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Sisters, I would like to congratulate our NYS LAOH President, Aggie O'Leary, and all the newly elected officers and recent appointees to the New York State Board. I wish everyone great success in the coming two years. I also want to thank President O'Leary for having the confidence in me to ask me to serve as the Immigration and Education Chair for these two years. I am honored and humbled to have been asked to accept this position.

I was born and raised in Albany, NY and, essentially, grew up in Hibernian Hall. I was a member of a Junior Division when I was a child and am past president of a division that now ceases to exist. For at least the next few months, I am the President of LAOH JFK Division 1 in Albany. My grandparents and parents were Hibernians, my son is a member of an AOH division in Pennsylvania, and my 12-year-old granddaughter is the Vice President of the *Daughters of LAOH JFK Division 1* here in Albany. I guess you could say Hibernianism is in our blood.

I will do my best in the coming two years to help you remain informed on issues pertaining to Immigration. I will search out resources and gather information and the latest news on all things related to Immigration. The *Emerald Isle Immigration Center* is a great resource designed to answer questions and assist people with immigration issues. They have the latest information on the DV (Diversity Visa) Lottery, as well as advice on applying for future rounds of the Lottery and a link to the system for online application. Be sure to check out their website. Our LAOH Sister, Siobhan Dennehy, is Executive Director of the EIIC. To keep yourself informed about immigration issues, think about subscribing to the EIIC's newsletter, or a publication such as *The Irish Echo*, or *The Irish Voice*, or *The Irish Examiner*. Links to these publications are also on the EIIC website.

Again, I am truly honored to be the new Immigration and Education Appointee for the NYS Board of the LAOH. If I can help you with anything, please feel free to contact me. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Board Meeting.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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