.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Aggie
Aggie O'Leary, NYS President
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Thank you to all the Degree Teams and Junior Division Coordinators and Vice Presidents that served during this administration. Your contributions to the Order benefit all the members of the Order.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the members of our Junior Divisions for the work they accomplished and the donations they have made during my term as Vice President. Our Juniors are the future of the LAOH and I truly believe we are in good hands!

Receiving the Degrees of Our Order brings a deeper understanding of what it means to be a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. An Exemplification of Degrees Ceremony will take place during our 2023 NYS Convention in Rochester. The Trinity Degree team will confer the Degrees.

The NY Degree teams conferred degrees on 103 members from October 2021 through the end of this administration.

The Mother Teresa award and the Junior of the Tear award will both be presented to the worthy recipients at the Installation dinner during this Convention.

As I close out my term as NYS Vice President I thank all of you for the confidence you placed in me. Both Division 15 and Nassau County have submitted endorsement letters supporting my run for NYS President. I hope that I can continue to count on all of your support to vote for me as your next NYS LAOH President.

Submitted in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity

Regina Begley NYS Vice President LAOH Inc.



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Dear Sisters,

I wish to thank you all for your attention to the many numerous emails from me- I know they are many. Still, they always are to keep you informed of any updated information you and your members need, including when there are corrections. I am genuinely thankful for your cooperation, and it has been my pleasure to serve as your secretary these last two years.

Many of you will be having elections in the next few months. You must advise us who your new officers are so we can send information to the correct person. Please send any updates to the newly elected secretary's email of <a href="mailto:nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com">nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com</a>.

Just a few points of importance for your division/county and financial secretaries: when receiving a file to complete the year-end reports from National, I cannot stress enough that it must be completed and returned in the same Excel format no other way. Never change the format, file name, font, or put highlight colors on columns. It must be sent back to State Secretary in the format sent to you. This was a bit of a problem the last few years. National created these, and you will save time, and the NYS secretary will not have to send them back to you to correct the format. Never change your EIN numbers.

The membership report has four tabs, all required to be completed, and you must provide all requested information. You can ensure that your membership is correct by financial secretaries going through the list in the fall of your membership list. Ensure all names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails are spelled correctly. You also need to list the year they became a member and when they got their degrees, do not leave any of these columns blank.

The fall is a perfect time to pass the membership list around at divisions and have your member's correct information. This will save you much time when it comes time to do the year-end reports. Before submitting the County and division reports, confirm that all the information is correct and complete. Please review reports to avoid having reports rejected and returned to you and abide by the deadline dates to ensure no fines will be incurred.

The taxable membership bills for the per capita will be sent to you by the State Treasurer.

My sisters in Orange County have endorsed me to seek the office of State Vice President. I hope that I will continue to have your support as I run for election for the Vice President's office at our State convention

in July. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention.

Respectfully yours in our motto Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, Therese (*Terry*) Meyer NYS LAOH Secretary nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com 914-443-0362



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### REPORT OF THE LAOH NYS TREASURER June 17, 2023

Dear Sisters,

I would like to begin by thanking you for letting me be your LAOH NYS Treasurer for the past two years. I learned a lot about how the Treasurer's job operates; it was a good learning experience. I also had the opportunity to assist many County and Division Treasurers with their 2021 and 2022 Financial Reports.

#### The following is my LAOH NYS Treasurer's Report:

#### 2022 Financial Reports:

I would like to thank all the County and Division Treasurers for submitting your 2022 Financial Reports. All NYS reports were sent to Cathy Turck, National Treasurer, on or before the March 31, 2023, deadline. Some corrections were made to the reports, and I am happy to say all LAOH NYS 2022 Financial Reports were 'accepted' by the National Treasurer.

Listed below are some of the corrections noted on your 2022 Financial Reports.

- Only the LAOH National Board is a 501 c (3). (LAOH NYS is a 501 c (8). We do not have a tax-exempt number anymore. Some members contacted me for a tax-exempt form, and I had to notify them of this change in our tax status.
- When you are completing your Donations Made page, make sure you check the correct box for 501 c (3), yes or no. In 2022, donations were made to Ukraine Relief Fund and sent to the LAOH National Board, this would be a 501 c (3) donation. In addition, when a donation is made to the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), check 'No' in the 501 c (3) box on the Donations Made page of your Finacial Report. Even though the AOH is not a 501 c (3), you still can donate to AOH Divisions, etc.
- Earlier this year (2023), each member paid a one-time assessment of \$1.00 which was paid with the Division Per Capita Tax. This was for the <u>new</u> Travelling Degree Team. This assessment amount must be listed on the 2023 Financial Report that you will receive sometime in November 2023 from the new LAOH NYS Treasurer.
- I also received questions regarding the change in when Per Capita Tax payments (National and State) are due.

<u>For tax year 2023</u>, the LAOH National and State, Per Capita Tax is due from Single Divisions (without a County Board) to the LAOH NYS Treasurer. Payment must be <u>received</u> by the new LAOH NYS Treasurer no later than January 31, 2024. (The 'new' Treasurer's name and address with be provided at a later date, after Convention).

For Divisions (with a County Board), your National and State Per Capita Tax (excluding Religious and National Life Members) must be received by your County Treasurer no later than

January 31, 2024. Your 2023 Financial Reports must be e-mailed, in Excel format, also by this date to your County Treasurer.

<u>County</u> Treasurers must mail payments to the LAOH NYS Treasurer. Payment must be received by February 28, 2024, and their Financial Reports, <u>e-mailed</u> in Excel format, to the new NYS Treasurer also by February 28, 2024.

The current <u>LAOH National Per Capita Tax</u> (excluding Religious and National Life Members) is \$5.00\* per member. The <u>LAOH NYS Per Capita Tax</u> (excluding Religious and National Life Members) is also \$5.00\* per member. (Note: some Counties add a few dollars to the Per Capita Tax Bill and these funds stay within the County treasury).

The 'annual' Appeals for Aid assessment is still \$.50 per member (excluding Religious and National Life Members). (I attached a copy of a report I did earlier this year for the St. Brigid Connection newsletter, explaining the \$.50 assessment).

\*The Total (National and State) Per Capita Tax due, with Assessments, for 2023, will be \$10.50 per member (excluding Religious and National Life Members).

<u>Do not send any payments directly to the National Board.</u> All Per Capita Tax payments are to be sent only to the LAOH NYS Treasurer. *There are times when donations are sent to the National Board (example: Ukraine Relief). The LAOH NYS Secretary will notify you of these special donation requests.* 

#### Bank Accounts:

The LAOH NYS Auditor, Chris Parisi, will give her full Audit Report with our 'updated' Checking and Money Market 'balances' etc, at our LAOH NYS Convention, to be held at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, Henrietta, NY on Friday, July 14, 2023, and Saturday, July 15, 2023.

<u>Patricia Doyle Memorial Fund</u> – We are still collecting donations to this fund. All monies in this fund will be distributed at our NYS LAOH Convention. We have (11) Grant applications that will be presented during the General Session at our Convention, for approval. At that time, Teresa Kearns, NYS Missions and Charities Officer will notify all delegates in attendance of the final amount collected for the Patricia Doyle Memorial Fund.

#### IRS Correspondence:

If anyone receives correspondence from the IRS, it is imperative to immediately contact LAOH National Treasurer, Cathy Turck. Her contact information is: (e-mail: <a href="mailto:laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com">laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com</a>. ) Only the National Treasurer corresponds with the IRS on matters affecting the LAOH.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
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#### LAOH New York State Treasurer (St. Brigid Connection Newsletter – Article)

Hello Sisters, I often get asked the question, "What is the \$.50 'Appeals for Aid' used for, that every member must pay annually, with their Per Capita Taxes.

At the LAOH National Convention (2018) in Louisville, KY, the National Appeals for Aid Committee met, and a motion was made and approved to assess each LAOH Division throughout the United States (including NY) \$.50 per member, based on their year-end membership reports. The purpose of this assessment is to fund the National Appeals for Aid. This assessment started in 2019. (Religious, National Life Members and Consecrated Virgins are exempt from this assessment).

Prior to every LAOH National Convention, the National Missions and Charities Officer will post on the National Website information regarding the Appeals for Aid Grant, where a 501 © 3 charity can apply, which may result in the charity receiving grant money. The Appeals for Aid Committee meets at each National Convention and the chairperson presents to the committee, for discussion, all the grant applications received. The committee will approve the application(s) that qualify for the grant and will also vote on how much money each charity will receive.

In addition to the \$.50, paid each year, Individual Members, Counties, and Divisions are encouraged to donate to the National Appeals for Aid Fund by using the Missions and Charities Donation Form found on the LAOH National website <a href="www.ladiesaoh.com">www.ladiesaoh.com</a> under Missions and Charities Officer. This extra money, along with the \$.50 per member is added together and the total amount collected is presented at the National Convention, Appeals for Aid Committee meeting. This money is then disbursed to all approved Appeals for Aid applicants.

In our Motto, JoAnn Gundersen...



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Dear Sisters,

WOW, I don't know about you but for me it feels like the past two years flew by and yet went on forever, if that makes since. It was a bumpy road but we all managed and now it's time to come together and celebrate the past two years as we plan out the next two.

I first want to thank all of you for your kindness and support. You truly inspire me and have taught me so much more about being a lady Hibernian. Thank you for trusting me and guiding me. I hope that I did you proud.

NYS donations to Project St. Patrick and SOAR for the period of July 2021 to March 2023 have been unbelievable and that is something that you should be proud of. PSP donations were \$8,411.89 and SOAR was \$4,874.25. Thank You!

Your monetary donations have always been impressive but it's also your "behind the scenes" work that show who we are. From donating to food pantries, to donating your time to help around your parishes and to helping Catholic charities and causes. You prove our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity lives on.

I'm sorry we won't have an opportunity to meet face to face in a break-out session at the Convention but thank you to those that join me for our "zoom" meeting. I will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

Please remember to send copies of your PSP and SOAR donations to your County (if applicable) and the State Catholic Action Officer.

I look forward to see all of you in Rochester and again thank you for your support.

In Our Motto,

Mary "Sissy" Durkee NYS LAOH Catholic Action



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Report of the Immediate Past President and Organizer New York State Convention Rochester, New York July 2023

Sisters,

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the summer months as a time to relax and enjoy spending time with family and friends. Many of you will be coming to the Convention in Rochester to do the work of the Order, please take time to renew old friendships and create new ones as well.

I am filled with many memories as I write this final report as your Immediate Past President, it doesn't seem possible that two years have passed so quickly (it certainly has been interesting). As a Board many new and difficult decisions have had to be made and implemented for the survival of this Order. Congratulations to the President and Officers for their wisdom and courage.

In my position as Organizer, little progress has been made, no new divisions have been established, though many new members have been directed to already existing divisions and our membership is still growing. I did have the opportunity, along with Catholic Action officer Mary (Sissy) Durkee to meet with the ladies of Greene County to review our Ritual, Constitution and NYS By-laws as well as answer a number of questions they had about our organization. At the conclusion of their meeting I had the pleasure of installing their newly elected officers for the 2023-25 term. Congratulations Bernadette and her officers.

My two other responsibilities on the Board remain the same as reported at the May Board meeting:

the calendars are sold for 2023 and a check for the 2022 profits should have been sent to our President or Treasurer from the NYSAOH (approximately \$3,000.00)

the income from the Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant fundraising will be distributed to the recipients at the Convention in July

Thank you to all who have so generously supported both of these endeavors.

In conclusion, it has been my honor and pleasure to have served you as an officer on this State Board over the past 12 years. I have met so many wonderful ladies and made many great friendships that I will truly cherish. Please take care of yourselves, God bless and see you in Rochester.

Congratulations to the present State officers on a job well done and best wishes to the new Board for a successful and happy term of office.

If I can be of any assistance to any member or officer, I am only a phone call or email away. (518 274-8448 or mbdurk7@gmail.com)

Mary Beth Durkee Immediate Past NYSLAOH President



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#### **MISSIONS & CHARITIES**

June, 2023

Dear Sisters,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for trusting me with the office of Missions & Charities for the past two years. I hope that together, we have learned what this office is about and how we can promote the charities involved. I'd like to thank President O'Leary for her guidance and leadership during a sometimes trying two years.

The generosity and kindness that our members have shown is a testament to our organization. NYS leads in donations in the LAOH Nationally. Please continue to follow your hearts both nationally and locally when giving.

The Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant has been granted to 11 different organizations across New York. At the closing of our convention, monies will be equally divided between these groups.

I am proud and honored to have been your Missions & Charities officer. God Bless!

As always in our motto,

Teresa

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Dear President Agnes O'Leary

On behalf of the New York State LAOH Military and Veteran Affairs, I would like to share on this report our upcoming event that is planned for September 2023.

14 June 2023

September's military and veteran affairs symposium will be discussing Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and Domestic Violence (DV) among our military families. The date and venue on Long Island will be announced as soon as possible.

We have already set up our speakers and presenters for our educational forum in September. Our first speaker National Representative Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cathie Norton Doherty, Navy Veteran will be talking about Military Sexual Trauma.

Our second speaker with be NYS LAOH member Colleen Bowers will be discussing Domestic Violence among our military families. Which leads into SGM (Retired) PJ Higgitt, Bronze Star recipient 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and Under Sheriff Rensselaer and NYS District Director Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. Patrick O'Connor, SGT Navy Veteran, Fire Fighter Shaker Road will serve as our MC.

We are still in the planning stages and will have more to share at the Conference in July.

Before I close my report, I want to thank you for this opportunity of a lifetime to bring educational forums forward for the health and wellness for our military and their families. Madam President, I have learned so much under your leadership and I will forever, cherish this time serving as your Appointee for Military and Veteran Affairs.

Very Respectfully,

Jeannine M. Mannarino

NYS Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Military and Veteran Affairs Appointee



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## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. New York State Board

**Dear Sisters:** 

I hope this finds you and yours healthy. Where did the last two years go?

Thanks to all of you who have supported the annual James F. Hayes Golf Classic that takes place the Friday prior to our Spring Board meeting.

And to all of you who showed us your physical prowess while playing Cornhole, thank you. And even if you didn't pick up a bean bag, a great time was had by all who attended Fr. Henry's barbeque/fundraiser.

Unfortunately, for certain reasons, we were not able to plan additional events. There were some suggestions, including bringing the bowling back for the Ladies and Men. Maybe, going forward, we will be able to participate in some more fun events.

Hopefully all golfers attending the NYS LAOH Convention will be participating in the golf outing being held on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention.

Yours in our motto,

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July, 2023

Re: Adult and Junior Scrapbooks - NYS LAOH Convention

Dear Sisters,

It has been an honor to work with all of you over the last two years as NYS LAOH Scrapbook Appointee. Thank you to President Aggie O'Leary for asking me to be a part of the NY State Board. It has been a pleasure to work with my fellow sisters on the NYS Board.

We will be judging your Scrapbook entries during the convention. Please bring your Scrapbooks to the opening meeting. There will be a table in the main room for you to leave your scrapbook. We all should be very proud of the great work we accomplish in support of local charities, our Irish Heritage, and social events displayed in our County and by our Junior Girls.

Information portrayed in Scrapbooks is limited for activities from July 2021 through June 30, 2023.

- Scrapbooks (Adult) can be submitted for counties only.
- Scrapbooks (Juniors) can be submitted by individual divisions.

The Ladies Guidelines and Rubric and the Junior Guidelines and Rubric can be found on the NYS LAOH website at <a href="https://www.laohnys.com/documents.html">www.laohnys.com/documents.html</a> Questions can be directed to me at <a href="mailto:nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com">nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com</a>.

In our motto,

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Hello Ladies;

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer months spending time with family and friends.

As we close out the last two years, I want to thank everyone for their participation in the many fundraisers we've held. Due to everyone's generosity we have been able to make the following donations/contributions:

Freedom For All Ireland- \$2,000.00 Columban Sisters - \$1,000.00 \*\*Multiple Sclerosis \$ 500.00

\*\*CDH Crawl \$ 500.00 (Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia

Research)

NYS LAOH Treasury \$5,306.62 NYS Patricia Doyly Fund \$5,025.62

In addition to those- we distributed \$3,000 & a bike to winners of our various raffles.

\*\* Both donations were made by Aggie O'Leary from the funds from her testimonial dinner on behalf of the NYSLAOH.

We closed out the year by holding the 1<sup>st</sup> (hopefully Annual) Patricia Doyle Golf Outing in Sayville NY and it was a great success. Thank you to the divisions/counties who supported this effort, as the monies raised go directly back to our division sponsored charities. I hope this event continues and perhaps we can move it throughout the state so more participation can happen.

As you can see, your participation helps to make a difference. I encourage everyone to continue to support the state through future fundraisers, whether it's purchasing a raffle, clothing, etc. when we all work together we can continue to do good things.

Thank you again! In Our Motto, Chris Brogan (631) 428-3085



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Hello Sisters;

I hope everyone is well and able to spend some time over the summer with your family and friends.

I have enjoyed working with the Saint Brigid's Connection and as the facilitator for the FaceBook and Website. It really is an eye opener to al of the good works you all do for Our Order. It is inspiring to see all the hard work that everyone does for their communities and chosen charities.

For the future webmaster & St Brigid's Connection person, I wish you well and I hope you are able to get as much participation as I have in the last two years.

Good luck to the incoming board and appointees; I know you will continue to foster the Good Works of Our Order and guide us in the right direction.

Yours In Our Motto, Becci Enders Office: Treasurer

Officer: Joann Gunderson

| Opening Savings Account Balance 4/1  | \$10,491.91 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Opening Checking Account Balance 4/1 | \$33,303.25 |
| Total Opening Balance                | \$43,795.16 |

Closing Date of Books for Audit: 6/30/2023

| Revenue Type              |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Convention Registrations  | \$5,980.00  |
| Donations Pat Doyle Grant | \$794.00    |
| Interest                  | \$0.26      |
| Per Capita Tax Collected  | \$10,279.00 |

Total \$17,053.26 \$60,848.42

| Expense type   |            |
|--|------------|
| Bank Fees  | \$30.00    |
| Check Deposit error (wrong amount credited to account) | \$130.00   |
| Donation Austin Carew Scholarship Fund (Golf Sponsor)  | \$125.00   |
| Donation MCNabb Corn Hole Fundraiser                   | \$50.00    |
| Donation Michael J Quill Center                        | \$100.00   |
| Donation Piper for Mass at East Durham                 | \$100.00   |
| Hotel rooms for State Board meeting (Gavins/Shamrock)  | \$2,862.35 |
| Irish History Contest winner                           | \$250.00   |
| National Per Capita Tax Paid                           | \$143.00   |
| Reimbursement State Board Meeting for Officers         | \$3,456.02 |
| Supplies/Printing                                      | \$5.00     |

| Total | \$7,251.37 | \$53,597.05 |
|-------|------------|-------------|
|       |            |             |

| Savings Account Balance 6/30  | \$10,492.17 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Account Balance 6/30 | \$43,104.88 |
| Total Account Balance 6/30    | \$53,597.05 |

| Office: Fundraiser    |
|-----------------------|
| Officer: Chris Brogan |

| Opening Checking Account Balance | Opening | Checking | Account | Balance |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
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\$6,426.33

Closing Date of Books for Audit:

6/30/2023

| Revenue Type               |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Pat Doyle Golf Fundraiser  | \$9,663.50 |
| Raffles at Golf Fundraiser | \$1,347.00 |
| 50/50 Raffle               | \$713.00   |
| Shirt Sales                | \$855.00   |

Total \$12,578.50

\$19,004.83

| Expense type                                    |            |
|---|------------|
| Shirt Order                                     | \$555.71   |
| Previous Uncashed check, now cashed             | \$110.00   |
| Donation MS                                     | \$500.00   |
| Prizes/Gift Cards for Fundraiser                | \$775.00   |
| Doyle Fundraiser Exps (Rentals, Park, Supplies) | \$6,360.88 |

Total \$8,301.59

\$10,703.24

Checking Account Balance 66/30/23

\$10,703.24