Report of the State President

July 2021

Sisters,

As I sit to write my final report as your President, I wonder where the last two years have gone?

It seems like only yesterday that I was worrying if we would have enough delegates to fill the rooms that I had reserved in Saratoga Springs for my first State Board meeting—we did and more! Then the COVID pandemic arrived in March of 2020. Then the question became—how can we carry on, conduct meetings and social events, support our charity projects, keep in touch with our members? Being the courageous, dedicated Irish ladies that you are --- you accepted the challenge and charged ahead.

We learned how to "Zoom" our meetings, we gathered wearing masks and social distanced to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We worked at food pantries helping to support our neighbors, we used "I" Phones and computers to attend Mass and check-in on our members. We lived our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Now we are preparing to conduct our State Convention in Syracuse. It has been a constant question if we would be able to hold the event and what health guidelines or rules we would have to maintain. It now seems like we will have our regular, great convention. I want to extend a tremendous thank you to Anne Marie Ferguson, our liaison, for accepting this challenging and sometimes thankless position and keeping us informed of any and all changes.

I have been fortunate to have had a State Board of sisters dedicated to the work of our Order. I knew that if I had a question, or needed an honest opinion, I could call a Past President, National or State or any of the board and receive advice or help. It has been my pleasure to have made many friendships among our members over the years and I will always treasure the memories.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to serve you as an officer for the last twelve years on this board and serving as your President has been an honor. May God bless you, your families, and the officers of this great organization.

Sincerely in our motto,

Mary Beth Durkee

NYS LAOH State President

LAOH NYS CONVENTION, JULY 7-14,2021 SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF THE NYS VICE PRESIDENT

NYS Officers & Appointees, National Officers & Appointees, Delegates and Observers.

This has been an extraordinary time in our history. For all who have survived this pandemic, I thank God. For those that we lost, I offer my prayers.

Sisters, it has been, my privilege to serve these past two years as your Vice President. We have been through in person meetings, virtual meetings and a virtual National Convention. The business of the State has continued.

We have six highly active and thriving Junior Girl Divisions.

| County | Membership |
|--------------------|------------|
| Albany | 10 |
| Broome | 23 |
| Nassau | 15 |
| Orange | 19 |
| Suffolk Division 2 | 25 |
| Suffolk Division 7 | 17 |
| | |

We have three Degree Teams.

| County | <u>leam</u> |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Albany | Trinity Degree Team |
| Kings | Bridge to Ireland Degree Team |
| Suffolk | Celtic Degree Team |

We had three nominees for the Mother Theresa Award and four for the Junior Girl Award. The recipients with be announced at our Awards Night. Thank you to the sisters who judged the applications, it was a tough choice.

Congratulations to President Durkee, on a difficult but successful term of office.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Aggie

Aggie O'Leary

LAOH NYS Vice President

Report of the State Secretary

July 2021

Sisters,

WOW! Where have the last 2 years gone! I cannot believe that I am at the end of my term as NYS Secretary.

As we mark the end of this administration and reflect on the past 2 years, the picture that emerges is one of perseverance and resilience in rising to meet new challenges both as Hibernians and in our personal lives. We can now begin to mark the end of a pandemic that upended all of our lives and we can begin to see a little light at the end of the tunnel. It was so wonderful to hear about and see the efforts of many Hibernian Sisters who helped support others during these unprecedented times.

I would like to congratulate and thank President Mary Beth Durkee and all my Sisters on the NYS Board who didn't let this pandemic get the better of them. We were overwhelming successful in keeping the business of the Order on track thanks to a 100% virtual 2020 Spring Board meeting, a physical/virtual 2020 Fall meeting and back to a 100% physical State Board meeting this past Spring. And let's not forget the efforts of our National Board in conducting the first ever 100% virtual Convention! Yes, there were a lot of emails, phone calls, more emails, but everyone was patient and kind and through it all we demonstrated what it truly means to live our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Now, to business. We closed out 2020 with 3,451 members. We have a presence in 26 Counties throughout the great state of New York, with 11 County Boards and 55 Divisions; and as VP Aggie O'Leary mentioned in her report, we have 5 Junior Divisions.

As 2020 showed us, email addresses are vital to ensuring that each and every Hibernian sister is aware of what is going on throughout the State. So, if you have elected a new County Board or Division Board since completing your 2020 membership report, please send me your new Officer's name and position, address, phone number and email address so that I can turn over to my successor the most accurate email list in order to conduct the business of the Order.

In closing, it has been my great pleasure to serve as your State Secretary for the past 2 years. I would like to thank all of you for the work you do in support of the goals of the Organization. I thank you for submitting all your annual reports for the past 2 years in a timely fashion and more importantly I thank you for being so receptive and responsive to the unprecedented number of emails that went out during 2020!

Again, I thank you for the privilege of serving you, as your NYS Secretary, and I look forward to the opportunities that may be available, to allow me to continue serving you as a member of the LAOH NYS Board.

Yours in Our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Regina Begley NYS Secretary LAOH, Inc.



June 23, 2021

Dear Sisters,

As I am coming to the end of my term as NYS Treasurer I wanted to give a big thank you to you all for your cooperation and understanding the last 2 years. 2020 was a rough year for all of you but we got through it! It has been my privilege to speak with and meet you as for so many it was a little harder in 2020 to do yearend reports only for the fact of COVID but you were champs and always provided whatever information I requested from you for this I thank you.

Currently we have \$55,854.47 in checking and \$10,469.98 but this amount will of course change and I will give updated numbers at our convention. The Patricia Doyle fund currently has \$8310 allotted to it and donations can still be made up until June 30. Thank you to Karen Keane for all her hard work with raffles for this fund. All taxes have been paid and therefore all Counties and Divisions are in good standing.

I know you may not want to think about but these next few months is a good time to work on getting figures together for yearend reports as they come out from National end of December and the incoming NYS Treasurer will be sending out to you as soon as she receives them. Just a few brief reminders:

- ➤ Please remember if you don't think the starting figure is correct let State know immediately
- ➤ The Appeals for Aid assessment is \$.50 per member annually- the Nuns of the Battlefield was just a onetime assessment in 2020.
- ➤ State/National taxes and assessments amounts will be based on your 2021 end of year membership report so work closely with your Secretaries and do not hesitate to reach out to State.
- ➤ All reports are done in excel and need to be returned in Excel
- There is a Treasurer report form you can use on National Website and I will also place it on State which may make life easier for you
- Reach out to State Treasurer with any questions or concerns, she is here to help in anyway
- ➤ If you are opening a new bank account you must contact National Treasurer Sandi Swift and she will assist in doing that for you (laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com).
- ➤ If ever you receive any correspondence from the IRS needs to be sent to Sandi do not in any instance respond to the IRS yourselves she will handle it.

Our membership has been more than generous these last 2 years and you need to realize just how generous you have been and it needs to be acknowledged and applauded in regards to the

amazing amount you have donate to various causes and charities. In 2019 donations amounted to \$121,819.90 and in the year 2020 considering so many fundraisers cancelled and Divisions unable to meet you donated an outstanding amount of \$90,843.39. God bless you all and once again showing the true meaning of Christian Charity.

Lastly again it has indeed been my privilege to serve as NYS LAOH Treasurer but I need to personally thank Regina Begley our previous Treasurer who helped help me when I was unsure as all State offices take a lot of work and sometimes we can be unsure of things. We as State Officers are a team and there to help & guide each other and all of you. I will of course in turn be there to help our new treasurer and will always be available to all of you.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Syracuse and may you all stay well and God Bless.

Yours in our Motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Terry

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For every scorm, a ramoout for every scare, a smile for every care, a promise and a blessing in each skal

for every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share, for every sigh, a sweet song, and an answer for each prayer



REPORT OF THE LAOH NYS IRISH HISTORIAN

June 24, 2021

Dear Sisters,

I would like to begin by thanking my Hibernian Sisters throughout New York State for allowing me to be your Irish Historian (2019-2021). It has been an interesting and educational experience. I learned a lot about Irish History. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on July 7-11, 2021 at out LAOH NYS Convention in Syracuse, NY.

The following is my Irish Historian Report:

I am listing again the Irish History Contest winners in the event some members were not able to read my Irish Historian Report posted in April 2021.

Irish History Writing Contest:

The theme of the 2020-2021 Irish History Contest was: "The Impact of the Irish Anglo Treaty of 1921. I received a total of (5) written essays which were forwarded to (3) three independent judges, who didn't know the identity of the persons submitting the essays. (I want to thank all the judges for taking time out of their day(s) to assist with the contest). All (5) five entries were also forwarded prior to February 15, 2021 to the LAOH National Irish Historian to be included in the LAOH National History Contest (see results below).

The winners of the LAOH NYS Irish History Contest are:

Level 1 - (Grades 6, 7, 8)

1st Place – Anthony Madonia – Suffolk County - \$200.00

2nd Place – Ava Forde – Queens County - \$100.00

3rd Place – Quinn Allen – Orange County - \$50.00

Level 2 – (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

1st Place - Maeve Sheehan - Richmond County - \$300.00

2nd Place – Ronan Sheehan – Richmond County - \$200.00

The LAOH 'National' Board also held their Irish History Contest and the winning entries are:

Level 1 - (Grades 6, 7, 8)

1st Place – Alex Caruso – Pennsylvania - \$500.00

2nd Place – Maere Lavelle – Ohio - \$250.00

Level 2 – (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

1st Place – Gabriel Ramires – California - \$1,000.00

2nd Place – Claire Naida – Virginia - \$500.00

(Note: The LAOH National Irish History Contest had (12) twelve entries for Level 1 including one PowerPoint, and (17) seventeen entries for Level 2, including two PowerPoints.



LAOH Irish History Contest (continued)...

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all the participants in our contest. This year is the 40th anniversary of the 1981 Hunger Strike and the next theme will be: "What was the impact of the hunger strike on Irish History?" (Even though the school year is now ending, LAOH members can start reaching out to Grade 6-8 and High School students to start preparing for our next Irish History Contest scheduled to be published (via e-mail) this September 2021.

Nuns of the Battlefield Monument in Washington, DC:

In year 2024, the LAOH National Board will be having a 'centennial' celebration for the Nuns of the Battlefield Monument. Additional educational and fundraising information will be sent by LAOH National Vice President, Marilyn Madigan (OH), who will be chairing a committee for this historic event. (*The Nuns of the Battlefield Monument is on the National Register of Historic Places*).

125 Years of LAOH History Commemoration Book

The 'Celebrating Our History Book (A History of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. in Celebration of 125 Years of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity) is still available for all members. Flyer and Order Form is available on LAOH National Website, www.ladiesaoh.com, click on '125 Years of LAOH History Commemoration Book'. The price of Celebrating Our History Book is \$25.00 including postage. A dozen books are \$22.00 per book.

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Adult and Junior Scrapbook Contest

The Adult and Junior Scrapbooks will be judged at the LAOH NYS Convention. The Committee Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021. Scrapbooks will be judged by LAOH members and Awards will be given out to the winning entries.

LAOH NYS Irish History Reports - 2020 (Formerly known as: Year-End Reports)

The "Irish History Report" is back for 2021. Instructions and Links to the Blank Forms will be e-mailed to County Irish Historians (copy to County Presidents) in a few months by the next LAOH NYS Irish Historian.

LAOH Scholarships

The LAOH National Board sponsors two (2) Scholarships: Lillian E. Fay (Trinity College, Washington, D.C.), and Notre Dame Hibernian Scholarship (University of Notre Dame, IN). For more information visit: www.ladiesaoh.com, click on National Board> Historian, and scroll down to Scholarships.

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Quarterly' Zoom Meeting with LAOH National Historian

Since January 2021, I attended a few Zoom Meetings with the National Irish Historian, County Irish Historians and Division Historians. The meetings were very educational and I was also able to meet Historians throughout NY State. I am looking forward for these Zoom meetings to continue for the remainder of the year.

The Kenneth E. Behring National History Day (NHD) Contest

Every year over 3,000 students from around the world advance to the National Contest in College Park, MD. Judges carefully review student projects and provide feedback about what they did well and how they can improve. NHD is about the journey, and while they recognize students who have excelled at the highly competitive national level, students who participate at any level develop communication and critical thinking skills that will benefit them for a lifetime. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. is proud to be a sponsor of National History Day in conjunction with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and will be providing awards to students who prepare an entry on an Irish theme which coincides with the overall theme established by National History Day.

The National History Day (NHD) **2021** National Contest was held (virtually) from Sunday, June 13, 2021 thru Saturday, June 19, 2021. There were three winners from New York State. (<u>Junior Group Website</u> – Third Place was: Adriana Petrizzo and Alaina Pinto. Theme: The Road to the Discovery of HIV: A path of Dishonest Communication. **Albertson, NY** WHEATLEY SCHOOL). (<u>Junior Individual Documentary</u> – 2nd Place was: Madeline Rong. Theme: Norman Rockwell: Communicating Racial Inequity through Art. **East Williston NY** WHEATLEY SCHOOL). (<u>Senior Paper</u> – 2nd Place was: William Ling-Regan. Theme: Talking Leaves: The Cherokee Syllabary and the Trial of Tears. **Brooklyn NY**, Poly Prep Country Day School). More information can be found at: www.ladiesaoh.com or www.nhd.org.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing everyone on July 7, 2021 in Syracuse, NY.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

JoAnn Gundersen, LAOH NYS Irish Historian (2019-2021) - Telephone: 718.219.4378

(Report of the LAOH NYS Irish Historian, continued, June 24, 2021)

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Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc.

New York State Board

Report of the Missions and Charities Officer

July 2021

Dear Sisters,

It has been an honor to serve you as your 2019-2021 LAOH NYS Missions and Charities Officer, thank you for the opportunity to do so. Within this term of office our world went into unprecedented and challenging times. So many changes and adjustments in our personal and professional lives, finding new ways to do everything from our grocery shopping, doctors' appointments, family gatherings, business meetings; crazy to think when I was elected to this office, I did not even know what zoom was and yet it became the most useful and essential tool in not just my professional life but personal as well. Thanksgiving with family by zoom is not one I will ever forget!! I am so incredibly proud to be a part of an organization that adjusted to the rapid changes and found ways to conduct business, still attract and install so many new members and most importantly still found creative ways to fundraise to support so many of our worthy charities that were suffering financially during these challenging times. Thank you, Sisters, across the state for the continued and generous support to Columban Fathers, Columban Sisters, mass card stipends, and our NYS Appeals for Aid-The Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. The donations to these charities that you made over the course of the past two years were amazing and truly show your commitment to our LAOH motto of Christian Charity.

For the year 2019, LAOH NYS members donated to the Columban Fathers \$7,202.25; Mass Card Stipends \$1,440.00; Columban Sisters \$6,698.25. For the year 2020 NYS members donated to the Columban Fathers \$4,274.00; Mass Card Stipends \$1,420.00; Columban Sisters \$3,847.00. The first quarter of 2021 our NYS members donated to the Columban Fathers \$625.00; Mass Card Stipends \$515.00; Columban Sisters \$1,050.00. The second quarter of 2021 our NYS members donated to Columban Fathers \$115.00; Mass Card Stipends \$660.00; Columban Sisters \$70.00. Although there was a decline in the donation totals from 2019 to 2020, its must be considered that we were living during a pandemic and I believe the donations that were made were substantial with all that our LAOH members were experiencing personally while trying to keep their divisions up and running. Please continue this amazing effort to support these worth charities!!

One of my responsibilities as Missions and Charities Officer is promoting and fundraising the Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. The total amount in the grant fund currently is \$8,310.00. This could not have been possible without the hard work and efforts of Karen Keane in running the NYS Past Presidents Committee Raffle. With such a challenging time to raise money, that raffle was the largest contribution to our grant over the past two years and so many lives will be

touched because of it!! We received and accepted 6 applications for monetary aid from the Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. These applications will be presented to the Appeals for Aid Committee at the 2021 LAOH NYS Convention, for final vote and approval. That meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on **Thursday July 8th 2021 at 1pm** in the Canandaigua room at the Marriott Syracuse Hotel. Thank you again to all who have made contributions to the Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. Its such a wonderful grant with such an incredibly worthy namesake. To be able to apply for monetary help on behalf of the charities we support in our local communities that we know are struggling, and then to see that money make a difference for them, is such a blessing and I encourage all to pay attention to the organizations in your community that are doing good things and making a difference in the lives of others and apply on their behalf at the next LAOH NYS 2023 convention. More information about Patricia Doyle, our beloved sister for who this grant is named and also the grant information itself are always available on our website www.laohnys.com.

I appreciate all of the support our Spirit of St. Brigid's Service Project at this year's convention has already received. We will be meeting on Wednesday July 7th 2021, 9am-11am in the Canadice Room at the Syracuse Marriott. We will be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that will be donated to the Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse. They will be giving out the sandwiches we make that day at lunch and dinner to the people in that community who come to their organization in need of a meal. We will be donating any and all of the left-over jars of peanut butter and jelly to them to also be distributed to their local families that are food insecure. Many hands make for lighter work so we would definitely appreciate you consider supporting this project and coming to help us make these sandwiches. I believe it's a really important way for us to start off our convention business and fun, helping to support the same community that all of that takes place in. If you can not make it to help us with the sandwiches, please still consider bringing some jars of peanut butter and jelly to donate, we will collect them during the convention and the Rescue Mission Alliance will graciously pick them up at the close of our convention business. Biggest thanks to Margie Miller Syracuse Missions and Charities Officer and Anne Marie Ferguson our 2021 Convention Chair, for their help in planning and organizing this project!!!!

Thank you to all of my sisters across the state for your support of me in this position for the past two years and hope I have served you well as Missions and Charities Officer. Looking forward to seeing so many of you in Syracuse. Be safe and be well Sisters!!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity, Cathie Norton Doherty LAOH NYS Missions and Charity Officer

CATHOLIC ACTION

Dear Sisters,

Well, we made it! State Convention has arrived despite all the obstacles in our way. I am so looking forward to see my "Sisters" that have only been a ZOOM face for the last year.

Your kindness and grace during this pandemic has shown throughout our state. From donations to food pantries to clothing drives and packing back packs. The Ladies of the NYS LAOH have proven our motto to not be just words. As I have said before, I love to see "Catholics in Action!"

NYS donations to Project St. Patrick and SOAR for the year 2020 were outstanding considering the circumstances. PSP donations were \$2,765.00, with donations to SOAR at \$1,450.00! Thank You!

I just wanted to remind everyone that the Vatican has changed the feast day of Our Lady of Knock from August 21st to the 17th.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all my Sisters across New York for putting your trust and faith in me for these past two years. I hope that I have carried out the duties of Catholic Action to your satisfaction.

I hope that some of you will be able to attend my break-out session at convention. I will have information to share with you and hopefully answer any of your questions.

As always in our motto,

Teresa

Teresa Kearns
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Report of Fundraising - Mary Durkee

Dear Sisters,

I would first like to thank President Durkee for opportunity to be your Fundraiser Chair. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Secondly I would like to thank all of you for your support. Thank you for buying 50/50 tickets, raffle tickets and of course calendars. Through your generous support we have raised over \$13,000.00 over the past two years. Lastly but certainly not the least, I want to thank my "unofficial" 50/50 team, Kim Clancy and Maura McSweeney. I truly appreciate all your help with counting out tickets, selling them and then ripping them apart all while doing other task as well.

<u>50/50</u>

You never cease to amaze me. These 50/50's are always a big draw and although I have never done the math I would venture to say that we have about a 95% participation rate with a very quick return rate, at least to one lucky winner.

Fall 2019: Profit \$300 earmarked for the Patricia Doyle Grants

Spring 2020: Board meeting held virtually

Fall 2020: Profit \$300

Spring 2021: Profit \$500

<u>December Raffles</u>

| December 2019 raffle | 100 tickets sold | \$2,000.00 |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | Expenses – daily winnings | - 1,600.00 |
| | Profit | \$ 400.00 |
| December 2020 raffle | 200 tickets sold | \$3,000.00 |
| | Expenses – daily winnings | - 1,600.00 |
| | Profit | \$1,400.00 |

Calendars

| 2019 Calendar Profit | \$ 4,954.26 |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 2020 Calendar Profit | 5.292.22 |

County Basket Raffle

Our final fundraiser for this term is our County Basket Raffle to be held at the Convention. At our Spring State Board meeting each county was asked to donate a basket with a minimum value of \$50.00 to be raffled off on Saturday night at the Convention.

Thank you to all of you for your kindness, generosity and support. I look forward to working with all of you again in the future. Have a wonderful Convention and a happy and health summer.

Yours in our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Mary (Sissy) Durkee

Immigration and Education Report

Hello Sisters and Happy Summer, I hope you are all healthy and ready for Convention!

I will have to say what a year and a half it has been, it certainly wasn't the plan I had for when I was appointed to this position. I had really wanted to make a difference and travel down to all the culture centers in this beautiful state of ours, to learn what people needed and how could I help. But with COVID that never happen, But although my time has come to a end I still want to travel to those places and see what I can do to help those that need it. When I see all the problems with the system and how it works things need to be fixed. I thank Mary Beth for giving me the opportunity to serve this great board. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Syracuse it will be great to be around all my Sisters and Brothers again.

In Our Motto

Jeryl J Hess



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

May 21, 2021

Greeting Sisters:

As this is my final report as NYS Webmaster/Sports Chair 2019-2021, I would like to thank our President, Mary Beth Durkee for her trust and love for my appointment to this position.

This term has been nothing but unique! The world was forever changed due to the Global Pandemic. We participated in Zoom Conventions and Board Meetings, instead of traveling to see each other to do the work of the Order. Many holidays and events were cancelled. Pray with me, we never have to live through another in our lifetimes. June 2021 is the time to start getting back to life as normal. Please keep your families and friends close, hug and kiss them every chance you get and always let them know how much you love and need them.

Please keep checking our website http://www.laohnys.com for documents, instruction, updates, and reminders. There are some great resources to be found there. Our face book page is a great source to keep in touch on a daily, http://www.facebook.com/LAOHNYS/. Please like or follow the page, remember, you do not have to be a fb friend of the Webmaster to receive the posts. Being the Webmaster was a great learning opportunity and a fun way to be involved and in the know. Thank you to all who contributed

Being the LAOHNYS Sports Chair was uneventful this year, being unable to plan events. However, the LAOH did get to participate in the James F. Hayes Golf Classic in April at the Spring State Board Meeting. Did you know there are two trophies handed out at this Tournament to Ladies? The "Patricia Doyle Longest Drive" and "The Agnes O'Leary Closest To The Pin". This year there were a record number of Sister who participated. I am not a golfer but was honored to see our Ladies off.

I hope you all join the Protocol and Procedures Workshop on Saturday at 9:am in the Finger Lakes Room. The intention of <u>The Procedure and Protocol Booklet</u> should provide a structure for ongoing development of the membership. This booklet is not a substitute for the National Constitution, the Ritual or the New York State By-laws. This booklet is a tool for the membership in performance of their duties. It should also create a better understanding of the Order. Please print the booklet before you come to the Convention. https://www.laohnys.com/documents.html

I wish continued success to the new Webmaster and the new State Board.

In Our Motto,

Kimberly A Clancy NYS Webmaster/Sports Chair