

**LAOH NYS Officers Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 2, 2022  
Via Zoom

President O'Leary called the officer's meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome by President O'Leary- explained a few might be late due to a national zoom meeting called at the same time. It turned out most could not log onto national, so they were able to attend.

Roll Call: by Secretary Terry Meyer

President Aggie O'Leary

Vice President Regina Begley

Secretary Terry Meyer

Treasurer JoAnn Gundersen

Irish historian/Natl Veterans Cathie N Doherty

Missions & Charities Teresa Kearns

Catholic Action Sissy Durkee

Imm Past President Mary Beth Durkee

Auditor Christina Parisi

Public relations/Web Becci Enders

Imm& Education Kathleen Stevens

FFAI Joan Moore

Sports Maureen Caffery-excused has a county meeting/is county president

Scrapbook Madonna Nolty -excused

Fundraiser Chris Brogan

Military & Veterans Jeannine Mannarino

Past St President Jackie Clute -excused

Past St Pres/Imm Past National President Karen Keane

Past St President Dennis Sobus

Past St President Anne Marie Ferguson

Past St President Kathy Conway- Absent

Past St President Meg Redling

Past St President Carol McTigue -Absent

Past Natl President Mary Hogan

Past Natl President Margaret Hennesy -Absent

Past Natl President Mary T. Leathem

Terry asked about dropping Carol Ann Carley and Rosalie Readon, who were past state presidents since we never hear from them-discussion held. Karen Keane stated her opinion was that we should continue to include them and that their division would want them included. After further discussion, they will continue to be included, and both were considered absent.

Guest Observer: Cathy Turck, new National Treasurer

\*Joan Moore made the motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes, seconded by Cathy Doherty-motion was passed.

Correspondence: Terry stated we had a Thank you note from Karen Keane for our gift to her of Irish Throw and especially for our support over the years.

Emails regarding changes to the constitution were forwarded to all presidents.

Presentation of Bills: JoAnn stated that there would be expenses for officers for the fall meeting.

President Aggie noted that she had received a new bill for an additional \$250 for the Pittsburgh hospitality room. She was questioned as to why more was needed, and she requested copies of dated receipts three weeks ago with no response. Tim McSweeney wanted to pay our portion, but we gratefully declined his offer and stated we would pay our share.

There has still been no wrap-up meeting to explain the additional monies needed for the hospitality room. In addition to the \$250, they (AOH) told Cathy Turck she needed to pay another \$94.26 without further explaining why. AOH President John Manning would not accept our check to pay the \$94.26, so Cathy personally paid for it. Teresa Kearns motioned to reimburse Cathy, and Joan Moore seconded it. The motion was carried and passed. Cathy didn't want to accept, but she was told it was only right to reimburse her.

President Aggie requested that we reimburse Jeannine \$159.99 for expenses for a recent symposium, as LAOH was a sponsor. Cathy Doherty had been a presenter, and other LAOH ladies had attended. Joan Moore made the motion to reimburse Jeannine, and Becci Enders seconded it. Motion was carried and passed.

We received two raffle tickets from national, and Regina said she would take one. President Aggie took both.

We placed two journal ads for the AOH fall dinner journal -1 for \$150 for Father Henry Reid, receiving the prestigious Burns/Hayes memorial award named after two past NYS past presidents —Jack Burns and Jim Hayes award, the highest honor AOH gives to a member. The other was a \$100 ad wishing our AOH Brothers a successful Fall Board meeting, Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Reports all officer's reports were sent out to presidents at the end of September so they could be reviewed at their October meetings. A call to fall meetings, attendance, and agendas was also sent out at that time. Chris had sent out information for the testimonial dinner.

### Officer & Appointee updates

President Aggie directed Terry and JoAnn that they must adhere to timelines for year-end reports and access any fines for late reports with no exceptions as per our constitution. They are not to accept any incorrect reports; it is not their job to correct it must be sent back to be corrected, and remind them that the division/county will face fines if late. Fines will be assessed and added to tax bills. It is up to Divisions/counties to ensure reports are completed correctly and in the right format. We will not face NYS being suspended because of lateness. It is Terry & JoAnne's responsibility to make sure of this and that everything is submitted in a timely manner according to the deadlines.

She also stated that she was going to allow observers to speak, but it cannot be on any subject that should have been discussed and addressed on their division or County level.

It still looks like the men are simultaneously having their convention in Binghamton as ours. They are also having their fall meeting the same weekend as we are, with John's testimonial the same night. It's a shame what has happened.

Regina /Vice President: She was waiting for reports from Mary Ann Lubinsky, the new national vice president, for the Juniors and Degree teams. Understands that all newly elected national officers are just getting into finalizing year-end reports to send out. Regina reported that there is now an updated handbook for the Juniors, which should be on both websites. She also explained that it was discussed in Pittsburgh and passed that a traveling degree team would be established. This is because many states only have availability for members to receive degrees at national conventions. President Madigan is setting up a task force to develop this.

#### Terry/Secretary:

The new member password for the national website is LAOHStrong22

We discussed that there are still issues with emails bouncing back. Also stressed that with year-end reports, they cannot change the format for year-end reports; it must stay in the excel format it was sent in. Many last years did not, and too much time was spent correcting them this time, they will be sent back to the county or division to be changed; that is their responsibility. It is also their responsibility to make sure reports are correct when submitted, as JoAnn bases tax bills on those membership numbers. I had already sent out a suggestion that they go through the last report, ensure all member information is correct, and list the year of membership and degrees.

A discussion was had regarding questions many needed to learn when they got their degrees. Mary Hogan suggested that if they know whom they went with that, they might have the name of the degree team listed so they could get the date. Important information is needed along with membership dates that many leave off reports.

Sandi Swift, our new national Secretary, will be having a zoom meeting at the beginning of January for secretaries. That information will be passed on to our secretaries & financial

secretaries. It is understood that President Aggie's directive will be followed as per our constitution.

JoAnn/Treasurer: I will be having a zoom meeting with Cathy Turck, our new National Treasurer, regarding year-end. There is some confusion about the new assessment for the travel degree team. She has explained to members that it is replacing the Nuns of the battlefield and will be a one-time assessment of \$1.00 per member. So, there should be a total of \$11.50 per member in taxes. \$5 per capita, \$5 for the state, and \$1.50 in assessment, of which \$1.00 is the one-time fee for the travel degree team.

Working with Terry to ensure we have the right membership numbers to bill out for taxes.

Have been working closely with Christina Parisi for audit and staying on top of deposits. Currently, there is \$27,249.35 in checking, \$10,481.47 in savings, and \$2086.06 in Patricia Doyle Fund. The October statement is not in yet.

Christina/Auditor: September 30 balances are all in order, and everything matches what was reported. No issues

\*\* A motion was made by Teresa and seconded by Mary Beth to accept treasurer and audit reports; the motion passed

Teresa/Missions & Charities: working on the event for the Rochester convention. Has been in contact with a person involved with the Open Door Mission. This is a family shelter giving housing due to domestic violence, homeless in crisis, nutrition, etc. They would like donations of hygiene products that we can start collecting at our spring meeting. Mary Hogan asked if we would be able to do any visits. Teresa said she would look into it.

Jeannine & Cathie/Military & Veterans: trying to put a different spin on symposiums. Do something more upbeat for the next one on 2/5/23. Not to concentrate on trauma or somber. Make it a reason for more people to come out and attend the event. Working on ideas, any suggestions are welcome. Please let Jeannine know if you have any ideas.

Aggie stated she had attended one symposium and noted that some were very sad. She agrees that doing a lighter subject about how service dogs are trained and their importance to veterans. She hopes the state board will continue to support our veterans and the work Jeannine and Cathie are doing.

Cathie mentioned that Division 7 in Suffolk had a veteran's appreciation event and noted that Becci's son Cody was coming home from the Navy. Cathie also stated that NYS LAOH is recognized as a strong supporter of veterans.

Becci/Webmaster & St. Brigid connection -reminder that there is a new email for St. Brigid connection [Nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com](mailto:Nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com). Promised Aggie new one coming out soon wanted to include testimonial dinner and meeting. The email to have anything posted on Facebook is [LAOHNYSWEB@gmail.com](mailto:LAOHNYSWEB@gmail.com).

The Past Presidents in attendance all said thank you and are pleased that we are doing a good job and staying to our motto.

Anne Marie Ferguson stated that there still needs to be a wrap-up for Syracuse Convention. She has gotten no responses from men, and there is still no breakdown of expenses or credit.

Still no accountability for money, and she has done everything possible she can but receives no response. She is just being ignored. President Aggie agreed it is unacceptable and needs to be looked into more. But the question is, who in AOH will answer?

MaryBeth Durkee stated again that there are questions regarding the 2021 calendar money accountability. AOH is not replying to her emails for breakdown. They stated some were never paid for, yet ladies had copies of canceled checks to prove they were. Bit of a mess, but it is one of our biggest fundraisers. This year's 2023 ones will be brought to our state meeting. Terry gave a list of who was not attending, so those will have to be mailed. Joan Moore suggested Mary Beth put her name & address on coupons so better track of them can be kept. Divisions/Counties will again be told to return unsold calendars as there are usually others looking for more. If not returned, they will be assessed for them on the tax bill.

Joan /FFAI Christmas appeal information has been sent out, and plaques for those who donated over \$1000 will be given out at the meeting. Please continue to support us -events are happening in Rockland and Albany later this month.

Chris/Fundraiser working on last-minute details for Aggie's testimonial dinner. Friday night is trivia night at Nelly's should be lots of fun. Working on some new ideas for fundraising. More info to come in the future.

Rochester Convention: Karen Keane/ July 14-17

How meetings are to be held is up to Aggie.

Flyers will be available to hand out at the general meeting giving hotel registration information, code, costs, etc.

There will be no open bar, but there will be a soda bar. Many members don't drink a lot, and we are trying to keep costs reasonable for everyone. Mary Hogan asked about refrigerators in rooms as some need one for medicine. Karen will check on it

Regina and Aggie will pick out the menus for Saturday dinner and have options for all. The Rochester committee is working hard to make it a fun and enjoyable convention.

Registration will be done the usual way; that information will be out later.

Aggie stayed at the hotel and agreed that the rooms were basic but comfortable. There is free parking and two pools, one outdoors and one indoors. Regina will work with officers regarding the Hospitality room. The hotel has a quiet time of 11 pm due to the fact there are visitors from the nearby hospital. The downstairs by the lobby does not have the same quiet time it should be later.

Looking for a sponsor for goody bags

Aggie stated that the journal and dinner should not be a fundraiser but should be self-sufficient. Will ask counties & divisions to donate baskets valued at least \$50.

Regina is looking into having degrees at the convention but so far, no responses from Degree Teams.

Aggie stated that Terry would do credentialing for the convention. Also, planning to have Committee meetings a month before the convention via zoom. These will be the only committee

meetings; if members can't attend a committee meeting, they will still be allowed to attend the convention.

Still much work ahead. Karen and the committee are working hard, but it should be a good event.

Cathy Turck thanked Aggie and the officers for their support in Pittsburgh. Wished everyone well—NY rocks with its continued charity donations.

Motion to close meeting made at 9:05 pm by Joan Moore and seconded by JoAnn Gundersen.

Closing prayers and thank you from Aggie.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Meyer

NYS LAOH Secretary



**LAOH NYS General Meeting**  
Saturday, November 5, 2022  
Shamrock House, East Durham, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Aggie O'Leary. Prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance were then done.

President O'Leary announced we are honored to have the following National LAOH guests at our meeting: Marilyn Madigan, our newly elected National President, and Brianna Curran, National Webmaster. It was also announced that our NYS Sisters Cathy Turck is now National Treasurer, and the following appointees: Kim DePeaux is Editor of the National Herald, Cathy Norton Doherty is National Military & Veterans Affairs, Dolores Desch National FFAI, Christina Parisi is National Auditor. Finally, Karen Keane is the Immediate Past National President. Congratulations and a warm welcome to all!

President Madigan thanked everyone for their support, was happy to join us, and looked forward to working with us. Stated New York ladies are doing an excellent job. Juniors are the future of the LAOH. She and everyone is praying that the issues with the AOH on both the National and State levels can be resolved. Cathy Turck thanked everyone for supporting her in becoming the new National Treasurer.

President O'Leary announced her report on the website. She allowed observers to speak but reminded them they do not have a vote. She also states that they should not be bringing up any issues that should have already been discussed at their division or county meetings. All officers' reports were sent out at the end of September to all presidents and are already on the website. If you have questions, you can ask officers when they speak later today.

Secretary Terry Meyer did roll call. Joan Moore motioned to dispense the reading of the Spring meeting minutes, and Cathy Murphy seconded the motion, all in favor of and Karen Keane abstaining. Motion passed

### BILLS

Joann Gundersen stated; that there will be bills for officers' and appointees' expenses from this meeting.

Bills that were paid were: \$100 for an ad for the AOH Dinner journal- this was questioned, and president O'Leary explained they had taken an ad out in our journal. Our ad was to send good wishes to our AOH brothers for a successful fall meeting, Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas, and Happy New year.

\$150 ad congratulating Father Henry Reid on being awarded the highest AOH award, named The Burns/Hayes memorial award, after two past NYS past presidents —Jack Burns and Jim Hayes. \$159 to Jeannine Mannarino for the Veterans symposium. President O'Leary explained that we were a sponsor as LAOH of that symposium.

\$96.26 to Cathy Turck reimbursement for the National Hospitality room. The Candidates, AOH, and the LAOH each contributed \$1000 to the NYS Hospitality Room. On the first night of the convention, President O'Leary receives an email requesting an additional \$250. President O'Leary requested an accounting of the fund's dated receipts for expenses before authorizing and more funds. She was advised several months after the convention by AOH President Manning that the books were closed. Each candidate that contributed the additional \$250 would



receive \$96.26 except Cathy Turck, and the LAOH could give their share to Treasurer Turck. Although President O'Leary did authorize and send the check for \$96.26 to the AOH, they returned it. Rather than go back and forth with President Manning, the motion was made to give the LAOH share of the additional expenses to Treasurer Turck. A motion was made to reimburse Cathy Turck the \$96.26 by Kim Clancy and was seconded by Becci Enders; all were in favor; the motion was carried, and Cathy could donate the money if she still did not wish to take it.

Correspondence: Secretary Terry Meyer noted that there were flyers on the table regarding the upcoming NYS LAOH convention next July, and she will explain more later in the meeting. Constitution changes passed at the Pittsburgh National Convention were emailed out to everyone. Info regarding webinars President Madigan will be doing called embracing our heritage was also emailed to everyone.

Officers Reports: All officer and appointee reports were sent out and are posted on our website, so we will try not to repeat ourselves by saying that each time.

Vice President Regina Begley-

She is working on the Year-end reports and will send them out for Degree teams and Juniors in December.

The handbook for the Juniors has been updated and should be on both state and national websites.

Do not hesitate to contact her directly for any information regarding Degree teams.

President O'Leary stated that all year-end reports have specific deadlines and must be adhered to. The State officers will not be accepting any incomplete reports. If late, they will receive notification from the state officers that the division or county will be fined and face possible suspension if not returned on time. Understand that the State Secretary and Treasurer have over 75 reports to compile to complete their reports on time and have strict deadlines. We, as the state, will not face suspension because a report is late or has not been corrected on time; these rules are stated in the constitution and will be strictly followed. So be sure to adhere to your deadline dates.

Secretary: Terry Meyer

Please be sure to send it to my correct email (nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com)

National has a new password for the website, which is LAOHStrong22.

No one should use work email addresses, which can block what we send out. Many of you still use one, but this is a significant issue with sending information from us. Please set up a personal one and ensure it is noted on membership reports.

You have already been told to follow the deadline dates for year-end reports coming out in December. Do not change the format or font of reports sent to you in any way. Do not change the EIN or use all capital letters; leave your name the same. If you have questions or if something is wrong, contact me immediately so we can clarify and correct it immediately. It must be sent back to me in excel format, not google sheets or any other way; if you do, it will be sent back to you to correct, which can possibly make you late in sending reports & possibly fines. This is not an option. We must conform to and follow the National format only.



Make sure all four tabs are completed; do not touch the reminder tabs that are for national. I suggested you print out your last report and check with your members if the information is still the same. Check that spelling is correct, especially email addresses, as some are still bouncing back; make sure you have entered the date of membership & degrees. Ensure you do not include deceased members in your total membership for taxes. All reports must be reviewed and corrected before sending in. Make sure you have verified your membership numbers with your treasurer because that number will be what you pay on your tax bill. Deadlines are firm in returning to me.

Sandi Swift, our National Secretary, will have a zoom meeting in January. I will send out information for any secretary who wishes to attend it once I receive the date and login information.

I asked if we still wanted to affiliate for NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. The affiliation fee is \$200. Explained that they are correcting the mishaps that happened this past year and making sure the police are aware of when it ends. A motion was made by Karen Keane to affiliate and was seconded by Joan Moore; all were in favor, motion passed.

#### Treasurer: JoAnn Gundersen

Year End reports will be coming out in December. Make donations or gifts before December 31<sup>st</sup> to make the year-end report easier for yourselves. Be sure to verify membership numbers before paying taxes. JoAnn will be sending out tax bills based on that. Also, with the year-end reports, do not change starting numbers, EINs, or names. If you think there is a mistake, contact JoAnn immediately to get it corrected.

Be careful to note that the Nuns of the battlefield assessment is being removed from reports, and there is now a one-time assessment of \$1.00 per member as the National is forming a Traveling Degree Team.

JoAnn reported that Nassau County donated \$100 to the Patricia Doyle Grant. It was explained further how the grant works. The applicant does not have to be a 501C3 or LAOH, or AOH member.

As a reminder, Karen Keane mentioned there is no religious tax. Contact JoAnn to clarify if you have questions.

JoAnn is hoping there will be a zoom meeting in January to help with any questions regarding reports.

Do not send taxes to the National directly. All reports and tax payments must be sent to JoAnn. October statement was not in yet, so balances as of 9/30/2022 are

Uncashed checks: \$1012.38

Savings: \$10,481.38

Checking: \$28,261.63

The total Account balance as of 9/30/22 is \$38,743.01

#### Irish Historian: Cathie Norton Doherty

So pleased to be back at a meeting after almost dying. Thanked everyone for all the well wishes cards, emails, etc., especially the Auburn and Schenectady sisters.

The Irish History writing contest information was sent out already. Last year there were only seven submissions; hopefully, more were entered this year as it was a better topic. Looking forward to seeing them. All information is on the website, along with deadline dates.



There is a year-end report; once she receives it, she will send it to divisions to complete. These must be done, and addressed; there were issues with compliance this past year.

#### Missions & Charities; Teresa Kearns

So lovely to see everyone; the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter donation report is on the website.

The form for donations and mass cards is on the website. There were a few questions to verify that copy goes to Teresa and the original to National- these were addressed. Please send Teresa a copy of the forms so she can check on them if there is a question about donations. Contact Teresa for any questions or concerns; she would be more than happy to help you.

#### Catholic Action: Mary (Sissy) Durkee

Right now, she does not have a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report but will put it on the website when she receives it. Please send a copy of donations to Sissy, not just to National, just like Missions & Charities; it helps if there are questions regarding donations. For Project St. Patrick, donations were \$685, and for SOAR, \$289.25. Times of Mass for the weekend were handed out at the meeting.

A discussion was held about doing Mass in the Spring either at the Mass Rock or the shrine. Members were a little confused. Father Henry has had to do other masses at the shrine. This needs to be clarified more. We must decide the costs since the AOH has deemed it now the ladies' mass. Tim McSweeney generously donated the tent and chairs for us, and we had Maureen Caffery and a gentleman as the pipers. Bernadette Gavin and her daughter sang. Becci Enders made a motion to have mass at the mass rock, and Chris Brogan seconded the motion -all were in favor, and the motion passed.

#### Immediate Past President: Mary Beth Durkee

Organizer: No new requests for membership or divisions currently. Please get in touch with her directly.

Karen Keane is now the national organizer and has a new email address [laohnationalorganizer@gmail.com](mailto:laohnationalorganizer@gmail.com).

Patricia Doyle Grants: Explained grant and remembered Pat. Some do not know who she was or how she was a valued member and sadly passed tragically away in 2013. It used to be the Appeals for Aid, but after her passing, it was changed to honor Pat by naming it after her. Applications will be sent out in the winter, reminding everyone that it does not have to be a 501C3 applicant. Grants will be given out at our state convention currently; there is approximately \$2800 in the fund for the grant. Consider donating to it this year.

#### Calendars:

Sissy announced we received a check for \$3441 as last year's profit from the sale of calendars. There is still confusion regarding last year, with AOH saying some were not paid for, yet ladies have canceled checks to prove they were. It is suggested that stubs are returned to the county or division so we can keep better track of them and then forward them to Immediate Past President Mary Beth Durkee, 452 Monroe, Troy, NY 12180 will submit them to the men. Any



unsold calendars must be returned, or the division or county will be billed on your tax bill. Calendars will be distributed today after the meeting.

Webmaster/St. Brigit Connection/social media: Becci Enders

St. Brigit's Connection will be coming out soon. Please send in articles, and when sending photos, please try to list who is in it or what it is about. The new email address to send to is [Nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com](mailto:Nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com) editions will be put onto the website.

Facebook submissions should be sent to [LAOHNYSWEB@gmail.com](mailto:LAOHNYSWEB@gmail.com); just let Becci know if you would like something announced on the state Facebook page.

Fundraiser: Chris Brogan

[nyslaohfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohfundraising@gmail.com) Looking forward to seeing everyone at dinner tonight. Last night's trivia night was a lot of fun may do it again in the spring. As of 9/30/2022, there is a balance of \$8,267.33 in the account. The complete audit is on the website. There are still some magnets left for purchase. Becci Enders won the Bike raffle. Planning some fun events to come, possibly a golf outing, "Pat Doyle Golf Classic," tentative date of 6/12/23. More info to follow. President O'Leary thanked Chris & her committee for all the work she has put into planning the testimonial dinner- great job.

Auditor: Christina Parisi

Read the audits for Treasurer and Fundraising' [ on the website, and everything matched what they reported. Nothing is out of order. Joan Moore made a motion to accept the auditor report and seconded by Catherine Murphy-all were in favor motion carried.

Freedom For All Ireland: Joan Moore

Presentation of Plaques to those who raised \$1000 --Albany to Chris Reilly; Schenectady to Kim DePeaux and Cheryl Gardner; St. Ida from Kings County to Jessica Johnston & Joan Parisi; NYS LAOH President O'Leary, who noted Chris Brogan did all of the fundraisings for it.

There is a donor who will match whatever is raised in funds for FFAI! Events in Rockland on 11/17 and one in Albany coming up.

Immigration & Education: Kathleen Stevens

The report is on the website, and please read the new diversity report.

Sports Chair: Maureen Caffery

Spoke to Dave Cummings, the new AOH chair, and they are working on togetherness for the Spring meeting, possibly Darts, Joint cornhole game. Bowling? Trying to come up with some fun ideas.



### NYS Scrapbook: Madonna Nolty

Madonna was excused from the meeting but wanted everyone to know the NYS scrapbook came in second place at the National Convention in Pittsburgh.

### Military & Veterans Affairs: Jeannine Mannarino,

Excused from the meeting, was at a veteran's symposium-Cathie Norton Doherty spoke in her place and is our National Missions & Veterans appointee. She noted how Jeannine has done two symposiums with NYS LAOH involvement and has been bringing in other organizations to relate to veterans and their needs. For example, suicide prevention, mental health, homelessness, service dogs, and more. Most of us know a veteran personally. Many of us know of one that has mental health issues or has committed suicide. Jeannine is hoping to do another symposium in February; more info will come. Since veterans' day is coming, let us recognize our sisters here who are veterans—Anne Greer, a veteran since 1952, Sue Messina, and Cathie. A round of applause was thankfully given to them for their service. God bless all veterans.

**\*\* Motion to accept Officers & Appointees reports: Kim Clancy and seconded by Maura McSweeney-all were in favor Motion passed. \*\***

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Past State President Anne Marie Ferguson – hello to all; thank you to the board for doing such a good job, and happy everything is going well with LAOH.

Past State President Denise Sobus- board doing a great job and enjoyed the national convention; proud to be a life member

Past State President & Immediate Past National President Karen Keane-happy to be here. Thank you to everyone who came to Pittsburgh; despite some issues, the LAOH showed we are strong women. NY was in the house! Constitution was updated, and social justice issues were discussed. Many new friends were made, and new ideas were discussed to continue our growth as an organization of strong Irish catholic women. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Karen is now the National organizer, and her email for that is [laohnationalorganizer@gmail.com](mailto:laohnationalorganizer@gmail.com).

Past State Presidents excused from the meeting: Jackie Clute, Kathy Conway, Carol McTigue, and Meg Redling. Absent were Carol Ann Carly and Rosalie Readon.

Past National President Mary Hogan- Glad to be here. Congratulations to the new National Board. NY state board is doing a good job, wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Past National Presidents were excused from the meeting; Mary T Leathem has the flu, and Margaret Hennessey.

### NYS Convention July 2023-followup-Karen Keane

The Rochester committee is working very hard on the convention. It will be held July 14-17 at the RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta, NY 11467



Standard Room Rate \$109.00 (with tax approximately \$126.50) Deluxe Room \$169.00 plus tax. It was discussed that there was not much difference in the size of the rooms. Karen will find out if there are refrigerators in the rooms. Cathy Murphy asked the question: Will there be a group rate for coming in on Wednesday and staying till Monday, basically like other conventions, coming in a day or two earlier and staying later than convention dates? Business center? Karen & committee will find out. We will not be getting any kickback on rooms that were a previous practice by and for the AOH.

Reservations can be made beginning December 1, 2022, at 585-359-1800; Request the “2023 LAOH Convention” room block.

To reserve online: <https://www.rit.edu/ritinn>. Select the Reservations tab (upper left corner). Under “Add Code,” select Group Attendee from the drop-down menu and input the Block Code 230712LAHO (yes, exactly as written here).

Cut Off date for hotel reservations is Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

There is free parking, two pools, one outside and one inside. There are plenty of restaurants in the area and sites to see.

The Rochester group is planning a golf outing on Thursday and an event on Friday night- more information to follow.

Dinner on Saturday night is still being formalized- there will be no open bar to keep the dinner price reasonable. More information to follow. We ask that you please support this by buying journal ads- that information will follow. Also, we are asking counties or divisions to donate baskets of at least \$50 value to be drawn at Saturday night dinner.

It must be known that the quiet hour is 11:00 pm on the floors, but there is not one on the bottom floor by the lobby. Deidre Hickey of the Rochester committee explained that one of the reasons for the quiet time is that visitors to the nearby hospitals stay there also.

We can say that the AOH is still planning on having its convention in Binghamton. Maybe in 2025, we can get back to doing joint one, but only time will tell.

The email to contact Karen with any questions or concerns about the convention is [2023LAOHconventionchair@gmail.com](mailto:2023LAOHconventionchair@gmail.com).

Right now, the plan is to have a general business meeting, nominations on Friday, and elections, if needed Saturday, a closing meeting, and a degree, then installation and dinner.

President O’Leary announced we will be doing zoom breakout sessions before the convention but differently from the Pittsburgh convention; if you cannot attend the zoom meetings, you can still attend and be credentialed to attend general session meetings. Times and details are still being worked on for this.

### New Business

Various fundraisers announced: Orange County has tickets for 50/50 available at the meeting, FFAI has pins for \$10, and Cheryl Gardiner has scratch-off tickets from Schenectady for FFAI.

### Good & Welfare



President O'Leary said she would like us to consider supporting Fr. Henry's fundraiser BBQ at McGrath's in the spring. Maureen Caffrey discussed how we had planned to do the cornhole game as a fundraiser with men, but then they did their own, so we just ended up doing it for fun. Cathie Doherty made a motion that we support it, and Carol Clancy seconded it, all in favor with one abstention by Maureen Carberry motion carried. Maureen Carberry then explained that her reason was that it had always been a fundraiser for her family. Karen Keane and others stated that we never knew that and apologized for any hard feelings, but we never knew anything about it.

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President O'Leary then asked for a motion to close the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and the board for the work they are doing. Joan Moore made the motion, and Maureen Caffrey seconded it. All were in favor, and the motion carried. Closing prayers were said, and the meeting closed at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **Attendance**

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| President Aggie O'Leary                                   | Vice president Regina Begley                |
| Secretary Terry Meyer                                     | Treasurer JoAnn Gundersen                   |
| Irish History/Natl Veterans Affairs Cathie Norton Doherty | Missions & Charities Teresa Kearns          |
| Catholic Action Mary (Sissy) Durkee                       | Imm Past President Mary Beth Durkee         |
| Auditor Christina Parisi                                  | Webmaster Becci Enders                      |
| IMG. & Education Kathleen Stevens                         | FFAI Joan Moore                             |
| Sports Maureen Caffrey                                    | Fundraising Christine Brogan                |
| Past St Pres Dennis Sobus                                 | Past St Pres/Imm Past Natl Pres Karen Keane |
| Past St Pres Anne Marie Ferguson                          |                                             |

Marilyn Madigan, National President, and Brianna Curran, National webmaster, as guests

#### Delegates



Christine O'Reilly

Cecelia Leonard

Marie Davenport

Kathleen Blodgett

Deborah Burke

Susan Connors

Maureen Carberry

Deidre Hickey

Mary Skinnon

Patricia Victoria

Marianne Fleischer

Una Teresa Gormley

Catherine Murphy

Noreen Hansen

Jessica Johnston

Kim DePeaux (Division & Natl Ladies Herald)

Cathy Turck (County & Natl Treasurer)

Sue O'Neill

Carol Clancy

Patricia Fitzpatrick

Catherine T. Hogan

Alice Droogan

Mary Brady

Maura McSweeney

Kimberly Clancy

Suzanne Messina

Jacalyn Kenefick

Barbara Walling

Anne Greer

Eileen Touhy Ward

Joan Parisi

Mary Jo Walsh

Helen McHale

Anne Marie Mulholland

Ann Pirock

Catherine O'Brien

Loretta Reidy

Terry McGeever

Peggy Osborne

Betsy Henderson

Mary Louis Cairo

Grace McGloin

Dorothy Dunn

Kathleen T. Casey

Alice Koraca