Sisters,

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

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

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

 I come from a rather large family with 6 brothers and sisters, 13 nieces and nephews and 1 great niece. Growing up most of my sibling and I were members of the Junior Divisions of the AOH and LAOH in Troy so you can say the LAOH is in my blood.

 As Fundraiser Chair I will be working to raise funds to help defer the cost of sending our representatives to the National Convention next year in Orlando Florida as well as continue to make our charitable donations.

 Calendars:

 Calendar sales is our most profitable fundraiser so I will be challenging all Divisions to sell a minimum of 4 calendars and all County Boards to sell a minimum of 8, I think this is more than doable. Last year we out sold the AOH and hope to do so again.

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

 Shirts:

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

 Raffle:

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

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

In Our Motto,

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