



New York State Board
Officer Reports
Fall Board Meeting 11/02/2024

REPORT OF THE LAOH NYS PRESIDENT

This past October 2024, 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 Chaplain 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 very enjoyable weekend. 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. We had varying degrees of success with online voting at the Convention. We must open ourselves up to new ways of doing things to keep the price of Conventions within realistic boundaries. 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 document. 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 Blodgett from Broome County who were awarded Lifetime Memberships. It was a great honor to accept on their behalf. The 2024 Proceedings have not been published yet, so I am sure there is more than what I have noted here. I will have the full proceedings sent to all Presidents when they are issued. They will also be published on the National website as well as our NY website. 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. Online fillable application 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 (Nat'l Secretary) and Brianna Curran (Nat'l Catholic Action) will represent the National Board, Kim DePeaux is the Secretary and Ann Durkin Fisher, the 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. They will also be published on both the National and NY State websites. Some of you may be aware that National President Mary Ann Lubinsky held an emergency State President's meeting this past October. The State of Massachusetts requested a formal apology be made to Dolores Desch on the way she was treated when giving her FFAI report at the National Convention. When contacted by President Lubinsky, Dolores said it was not necessary, she had spoken to those involved in the controversy and Massachusetts rescinded their request. There was also a grievance from Massachusetts to grieve the entire National Board, citing among other things, that the National Board is not approachable. There is no precedent for such a grievance against the entire Board, so President Lubinsky threw out the grievance. While Massachusetts did not agree, as National President, Mary Ann's ruling was upheld. Each State President had the opportunity to speak about their experiences at the General Sessions and the Convention in its entirety which the grievance centered around. No one held back or was afraid to speak confirming the fact that, while not all members of the National Board were at the meeting, no State President was afraid to speak her mind, which was proof for me, that the National Board is approachable and willing to listen. I personally have never had a problem speaking to any member of the National Board. Unfortunately, the comments given by the State Presidents in attendance on the call were all similar in nature. They felt that there was an air of bullying on the part of some National Officers at the National Convention. While I did agree with my Sisters, I also said there is a fine line between assertiveness and aggressiveness. These days, being aggressive equates to bullying and people are offended and feel belittled and intimidated.

Being assertive you can stand your ground but remain open to other points of view. When you don't accept other views, assertiveness too often crosses over to aggression/bullying. My comments at the President's meeting centered around those thoughts. All our National Officers are committed to the ongoing success of our organization. Some are headstrong and their passion for the Organization, making it the best it can be, does often cross the line between assertiveness and aggressiveness. We, the members, must recognize this and speak up when the line between assertiveness and aggression is crossed. We need to remain cognizant of the fact that we all have our opinions and with that comes the expectation of some opposition but also the expectation of respect. State Vice President Terry Meyer and Webmaster Kim Clancy have been added to the Convention team to work with 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 on November 2nd. 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! Ladies, as a reminder, anything written in my report, or the report of any other officer should not be shared with anyone outside our organization, including past members and members who are not in good standing. Your adherence to this is greatly appreciated. Hoping to see many 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.

Report of the LAOH NYS Vice President

Fall New York State Board Meeting

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. The constitution changes are posted on the National website. The proceedings are not out yet, but I strongly suggest you read them. Once it is out it will be sent to all County and Division Presidents. It will cover changes made to our constitution and more, and of course it will be discussed at our state meeting on November 2nd.

The traveling degree team did a degree at convention which was well attended and a few of our NY sisters are part of that team. The next national convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska in 2026 and will be a constitutional convention; details to follow. A committee has been setup with representation of 2 people from every state and National board members, President Regina will explain more at our fall meeting.

Congratulations to Isabella (Bella) McSweeney from Albany who was named the junior of the year! What a great honor and well deserved for her. Congratulations to Suffolk County for the installation of new Junior division which President Regina installed in October 2024. The Richmond County ladies are still in the organization stage.

Also, at the national convention in August the prestigious lifetime membership was awarded to 2 of our very worthy sisters Bridie Mitchell of Kings County and Kathleen Blodgett from Broome County what an honor for them. Both have been presented their medals and certificates. Both ladies are true examples of the LAOH and living our motto. I was very proud to be at the presentation to Bridie this past Sunday in Queens.

In September I accompanied President Regina to the dedication of the Nuns of the Battlefield monument. If you are ever in Washington DC please go see the Nuns of the Battlefield monument. I was able to attend the dedication Mass at the cathedral with President Regina a few other NYS sisters which was organized by Immediate past president Marilyn Madigan. The sisters from the local LAOH were very welcoming to all of us and the Dinner at the Army Navy Club was very nice.

Our very own Chaplin Sister Virginia Lake is one the Sisters of Saint Joseph who are depicted on the monument along with 11 other orders of nuns, some of which sadly no longer exist.

You should have received updates on Degrees being held. If you are looking for one, please just reach out to me anytime. The degrees originally scheduled for the Trinity Degree team has been cancelled and we will notify everyone when it is rescheduled. The degree team from Celtic Degree team has one scheduled for November 17 hosted by Division 5 in Patchogue. Deadline to register is November 12. Their flyer is posted on our state website and was sent out to all divisions and counties. You can contact Patti Tariol at murphy0156@yahoo.com if you have any questions. The Kings County degree team is planning one in the next few months, and we will advise you of date when it is available.

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

Please check your emails as information comes out frequently with set deadlines that need to be adhered to. The yearend Juniors and Degree teams reports will be coming out the beginning of December from our new

National Vice president Sandi Swift. If you have any changes in degree team and contacts, please advise me of it as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the meeting and a fun afternoon at the testimonial luncheon which should be a fun time, and proceeds will benefit Project Children which was chosen by President Regina. If you are not able to attend, I wish you and yours always a Blessed, Healthy, and Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in our motto,

Terry Meyer

Therese (*Terry*) Meyer

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Report of the Office of the Secretary

Dear Sisters, I am very happy to see the hot and humid weather leave us here in Kings County, and the beautiful Autumn season begin. Spring and Fall are my two favorite seasons.

The following is my Secretary's Report:

Annual (Year-End Reports): November is fast approaching, and this means 2024 End of Year 'Membership Reports' will be emailed out to all County and Division Presidents and Secretaries, as soon as I receive them from LAOH National Secretary Cathy Turck. *(I will also be sending these reports to the Financial Secretaries. Last year I was notified that Financial Secretaries do assist in completing these annual membership reports).* *Important: The Cover Sheet (first page) is where you list your Officers for this year 2024. The County or Division Officers (second page) is where you list your 2025 Officers. Note: All 'Counties' and 'Divisions' must submit a 2024 Membership Report. I now ask all County and Division Secretaries (Recording and Financial) to start preparing your information for these 2024 membership reports.

SPAM or Fraudulent E-mails: Some members are still receiving SPAM or Fraudulent emails. If you receive an email asking for Gift Cards, Money, etc, place your cursor over the sender's name and if it doesn't match the NYS Officers/Appointee's name and email, immediately contact President Regina Begley at: nyslaohpresident@gmail.com .

National Life Membership Award: I included information from our NYS By-Laws (2023) regarding National Life Memberships. This award is given out once a year. I am asking all members to begin discussing, at their monthly meetings, any candidate(s) they may be considering for this award. For more information, visit the LAOH National Board website at: www.ladiesaoh.com . Click on 'National Board', then 'Secretary' to access National Lifetime Membership information. I will be sending out a reminder notice in January 2025. **This year we had two members from NYS receive this prestigious award: Brigid (Bridie) Mitchell, Kings Division 6, and Kathleen Blodgett, Broome Division 1**. Congratulations Ladies!.

ARTICLE XIV NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Any Division and County Board wishing to enter the name of a member for National Life Membership in accordance with the provisions delineated in the National Constitution, must submit all required paperwork to the State President and copied to the State Secretary solely between February 1st and April 15th of each year for voting by the State Board at the Spring Board Meeting.*

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our LAOH NYS Fall State Board Meeting in Middletown, NY on Saturday, November 2, 2024, **9:30 AM**.

Yours in our Motto, JoAnn Gundersen, LAOH NYS Secretary, nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com

Report of the LAOH NYS Treasurer

Sisters,

I hope this report finds you well and rested from the National Convention. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the convention, considering the weather most of us had to travel through.

I have been in touch with our newly elected National Treasurer, Margaret “Peggy” Cornish and she has informed me that she is currently working on the Financial Reports as I write this report. I hope to have the reports by the end of October and after I have reviewed them, I will send them out. Single Division Counties your report will be emailed to the Treasurer and President and are due back to me by January 31, 2025. County Presidents and Treasurers will receive the reports for your county, and I ask that you in turn send them to your Division Presidents and Treasurers. These reports will be due back to the County Treasurer by January 31, 2025. County Treasurer will then need to compile all their reports and have them back to me by February 28, 2025. Instructions will accompany the reports, so I ask that you be sure to send them with the reports.

During the National Convention there was much discussion about raising the National Per Capita tax, these changes will not take effect until filing the 2025 Reports in 2026. At that time, the Per Capita tax will increase by \$1.00 and then every two years after that the tax will increase by \$1.00 with a final cap of \$10.00 with the 2034 reports.

As a reminder only our National Treasurer, Margaret “Peggy” Cornish corresponds with the IRS so if you should receive any correspondences from them, it is imperative that you immediately contact her at laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com.

Our Auditor, Christina Parisi, will give her report on our Checking Account and Money Market Account balances at our Fall State Board meeting.

In Our Motto,

Mary Durkee

State Treasurer

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Report of the Irish Historian

Hello Sisters,

The Holiday season is upon us and the time of year that we all get extra busy.

I do hope that all County and Division Presidents have shared this year's Irish History Essay Contest information with your Historians? This year's theme is:

THE GOLDEN AGE OF IRISH LITERATURE.

Deadlines for submission are as follows:

Division entries to your County historian by December 15, 2024

(If no County board, entries are due to State (myself) by December 15, 2024

County winners submitted to State (me) by January 15, 2025

State winners will be submitted to National by February 15, 2025.

I would very much appreciate an addition to your Irish History Essay entries. On a separate page, please write down the child's contact information, their age, grade, and what Level they are entering at. What Division or County is sponsoring this submission and a contact person from that Division or County and their information. I had asked for this information to be added to the forms for the Essay contest, but I don't see them. This will make it so much easier to award the child if they win. One of last year's winners just cashed their check and this created problems for our treasurer.

I attended the ZOOM meeting on the National level and the break-out session in Orlando regarding Irish History. I tried my best to have them come up with a better idea than an essay contest, but my voice went unheard. They say with no other ideas they would stick to the old ways. Children these days have so much schoolwork and teachers learning plans are set so far in advance, I feel there is little time left for outside essays. Starting in 2025-2026 deadlines will change and award amounts will increase. This is the LAOH National Board's plan to increase the interest and participation.

The Year End History Report deadlines have also changed. The new due dates are:

Division reports are due to your County Historian by January 31, 2025

County reports are due to State Historian (me) by February 28, 2025

State report is due to the National Historian by March 31, 2025.

Please keep checking the National Web page for a copy of Report form. New password is Un!ty24.

Your new National Irish Historian is Kathleen Diulus (laohnationalhistorian@gmail.com) if you need to contact her.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed holiday and a Happy New Year!

As always in our motto,

Teresa B. Kearns

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Report of the NYS Office of Missions and Charities

May 2024 - October 2024

Sisters of New York State,

I hope you all had a safe, fun, and productive last few months. It certainly had been a busy one for me. I was, as always, honored to attend our National Convention in Orlando, Florida in August. It's always gratifying to see the work of the Order put into action, and our Ladies of NYS consistently exemplify our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. This was particularly in evidence through the National Appeals for Aid process. This is a chance for us to apply for needed funds for the local charities that we work so hard for. For 2024, there were 28 applicants from around the country that received a donation, and almost half were from NYS Divisions and Counties. That is phenomenal, Ladies! It was decided in committee that the funds in the Appeals for Aid coffers should be split equally amongst all 28. We know that every little bit helps. Remember, it's not just the money that helps these organizations. It's also your time and energy that you devote to the causes so dear to your hearts.

Several years ago, I was asked by now-Past-President Marilyn Madigan to be on the Nuns of the Battlefield Committee. The purpose of this committee was to help commission a wayside marker to be built at the Nuns of the Battlefield monument that stands at the intersection of Rhode Island Ave NW, M Street, and Connecticut Ave NW, in Washington DC. Although it is a beautiful (and large!) monument, the wayside marker would enable visitors to learn more about the work of the Nuns, the monument, and its significance through an interactive display set to the side of the monument. This year was the 100th anniversary of the building of the monument, and the LAOH commemorated that not just through the creation of the marker, but with a beautiful Mass, and dedication ceremony, and a lovely dinner as well. I am proud to be one of the members of the committee and had a great time traveling down to celebrate this momentous occasion with my State and National Sisters and Brothers. If you're ever down in Washington DC, make that one of your stops.

I continue to be awed and amazed at the generosity of my NYS Sisters. From your donations to our Columban Sisters and Columban Fathers, to your hard work and dedication to your Divisions and Counties; from the outside organizations that you volunteer and raise money for to "Stuffing the Bus" and providing "Winter Warm Wear" to communities in need, you are a generous, helpful, and wonderful group!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Board Meeting. Have a safe and happy Fall season!

In our Motto,

Maura

Report of the Catholic Action Officer

Dear Sisters,

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

To formally include the Humanitarian Fund under the auspice of the Catholic Action Officer. In addition, guidelines to be developed by the next interim board meeting, outlining how funds will be requested and distributed.

To formally include Brigid's Hearth as a Catholic Action activity under the auspice of the Catholic Action Officer and work with this committee to develop guidelines by the next interim board meeting for inclusion and disbursement of funds.

To align the Catholic Action annual report due dates to those of the financial and membership reports. Brigid's Hearth will be a new focus for our organization. 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. Please consider making donations to support those who are currently in tremendous need in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, especially as the holidays approach. SOAR! (Support our Aging Religious) remains one of the charities that is supported by the LAOH; remember that your donations should be sent to the National Catholic Action Officer using the donation form. <https://ladiesaoh.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-CA-Donation-Form-Fillable-PDF.pdf> 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 who were married on Saturday, October 19. Wishing them every blessing as they begin their life together! 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 continue to do in support of Catholic Action. Please email me or call me with any questions. Wishing all our sisters and their families an abundance of gratitude, peace, happiness and good health as you gather together this Thanksgiving and Christmastime!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Pat Moynihan,

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Report of the Immediate Past President

Aggie O'Leary, Immediate Past President

NYS Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

November 2, 2024, Spring Board Meeting, Middletown, Ny

Past Presidents responsibilities: Coordinating new Division formation, and Chairing the Pat Doyle Grant fundraising committee, (made up by all Past Presidents).

Unfortunately, I have no new division formations to report, However, I received numerous applications for membership, and thank Secretary JoAnn Gundersen, for sending them to the correct division/county for processing.

I reported at our spring that a successful golf outing was held to raise funds, and that a 300-ticket raffle would also be held. Each Past President was asked to sell five tickets, (I am asking each of these ladies to let me know if you sold your five so I can thank you at our November meeting)..

I know we are all trying to support our own Divisions and Counties, please remember the money raised for this fundraiser goes back to your Division/County Grant requests!

Has your Division received a Grant in the past? We have over 3400 members, please consider selling or purchasing a ticket.

Remember there will be 13 winners of the raffle

1-\$1000, 2-\$500, 10-\$100. If your number is picked it goes back in the raffle, so you have a chance to win multiply times!

\$20 a ticket, split one with a friend!

Remaining tickets will be available at our meeting and at the Presidents Testamonal Luncheon.

As always thank you for your help and support.

In our Motto,

Aggie

Aggie O'Leary, Immediate Past President

NYS Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Report of the Chaplain

October 14, 2024

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

Report of the Auditor

Revenue Type	
2023 Calendar Profit	\$3,065.79
50/50 at Board Meeting	\$630.00
Appeals for Aids Assessment for National	\$1,739.00
FFAI Fundraiser	\$1,000.00
Fundraiser Sales	\$2,420.00
Interest	\$0.52
Pat Doyle Fund Donation	\$500.00
Pat Doyle Raffle Profit	\$1,239.04
Per Capita Tax For National	\$17,045.00
Reimbursement for Orlando Convention paid in error	\$284.08
Scrapbook Award	\$200.00
State Per Capita Tax Collected	\$17,045.00

Office: Treasurer
 Officer: Mary "Sissy" Durkee

Opening Savings Account Balance 4/1	\$10,492.96
Opening Checking Account Balance 4/1	\$26,569.02
Total Opening Balance	\$37,061.98

Closing Date of Books for Audit:	9/30/2024	
Total	\$45,168.43	\$82,230.41

Expense type	
2025 Site Visit Expense	\$308.88
Austin Carew Scholarship Golf Sponsor	\$125.00
Checks for Treasury Account	\$43.06
Donation McNabb Scholarship Cornhole Tournament	\$100.00
Donation to Canas Promise (in Madigan's name)	\$100.00
Donation to Michael J Quill Center for Mass	\$100.00
Hotel for Board Meeting	\$3,505.60
Irish History Contest winners	\$800.00
Journal Ad Convention	\$150.00
National Convention Hospitality Room	\$1,200.00
National Convention Hotel Rooms	\$3,977.12
National Convention Packages	\$1,720.00
National Convention Reimbursements	\$7,837.26
Per Capita Tax to National	\$18,826.50
Pins, Ed Wallace	\$82.00
Piper for Mass at Board meeting	\$50.00
Project Children Donation	\$250.00
Refund for Opening Fundraiser Acct Deposit	\$250.00
Reimburse Overpaid Shirt Order	\$35.00
Reimburse President to NB Meeting	\$622.89
Reimbursement Board meeting for Officers (Fall/Spring)	\$5,937.91

Scrapbook Prizes	\$100.00
Shirt and Laptop Bag Order	\$1,469.12
St Patrick's Day Parade Affiliation	\$258.01
Supplies/Printing	\$675.36
Zoom Account Renewal	\$159.90

Total \$48,683.61 \$33,546.80

Savings Account Balance 9/30 \$10,493.48

Checking Account Balance 9/30 \$24,065.44

Total Account Balance 9/30 \$34,558.92

Uncashed Checks \$1,012.12

\$33,546.80

Pat Doyle Fundraiser

Opening Checking Account Balance 4/1 \$230.70

Closing Date of Books for Audit: 9/30/2024

Revenue Type	
50/50 at event	\$550.00
Dinner Tickets	\$750.00
Donations	\$65.00
Golfers	\$13,125.00
Raffles at event	\$1,770.00
Sign Sponsors	\$2,000.00

Total \$18,260.00 \$18,490.70

Expense type	
Catering	\$3,466.05
Golf Course Fees	\$3,710.00
Hall Rental for Dinner	\$1,920.00
Printing/marketing	\$716.30
Raffles Prizes	\$700.00
Suffolk County Parks	\$2,590.00
Tee Signs	\$276.00

Total \$13,378.35 \$5,112.35

Checking Account Balance 8/30/24 \$5,112.35

Report of Freedom for All Ireland Chairperson

October 2024

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

Report of the Fundraiser

October 20, 2024

Dear Madam President and Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to be part of such an amazing organization that is not only influential but impactful in improving the lives of others in today's climate through Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Over the last eight years it has been my honor to serve and work next to many amazing women. I have had the privilege to serve as a division officer from Long Beach New York, as well as a county officer from Nassau in the area of Catholic Action. Upon these undertakings I learned much about our organization, participated in several forms of Christian Charity and earned my major degree under the guidance and leadership of our dear Madam President.

This past summer I was fortunate to represent New York State at the National Convention. It was at this convention that I was asked if I would like to help out in the area of Fundraising. To which I replied "of course". Unbeknownst to me that I'd be taking on the official Appointee role position of the New York State Fundraiser. From the moment I said yes, I set two goals. First, was to sell as many sweatshirts as possible in a short period of time and second, was to build friendships with my sisters from near and far in New York State.

The Sweatshirt Fundraiser that I promoted throughout New York State was a financial success in the very short period of time that I was given. More importantly, I had many wonderful opportunities to speak with sisters from so many different divisions. Of the 57 divisions across 26 counties in New York State, I am pleased to announce that 28 different divisions, including our county boards, participated in this fundraiser.

I am also pleased to announce that our Sisters from Staten Island Division #2 Richmond, purchased and raised the most in the fastest amount of time purchasing twenty four sweatshirts. Equally, and enthusiastically, Division #17 from Long Beach, New York tied with Staten Island. The donation efforts from both Divisions are highly commendable and most appreciated. Overall, this L.A.O.H Sweatshirt fundraiser was a great success giving us a profit of \$3,378.14. I sincerely appreciate everyone's involvement and efforts.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina Higgins LAOH NYS Fundraiser

Report of the Immigration and Education Chair

October 23, 2024

Dear Sisters,

I don't know about you, but I find this time of year to be very challenging, especially when you're going to work in the dark and coming home after the sun has gone to bed. Luckily the holidays bring some light to all of that.

Time is getting short for the annual diversity visa lottery registration period. Applications are accepted 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.

The Immigrant Council of Ireland is the leading national human rights organization working to defend migrant rights in Ireland. It provides free immigration advice and legal support through its helpline and law center, as well as campaigning for immigration reform. The Council also provides support to victims of racism and human trafficking and provides opportunities for migrants to connect with each other and their communities. Visit www.immigrantcouncil.ie for more information.

For the first time since 1851 (during the Great Famine), the Republic of Ireland's population exceeded 5 million people in 2022, which is 1 million more people than in 2002. This change is due in part to the changing patterns of migration. More than 1.6 million people immigrated to Ireland over those 20 years, with net inward migration of around 520,000 people.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) automatically extended the validity of Permanent Resident Cards (also known as Green Cards) to 36 months, for lawful permanent residents who properly file Form I-90 to renew an expiring or expired Green Card. The Form I-90 receipt notices had previously provided a 24-month extension of the validity of a Green Card.

Prayers for Peace for the U.S., Ireland and the whole world.

Yours in our Motto,

Maureen Caffrey
Immigration and Education Chair

Report of Military and Veterans Affairs

October 25, 2024

Dear Sisters,

On behalf of our NYS Military and Veteran Affairs we will be setting up a table to share the work that the Ladies does not only for military but with the communities. On Sunday, 27 October from 12 Noon to 6PM we will be setting up a table for the AOH at Patriot Hills NY's upcoming Hometown Heroes Halloween Festival. We have representatives coming from the JFK Ancient Order of Hibernians to cover down at the tables. The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be recognized and introduced to military and veteran service organizations. Although we have not been able to set up an educational forum on Long Island, NY for 2025.

I would like to ask if I could put together an Event Planning Committee to assist myself and Suzanne Gorman in developing the Educational Platform of Specialists add addressing Mental Health, Venue, Advertising and Logistics.

I personally apologize to all of the Ladies that we could not set up our event on Long Island over the past year. I truly need more help to make this Educational Forum come to fruition.

We will work with our Military Affairs representatives and event planners.

I ask for your support from the Madame President Begley and President Elect Mary Ann Lubinsky and to all the Ladies. Before I close, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for all that you do for our communities. It is an honor to serve all of you.

Very Respectfully,

Jeannine M. Mannarino

NYS LAOH Military and Veteran Affairs,

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Report of the Office of Public Relations & Social Media

November 2, 2024

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Time to get ready for the holidays!

If your Division or County is planning fundraisers or parties for the holidays, please send the information to me. It can be posted on the NYS LAOH Facebook page. This is a good way to share the works of your Divisions and Counties.

My email is nyslaohpublicity@gmail.com. Please send documents as Word documents and send flyers as jpegs.

The NYS LAOH Facebook page is LAOH NYS. Please like our page. I try to share information from other states. This is a good way to see what our Sisters are doing across the country.

If you have any questions, please contact me at nyslaohpublicity@gmail.com.

In our Motto,

Ann Pirock

Public Relations/Social Media

Report of the Scrapbook Chair

Fall 2024

It was an honor and a privilege to produce the scrapbook for New York State this summer. 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 me pictures and documents to be included in the scrapbook.

Our 2024 New York State Scrapbook was entered at the LAOH Convention in Orlando. I attended the meeting, although I was not able to judge the scrapbooks due to New York having scrapbooks entered in both Adult Scrapbook and Juniors Scrapbooks. For our scrapbook we received Second Place! The Junior Divisions Suffolk Division 7 received first place and Albany Division 1 received second place. Great job Ladies!

At the New York State Convention in July 2025, there will be a scrapbook contest among New York State Divisions and Junior divisions. It's a wonderful way to showcase all the wonderful things your divisions do throughout the year. Please check out the guidelines and scoring rubrics which can be found on the website. As a reminder, the categories include Religious Activities, Catholic Action Activities, Missions and Charities Activities, Promotion of Irish History Activities, Community Involvement, and Social Activities. At the convention meeting it was decided that for future conventions, divisions and states should please notify the Scrapbook chairperson if a scrapbook is being submitted prior to the convention.

Save photos, invitations, 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. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely in our Motto,

Carolyn McGillicuddy

Scrapbook Appointee



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Dear Sisters:

Welcome to Fall! That means North 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 facebook 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. (laohnysstbrigidconn@gmail.com)

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In Our Motto,

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Report of Past NYS LAOH President

Mary Beth Durkee

November 2, 2024

State Board Meeting

Sisters,

It will be a pleasure to be in Middletown with all of you for our Fall Board meeting, I hope you have been enjoying the amazing fall foliage, “God is the perfect painter.”

My duty as a past NYSLAOH president afforded me the opportunity to represent you at the LAOH National convention in Orlando Florida this past August. It was great renewing old acquaintances and accomplishing the work of the Order. The blending of the “old guard” and the “new blood” assured me that the Order is in good hands. The proudest moment of the convention for me was being an active part in the conferring of the Degrees on a sizable number of new candidates. The degree team consisted of members from five (5) different teams banded together in the uniforms of their individual teams all dedicated to accomplishing this task of conferring the degrees. We were all nervous, but under the direction of Cathy Turck, we accomplished the task with immense pride.

My job (so to speak) on the NYSLAOH board is the distribution and recording of the sale of the annual AOH calendars. This sale is our major fundraising event with the NYS AOH, and your support is important. I have not received the 2025 calendars as of today (10/9/24), I hope to receive them before the board meeting on 11/2/2024, so that I can distribute them to the County / Division presidents in person. The cost of the calendars is still \$25.00, and your number is good for the entire year. I will include a letter with instructions on sending stubs and payment directions with each set of calendars. As usual there is a deadline for returning payment or return of unsold calendars, pay attention to this date. After this date, the calendar becomes the property of the county it was issued to, and you will be responsible for paying for this calendar.

God bless and hope to see all of you in Middletown.

Mary Beth Durkee

Past NYSLAOH President